



Cherry Blossom and Compliance

A Intro to the EU CRA

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“Cherry Blossom and Crayfish”



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With apologies to:

- Katsushika Hokusai
- Lovers of art
- Lovers of poetry

CRAfish swims

*Deep in the CRA, yay!
Cyber-bliss for all*



Agenda

- What is the CRA?
- What products are covered by the CRA?
- What responsibilities do I have under the CRA?
- When does the CRA start to apply?
- What types of compliance are there?
- How is open source special under the CRA?



Disclaimer / Weasel Words

Neither Mike nor CRob is a lawyer.

Mike and CRob are certainly not YOUR lawyers.

These are thoughts, feelings, and insights from Mike's and CRob's careers; consult YOUR attorney to understand what YOU and YOUR Org need to be doing.



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What is the CRA?

The Cyber Resilience Act (“CRA”)

- Effective Dec 2024; duties apply Dec 2027
- Covers “Products with digital elements” (PDE)
- CE marking now includes cybersecurity assurance
- Secure-by-design, vulnerability handling, and post-market duties



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The CRA - a positive thing

As cyber-security professionals and practitioners,

this is what we've been requesting for decades!

Secure-by-Design

*Software Bill of Materials
(SBOM)*

*Vulnerability Coordination and
Disclosure*

Secure-by-Default

Risk Management

Main points



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Dependency
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Risk assessment

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Well, Mike,
hopefully they
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Different requirements for different categories.

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Types of compliance?

Product categories

- Default Self certification

- Important

- ## ○ Class I

- ## o Class II

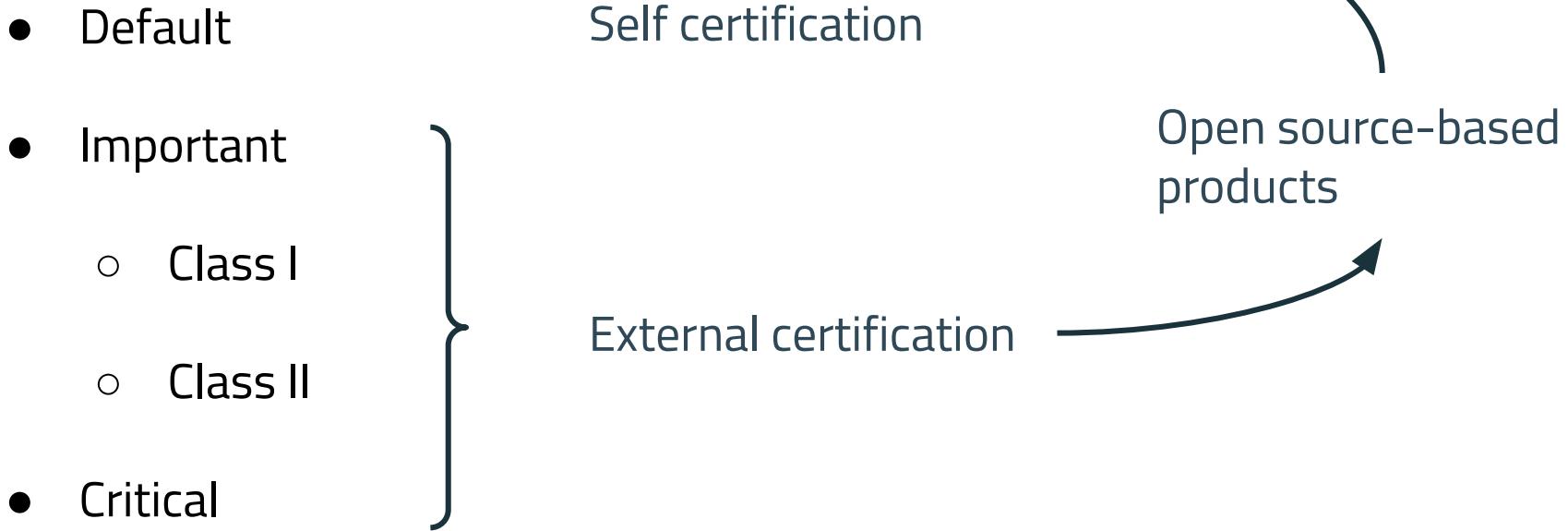
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External certification



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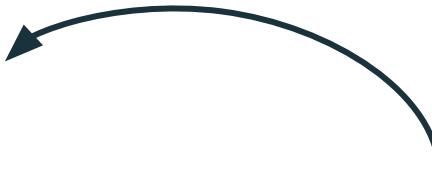


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Self certification



Open source-based
products

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Both Horizontal and Vertical standards
are being created to support all
stakeholders for their self or external
certification programs

What responsibilities?

