

SBOM Management at Mercedes-Benz

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In a nutshell...

With the **FOSS Disclosure Portal** we aim at a more efficient, digital, and transparent software supply chain regarding open source



Mission

Free & Open Source Software (FOSS) brings innovation, efficiency and speed, but we need to make sure to play it save



FOSS Disclosure Portal

Software Bill of Materials (SBOM) provided by suppliers to our central inventory enables checking license conformance easier & faster



SBOM Management at Scale

FOSS SBOM consumption will intensify the collaboration with software suppliers and poses both opportunities and challenges

Software Bill Of Materials (SBOM)

everywhere!



What is a Software Bill Of Materials?

 The set of parts (packages) your software product depends on

Wer was am besten kann

- A package may add up further (transitive) dependencies
- A FOSS SBOM contains all meta data (name, version, license, copyright) for the FOSS packages used in a product

FOSS Disclosure Portal

OUR VISION: WHAT IS IT?

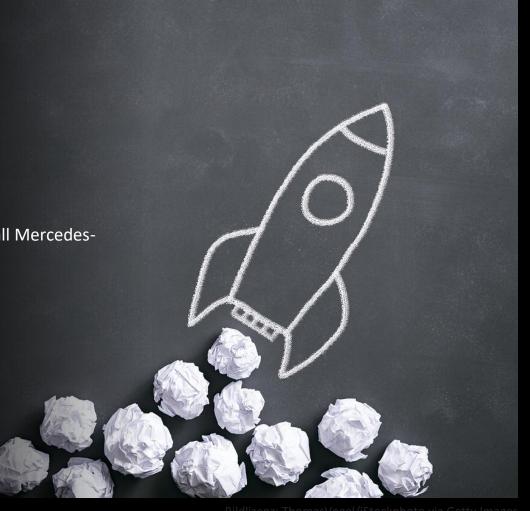
- A more efficient, transparent and digital software supply chain
- Digitized and automated FOSS Disclosure Process
- Increased transparency leads to better license compliance and security

OUR MISSION: HOW DO WE ACHIEVE IT?

- With the FOSS Disclosure Portal we automate the open source software supply chain
- Create a central worldwide inventory of FOSS Software Bill of Material (SBOM) from all Mercedes-Benz companies with legal information for license checks
- Provide automation for guided conformance checking and obligations management

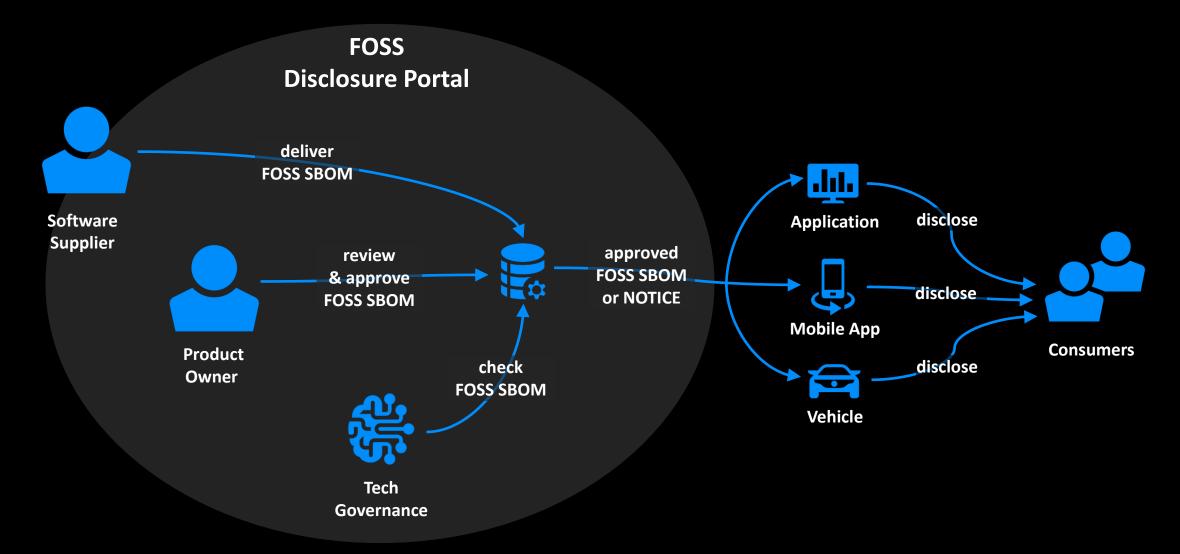
OUR PURPOSE: WHY DO WE STRIVE FOR IT?

