

Enhancing Supply Chain Risk Management with OWASP CycloneDX and Dependency-Track

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Agenda

- What is OWASP?
- Supply Chain Risk
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- OWASP CycloneDX
- OWASP Dependency-Track
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What is OWASP?

- **OWASP**: **O**pen **W**orldwide **A**pplication **S**ecurity **P**roject
- OWASP is a global community-driven organization dedicated to improving software security.
- Currently, there are (250+) projects under OWASP umbrella. All projects are open source and are built by a community of volunteers.
- OWASP Mission: "To be the global open community that powers secure software through education, tools, and collaboration"



Supply Chain

1. Raw materials
2. manufacture components
3. sub-assemblies
4. logistics and transportation services
5. tooling and equipment
6. software and technology, and more...



Supply Chain (*continued*)

- Example of components and dependencies in the software supply chain:
 1. Libraries
 2. Frameworks
 3. Packages
 4. IDEs
 5. Open-Source Software
 6. Operating Systems
 7. Cloud Services
 8. Third-Party APIs, more...



Supply Chain Risk

- In March 2020, an APT group successfully injected their trojan into a well-known platform's update using supply chain attack.
- More 18,000 clients applied the vulnerable update!
- It took (9) months to detect the breach.
- The same company got compromised again in July 2021 using another supply chain attack!



Supply Chain Risk (*continued*)

- In May 2021, Colonial Pipeline fell victim to supply chain attack that led to ransomware.
- The operation was down for approximately six days!
- The company paid \$4.4 million USD as a ransom.
- The U.S. government declared a state of emergency in affected regions. The attack had a significant economic impact.



Supply Chain Risk (*continued*)

Packages	No. of Vulnerabilities
PyPI	10,999
Npm	12,460
Linux	13,573
NuGet	524



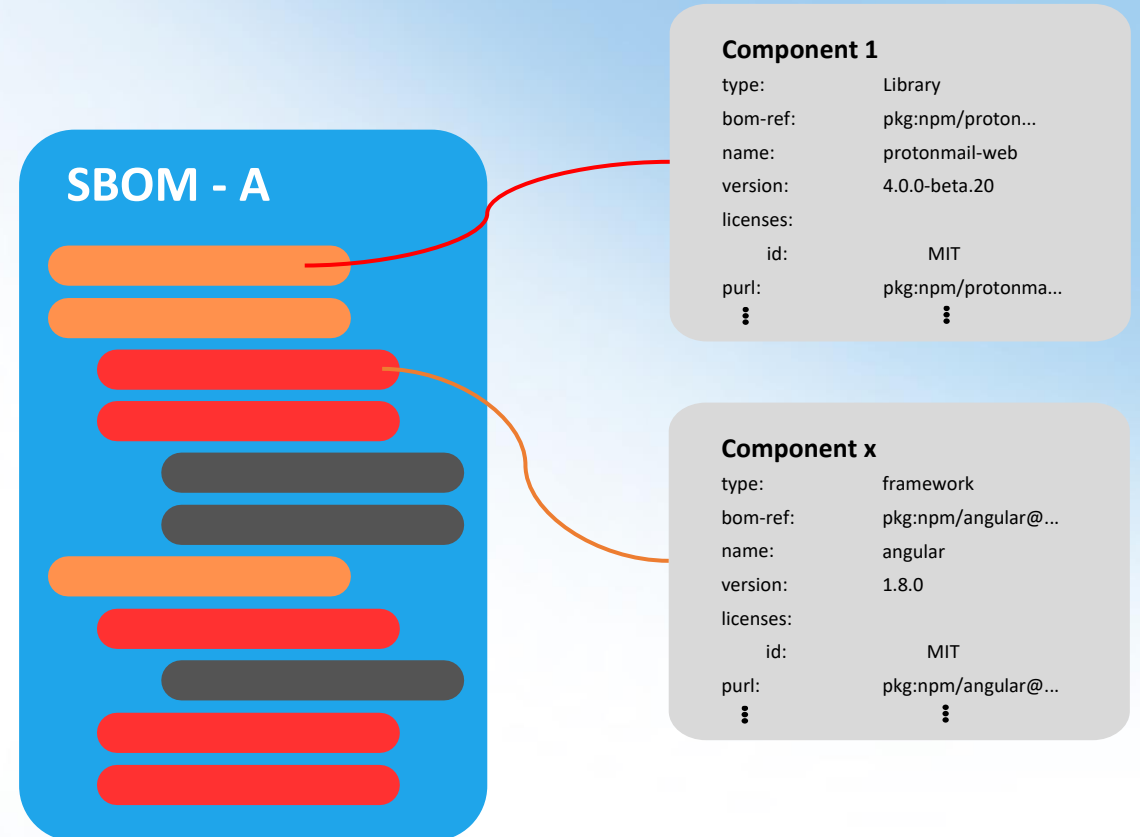
Supply Chain Risk (*continued*)

