



Software Composition Analysis

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INTRODUCTION

- Market forces are driving companies to accelerate the development of secure software to gain a competitive advantage and avoid costly security breaches.
- The software development community has found that Software Component Analysis tooling can improve the competitive need for increased security and speed.
- Software Composition Analysis tooling provides an efficient way to reduce security threats from open-source software components.

WE WILL DISCUSS

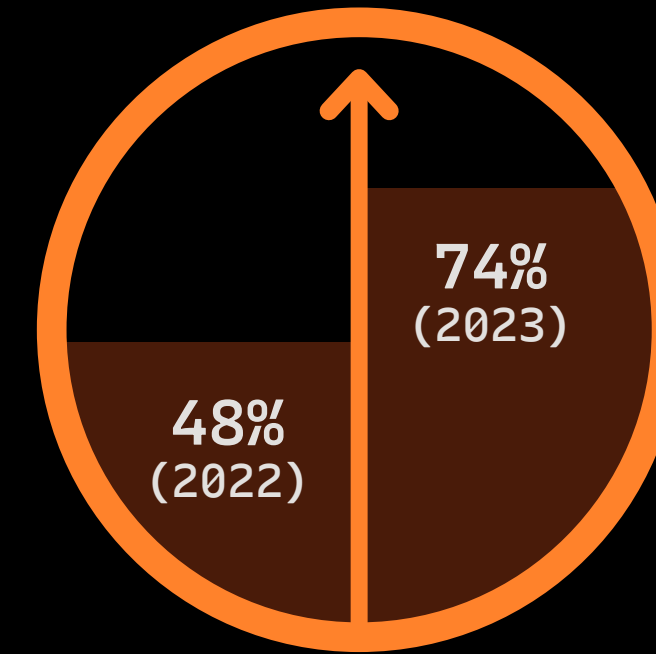
- The need for SCA to manage open source.
- How do CVEs and SBOMs relate to SCA?
- SCA tooling as part of a secure coding practice.
- The Cybersecurity landscape that is requiring SCA.
- The need for software license management with SCA.
- Third-party risk management (TPRM) and SCA.

OPEN SOURCE EXPOSURE



96%

of the total
codebases
contained
open source



54% increase in codebases
containing **high-risk**
vulnerabilities in the
past year

