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# How To Keep Your Dependencies Secure And Up-To-Date

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# Context

- In last 10 years or so, software **development** process has evolved
- Safe to say that softwares are assembled now, more than developed
- These **pieces** (open source in most cases) of software brings new set of security challenges. Hint - log4j ;)
- Flexibility is great for development, bad for security

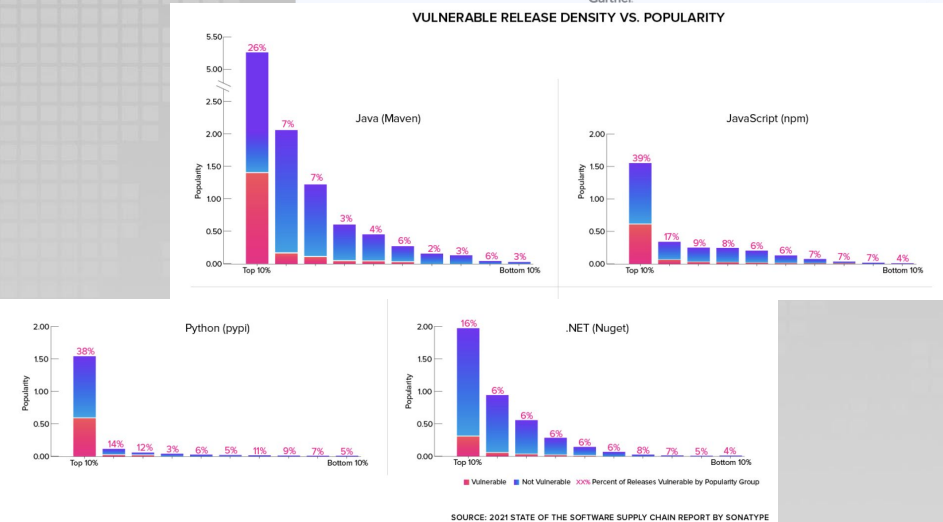
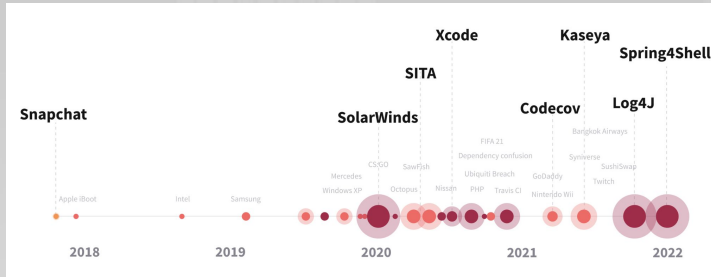
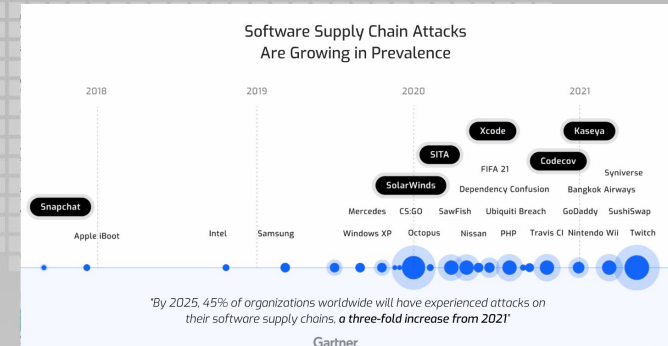
## Software Composition Oversimplified

>10 years back	Now
Someone else's code	Organization owned code
Organization owned code	Someone else's code



# (In)Security Landscape

- Open source code is integral part of supply chain for *almost* all softwares
- Vulnerability affecting open source code has impact on industry scale
- Given enough eyes, no code is secure



# Solution Outline

- Inventory / SBoM of all 3<sup>rd</sup> party code (more often open source)
- How many components has known vulnerabilities. In almost all cases, ALL
- If and how organization is affected by those vulnerabilities





# Methodology

- [Github Dependabot](#) is one of the solutions to detect whether our dependencies are secure and up-to-date
- Dependency graph module helps in identifying the 3<sup>rd</sup> party code usage ([supported packages](#))
- Dependabot alerts module identifies security vulnerabilities affecting used 3rd party code and creates a pull request to upgrade the vulnerable package, if available