This
component/package
is vulnerable to
Authentication Bypass!



What is SBOM?

- Definition: “a formal, machine-readable inventory of software components and dependencies, information about those components, and their hierarchical relationships” – NTIA



OWASP CycloneDX

- OWASP CycloneDX is a full-stack Bill of Materials (BOM) standard
 - Software Bill of Materials ([SBOM](#))
 - Software-as-a-Service Bill of Materials ([SaaS BOM](#))
 - Hardware Bill of Materials ([HBOM](#))
 - Machine Learning Bill of Materials ([ML-BOM](#))
 - Manufacturing Bill of Materials ([MBOM](#))
 - Operations Bill of Materials ([OBOM](#))
 - Vulnerability Disclosure Reports ([VDR](#))
 - Vulnerability Exploitability eXchange ([VEX](#))



CycloneDX Tool Centre

- Open Source
- Proprietary
- Specific Languages: Java, PHP, Python, Go ...etc.
- Example "CycloneDX Generator":
 - Supports most of languages and package formats
 - Supports CI/CD integration
 - Automatically submits the generated BoM to the dependency track server for analysis



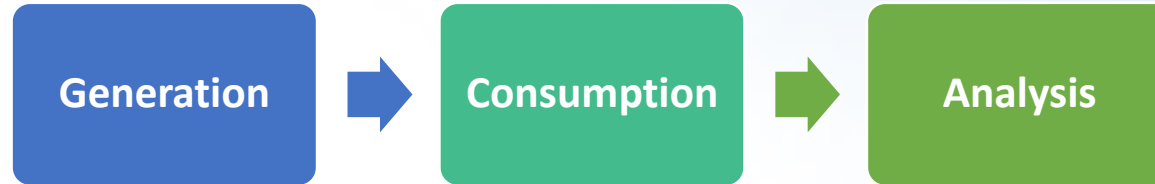
CycloneDX Use Cases

- Inventory
- Known vulnerabilities
- Integrity verification
- Authenticity
- Assembly
- Dependency graph
- Vulnerability exploitability

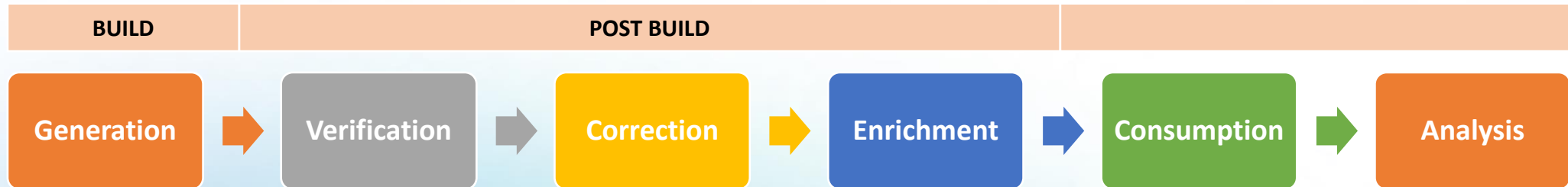


Generating CycloneDX BOMs

- First adoption process:



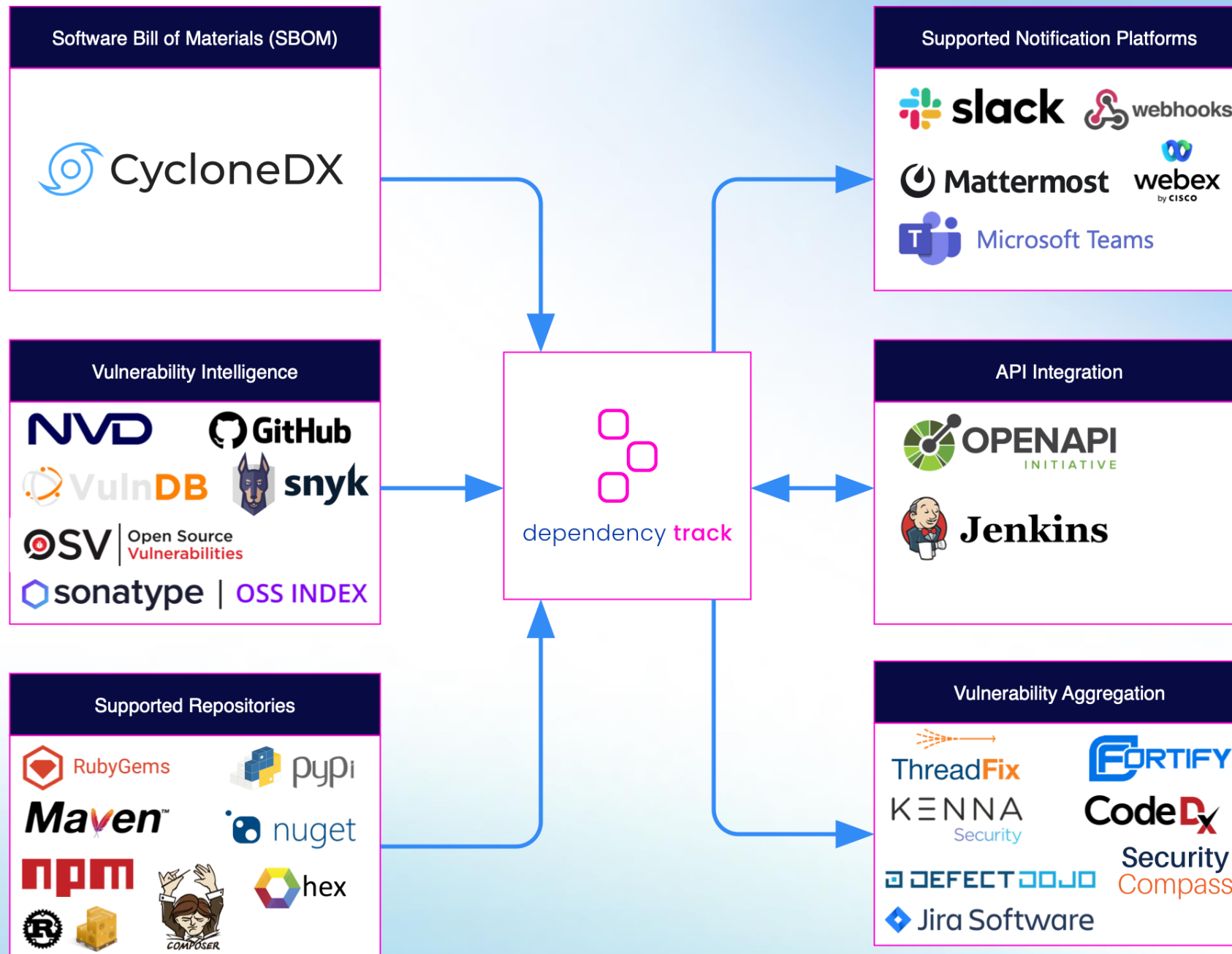
- Recommended process:



OWASP Dependency-Track

- Dependency-Track is a component analysis platform that help to identify and reduce risk in the software supply chain.
- Provides detailed insights into project dependencies, including vulnerabilities, licenses, and out-of-date libraries.





Recommendations

- Prioritizing supply chain risk management.
- Incorporating SBOM/xBOM within SDLC and Security policies to ensure comprehensive software visibility and enhance security measures.
- Ensuring comprehensive SBOM/xBOM coverage for all software classes (purchased, open source, and in-house).
- Teaching students to integrate SBOM/xBOM for a well-rounded understanding of Supply Chain Risk Management.



Thank you