84%

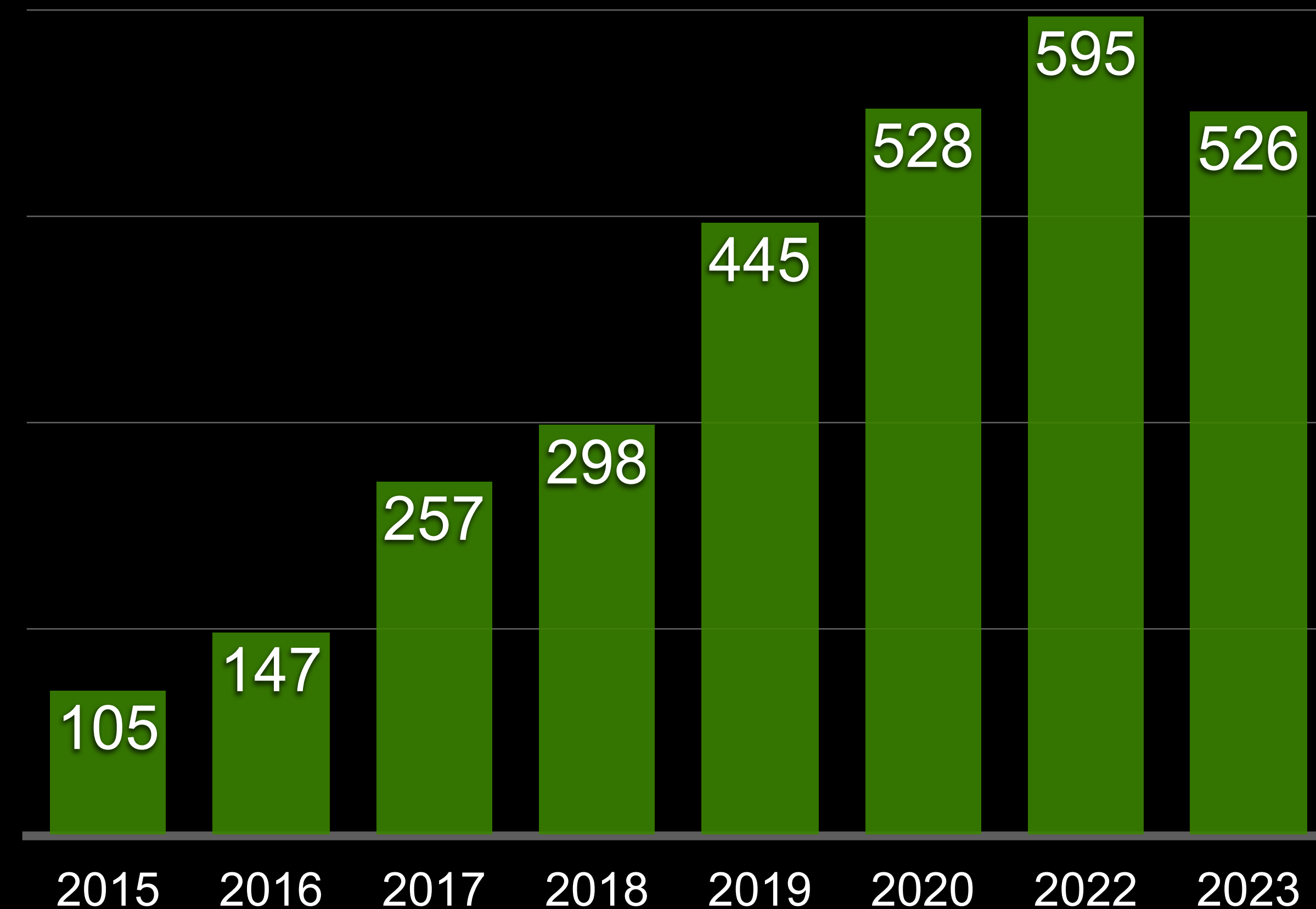
of codebases assessed for risk contained **vulnerabilities**

74%

of codebases assessed for risk contained **high-risk vulnerabilities**

Source: Synopsys Open Source Security and Risk Report 2024

OPEN SOURCE COMPONENTS PER APPLICATION (2016-2024)



Source: Meta-analysis from Synopsys BlackDuck Open Source Security and Risk Reports 2016-2024