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Conformance
Vulnerability reporting
Incident reporting

Few obligations
(Support and reporting)

No change!

When?

What, when?

- CRA entered into force **11Dec 2024**
 - The text of the law is locked in, standardization process for assumption of conformity and other areas begins
- Reporting obligations are enforced **11Sept 2026**
 - Manufacturers and Stewards need to report known exploited vulnerabilities and “severe incidents” to ENISA and a Nation CSIRT through the forthcoming Single Reporting Platform (SRP)
- Law will be fully enforced **11Dec 2027**
 - All parties must meet the requirements in Annex 1 and the Articles and products should have their CE Mark approvals

CRA Reporting Clock

Severe Incidents and Exploited Vulnerabilities

24h – Early Warning to CSIRT/ENISA

72h – Incident/Vulnerability notification

1 Month – Final report



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Open source?

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Getting a steward for your project, baseline...

- Open Source Stewards can assist in some of this work.
- Not every OSS project has or needs a steward, but EVERY COMPONENT of EVERY PDE MUST be able to be updated as exploited vulnerabilities are discovered.
- The Open Source Project Security Baseline (OSPS Baseline) is a great way to discover the security practices of upstream projects to either uses as a downstream check prior to ingestion into a product or as a “wish list” to go contribute upstream to the projects YOU find critical to YOUR portfolio.

How to get more information

- The Text of the CRA
 - https://www.european-cyber-resilience-act.com/Cyber_Resilience_Act_Articles.html
- OpenSSF's Global Cyber Policy working group
 - Github - <https://github.com/ossf/wg-globalcyberpolicy>
 - Slack - <https://openssf.slack.com/archives/C084A6XPX0F>
 - Mailing List - <https://lists.openssf.org/g/openssf-wg-globalcyberpolicy>
 - CRA Brief Guide for OSS Developers - <https://best.openssf.org/CRA-Brief-Guide-for-OSS-Developers>
 - LFEL1001 Understanding the EU CRA free course -
<https://training.linuxfoundation.org/express-learning/understanding-the-eu-cyber-resilience-act-cra-lfel1001/>
- OpenSSF Open Source Project Security Baseline
 - OSFPS Baseline SIG - <https://baseline.openssf.org/>
 - ORBIT Working Group (tooling, templates, & automation) - <https://github.com/ossf/wg-orbit>
- There are many other groups collaborating around this legislation
 - OFE, Eclipse, and other open source communities have developed guidance for their communities and the general public too



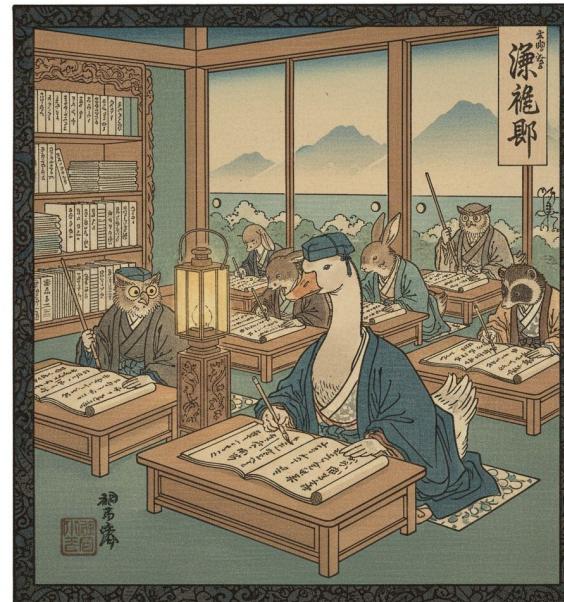
CRA 101

Free educational course covering the CRA

Available NOW!

Additional courses are planned, including how to conduct Risk Assessments throughout the development and productization lifecycle

Understanding the European Union (EU) Cyber Resilience Act (CRA) (LFEL1001)



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Cyber-process strong,
Protected by design now
Thank you, CRA



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