- Be compliant, secure, and developer-friendly
- Make life easier for developers, application owners, and software suppliers
- Follow the company's software compliance guidelines



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FOSS SBOM in the Software Supply Chain



Open Source Options

Use one of these

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OSS Review Toolkit

FOSS Light

Hermine

dependency track

SW360

<u>DejaCode</u>

... or build your own



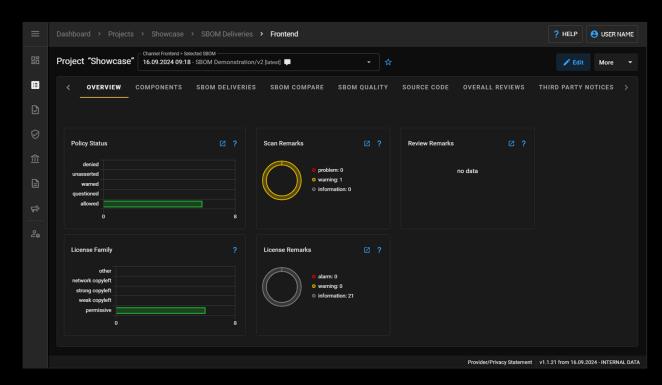
Benefits for Product Owners



ISO Format for SBOM Exchange



REST API & CLI for CI/CD Integration









Quality Checks for Obligations Management

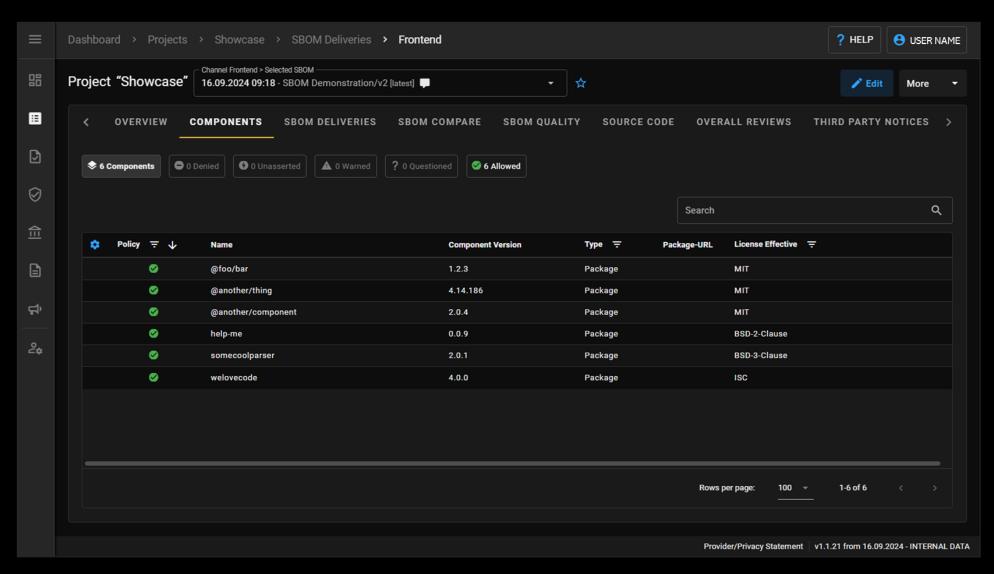


UI/UX Design for Ease of Use

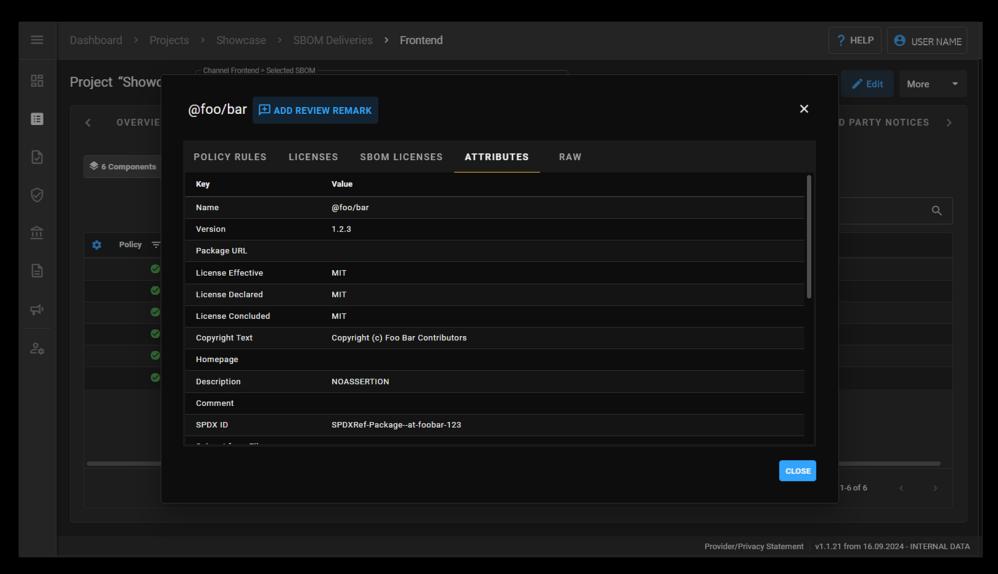


Notice Generation for Disclosure

Example: Components of an SBOM



Example: Details of a Component



SBOM Challenges Common Identifiers

- Data Quality and Curating
- **Required Attributes**
- **Obligations and Abstraction**
- All Code of All Dependencies
- Worldwide rollout