WHY SO MANY OPEN SOURCE COMPONENTS

AVERAGE OF 526

Source: Synopsys BlackDuck Open Source Security and Risk Reports 2024

**AVERAGE OF 148
FOR JAVA APPLICATIONS
(EST. 90% OF THAT IS OPEN SOURCE)**

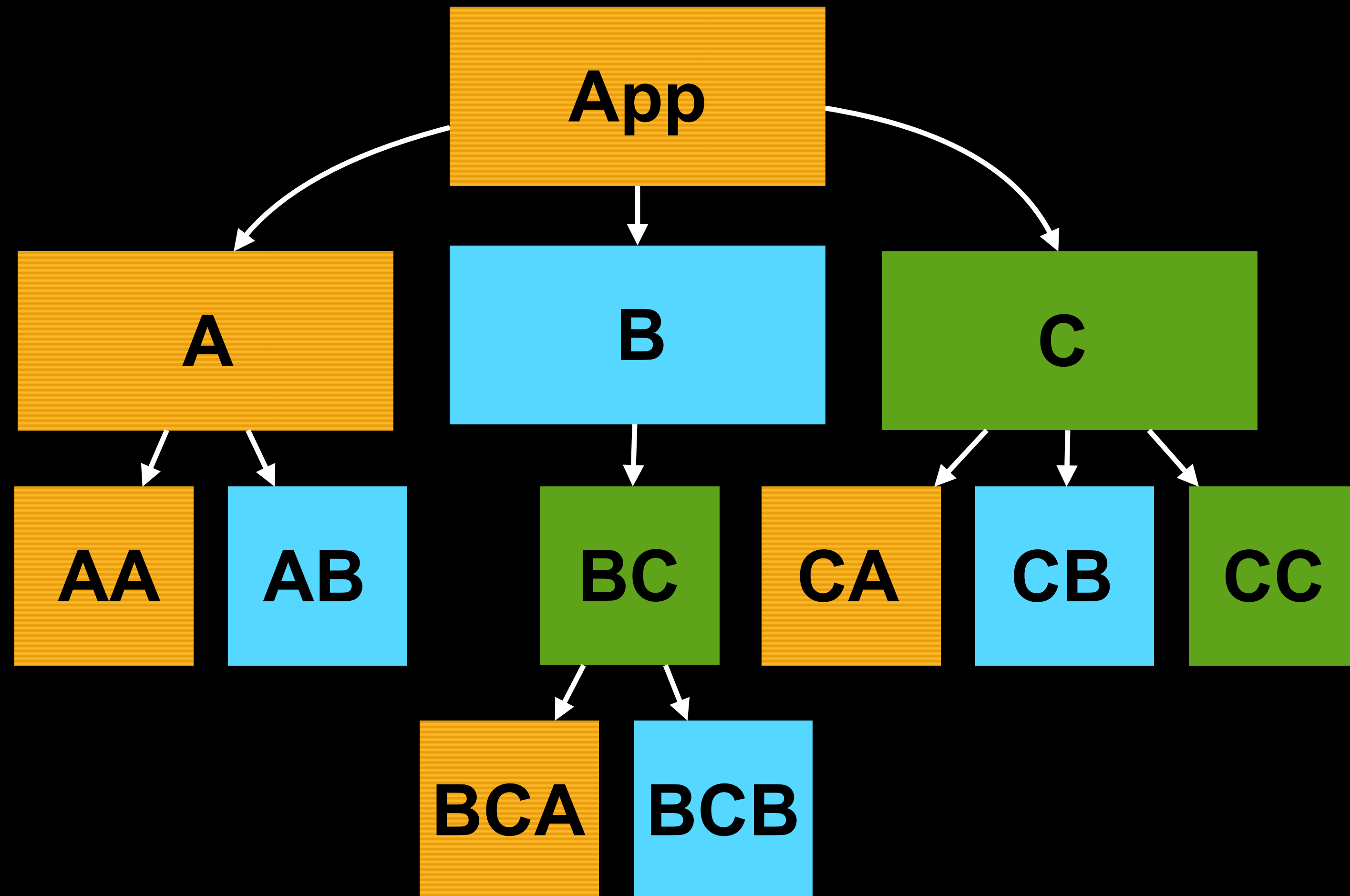
Source: Sonatype 9th Annual State of the Software Supply Chain Report, Nov 2023

**MEDIAN OF 683
FOR JAVASCRIPT APPLICATIONS
(FROM A MEDIAN OF 10 DIRECT)**

Source: GitHub Octoverse Report, Dec 2020

TRANSITIVE DEPENDENCIES

“Do you realize how many dependencies?”





“INVINCIBILITY LIES IN THE
DEFENCE”

TZU, SUN. *THE ART OF WAR*

“THUS, WHAT IS OF SUPREME
IMPORTANCE IN WAR IS TO
ATTACK THE ENEMY’S
STRATEGY.”

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SECURE CODING DOJO



- SAST: Static Application Security Testing
- DAST: Dynamic Application Security Testing
- SCA: Software Composition Analysis

SCA TOOLS IN ACTION

- Identify open-source components
- Identify security issues in open-source components
- Identify license issues in open-source components
- Notify and mitigate open-source issues
- Manage open-source quality

SOFTWARE COMPOSITION ANALYSIS COMBINED WITH STATIC APPLICATION SCAN

- Some SCA tools use SAST to confirm that code is vulnerable
- Be careful with false negatives
- Dynamic code can only be detected with runtime analysis



JUST A SIMPLE UPDATE?