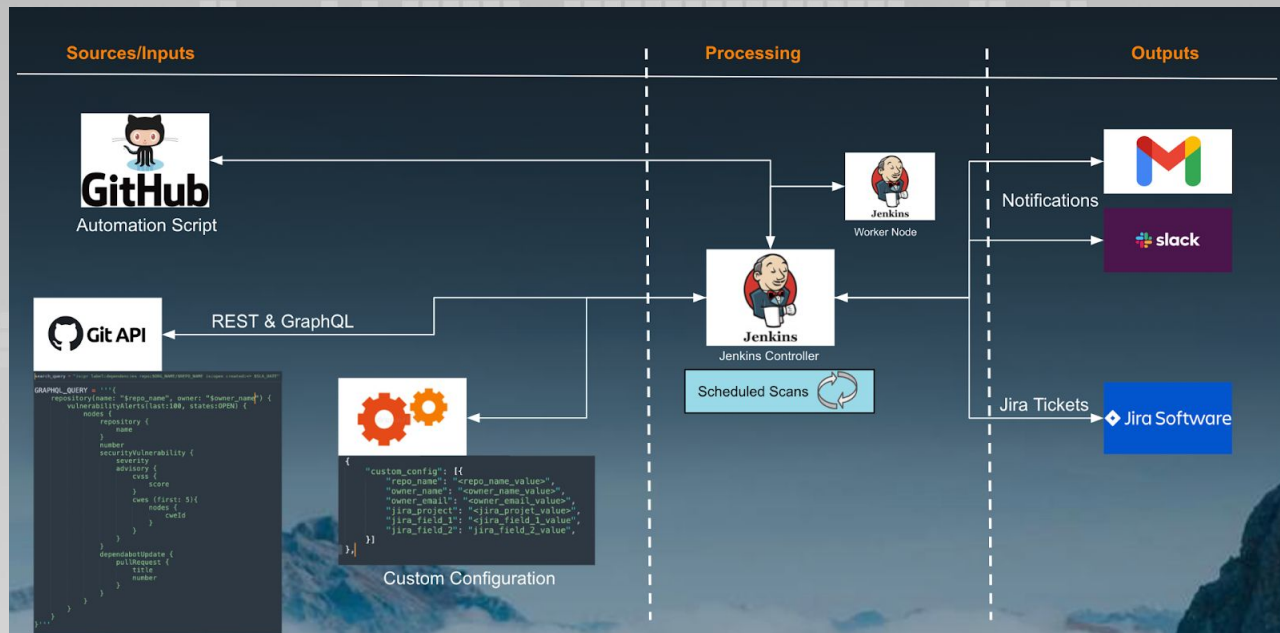
Package manager	Languages	Recommended formats	All supported formats
Cargo <sup>[1]</sup>	Rust	Cargo.lock	Cargo.toml, Cargo.lock
Composer	PHP	composer.lock	composer.json, composer.lock
NuGet	.NET languages (C#, F#, VB), C++	.csproj, .vbproj, .nuspec, .vcxproj, .fsproj	.csproj, .vbproj, .nuspec, .vcxproj, .fsproj, packages.config
GitHub Actions workflows <sup>[1]</sup>	YAML	.yaml, .yml	.yaml, .yml
Go modules	Go	go.sum	go.mod, go.sum
Maven	Java, Scala	pom.xml	pom.xml
npm	JavaScript	package-lock.json	package-lock.json, package.json
pip	Python	requirements.txt, pipfile.lock	requirements.txt, pipfile, pipfile.lock, setup.py <sup>[1]</sup>
Python Poetry	Python	poetry.lock	poetry.lock, pyproject.toml
RubyGems	Ruby	Gemfile.lock	Gemfile.lock, Gemfile, *.gemspec
Yarn	JavaScript	yarn.lock	package.json, yarn.lock



# Pull Request Monitoring Automation



- Monitors the pull requests created by Dependabot and feed it back to Jira into the right teams bucket, where developers can triage and remediate it holistically along with other areas of work
- Enables the Dependabot security alerts for all unarchived repositories, if not enabled already



*We are in process of providing the framework as open source solution*



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# Thank you!



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