- H2 database
- JUnit4 vs JUnit5
- Spring Framework
- Angular JS
- Apache Struts

MAYBE OR MAYBE NOT

CVE

(COMMON VULNERABILITIES AND EXPOSURES)

- Publicly released list of known cybersecurity vulnerabilities
 - Issued by vendors and researchers
 - Each CVE has an identification number “identifier”
 - A CVE does not include technical data
 - Databases of public disclosed CVEs (multiple)
 - NVD (National Vulnerabilities Database) USA

Source: <https://www.cve.org/>

SBOM FORMATS (SOFTWARE BILL OF MATERIALS)

CycloneDX

Open source machine-readable by OWASP

SPDX® (Software Package Data Exchange)

Open standard ISO/IEC 5692:2021 by Linux Foundation

Source: <https://cyclonedx.org/>

Source: <https://spdx.dev/>

EXAMPLE SBOM?



SPDX Example of an SBOM

```
SPDXVersion: SPDX-2.1
DataLicense: CC0-1.0
DocumentNamespace: http://www.spdx.org/spdxdocs/8f141b09-1138-4fc5-aecb-
fc10d9ac1eed
DocumentName: SpdxDoc for GNU Time
SPDXID: SPDXRef-DOCUMENT

## Creation Information
Creator: Person: Gary O'Neill
Created: 2018-08-17T11:29:46Z
LicenseConcluded: GPL-2.0-or-later
## Relationships
Relationship: SPDXRef-DOCUMENT DESCRIBES SPDXRef-1

## Package Information
PackageName: GNU Time
PackageVersion: 1.9
PackageSupplier: Organization: GNU
PackageDownloadLocation: https://ftp.gnu.org/gnu/time/
PackageChecksum: SHA1: 75068c26abbed3ad3980685bae21d7202d288317
PackageLicenseConcluded: (GFDL-1.3 AND GPL-3.0-or-later AND LicenseRef-1)
## License Information from files
PackageLicenseInfoFromFiles: X11
PackageLicenseInfoFromFiles: GPL-2.0-or-later WITH libtool-exception
PackageLicenseInfoFromFiles: GPL-3.0-or-later
PackageLicenseInfoFromFiles: LicenseRef-1
PackageLicenseInfoFromFiles: GFDL-1.3
PackageLicenseDeclared: GPL-3.0-or-later
PackageLicenseComments: <text>Several files contained a GPL 2.0 or later
license. Since they were linked to a GPL 3.0
text>
PackageCopyrightText: <text>Copyright (C) 1989
,
Inc.</text>
PackageSummary: <text>The 'time' command runs another program, then displays
information about the resources used by that program.</text>
PackageDescription: <text>The 'time' command runs another program, then
displays information about the resources used by that program.</text>

## File Information
FileName: ./tests/help-version.sh
SPDXID: SPDXRef-164
FileChecksum: SHA1: 30b3973b22ddbcd9e8982a06c5a2440fcb315013
LicenseConcluded: GPL-3.0-or-later
LicenseInfoInFile: GPL-3.0
LicenseComments: Seen licenses generated by Source Auditor Scanner. Results
should be manually verified.
FileCopyrightText: <text>Copyright Free Software Foundation, Inc.</text>
FileNotice: <text>NOASSERTION</text>
```

SBOM Data Author

Timestamp Info

Depend. Relationship

Component Name

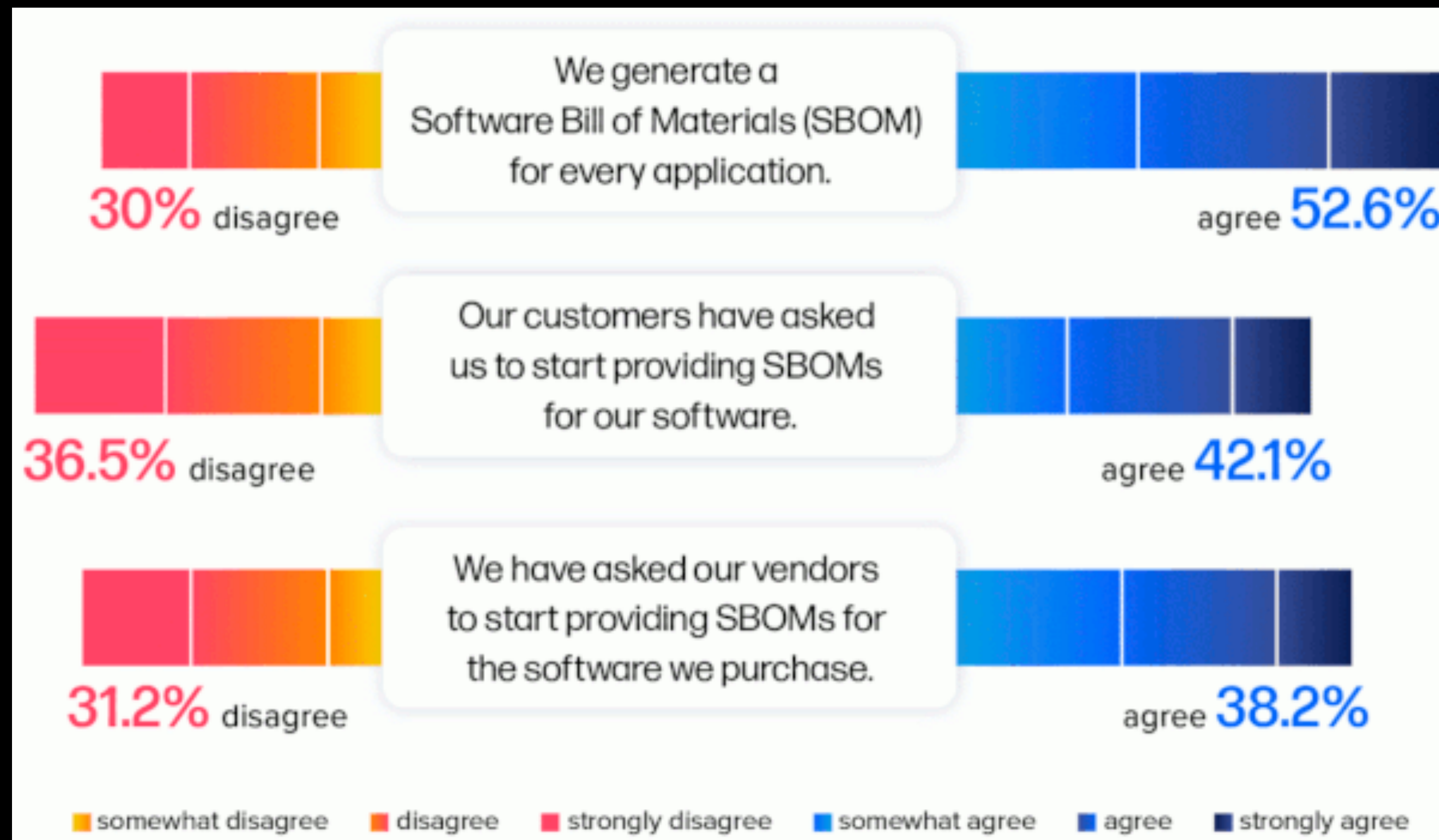
Component Version

Component Supplier

Unique Identifying Information

Source: <https://www.thesslstore.com/blog/sbom-an-up-close-look-at-a-software-bill-of-materials/>

SBOM USAGE SURVEY SAYS



Source: Sonatype 9th Annual State of the Software Supply Chain Report, Nov 2023

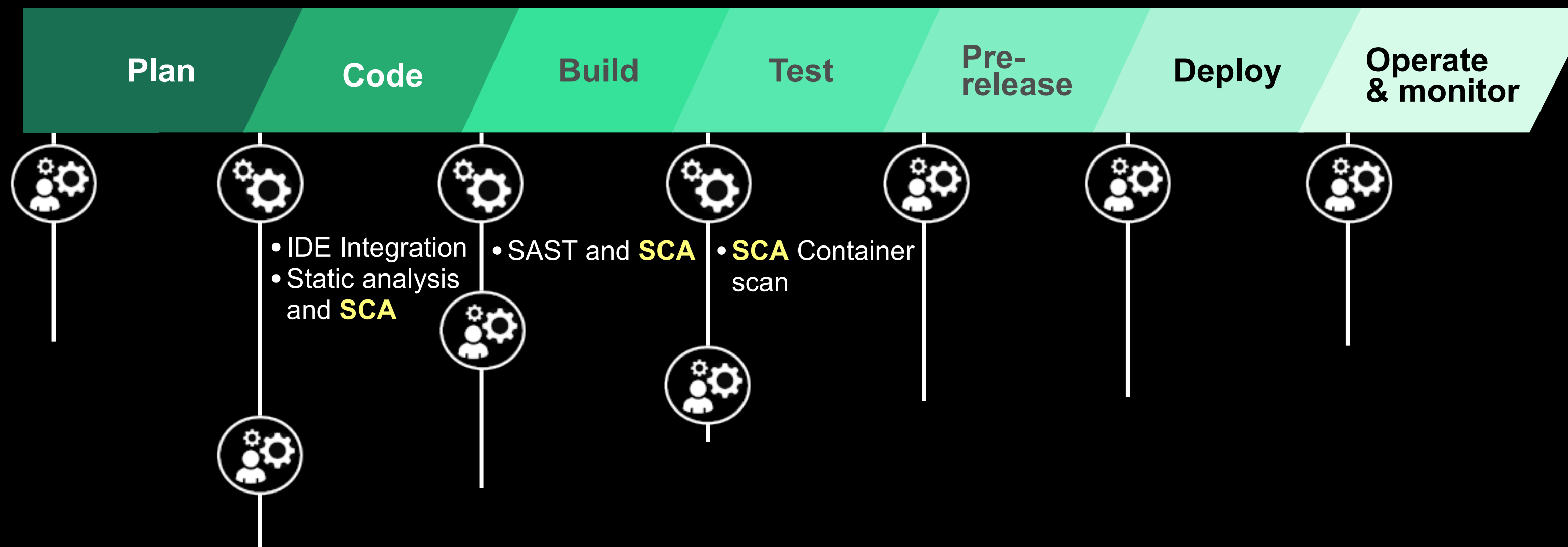
SBOM ADOPTION DRIVERS

- Presidential Executive order 14028 (Cybersecurity)
 - An SBOM as part of Secure Development
- Regulatory Compliance
- Risk management via CI/CD supply chain monitoring
- Customer Assurance

Source: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/05/12/executive-order-on-improving-the-nations-cybersecurity/>

WHERE IS SCA IN BUILD PIPELINE

Application Security Pipeline



Source: <https://vulcan.io/blog/ci-cd-security-5-best-practices/>

OPEN SOURCE LICENSE IDENTIFICATION AND MANAGEMENT

- MIT License
- Apache License 2.0
- BSD License variants
- Mozilla Public License 2.0
- Public Domain
- GNU Lesser (As long as the code is unmodified)
- **GNU GPL (License conflict)**



Source: <https://www.gnu.org/licenses/gpl-3.0.en.html>

WHY GPL CAUSES A CONFLICT

- Copyleft Requirement: Any derivative work created from a GPL licensed code must be distributed under the GPL which includes the source code of the entire derivative work.
- Examples:
 - Linksys/Cisco WRT54G
 - Samsung Smart TVs

Source: <https://www.fsf.org/news/2008-12-cisco-suit>

OPEN SOURCE VERSION MANAGEMENT

91%



of the codebases assessed for risk contained components that were **10 versions** or more **behind the most current version** of the component

Source: Synopsys Open Source Security and Risk Report, Feb 2024

96%



of the component downloads with known **vulnerabilities** could be **avoided** as a better, **fixed version** is already available

Source: Sonatype 9th Annual State of the Software Supply Chain Report, Nov 2023

- SCA Tools recommend the latest version

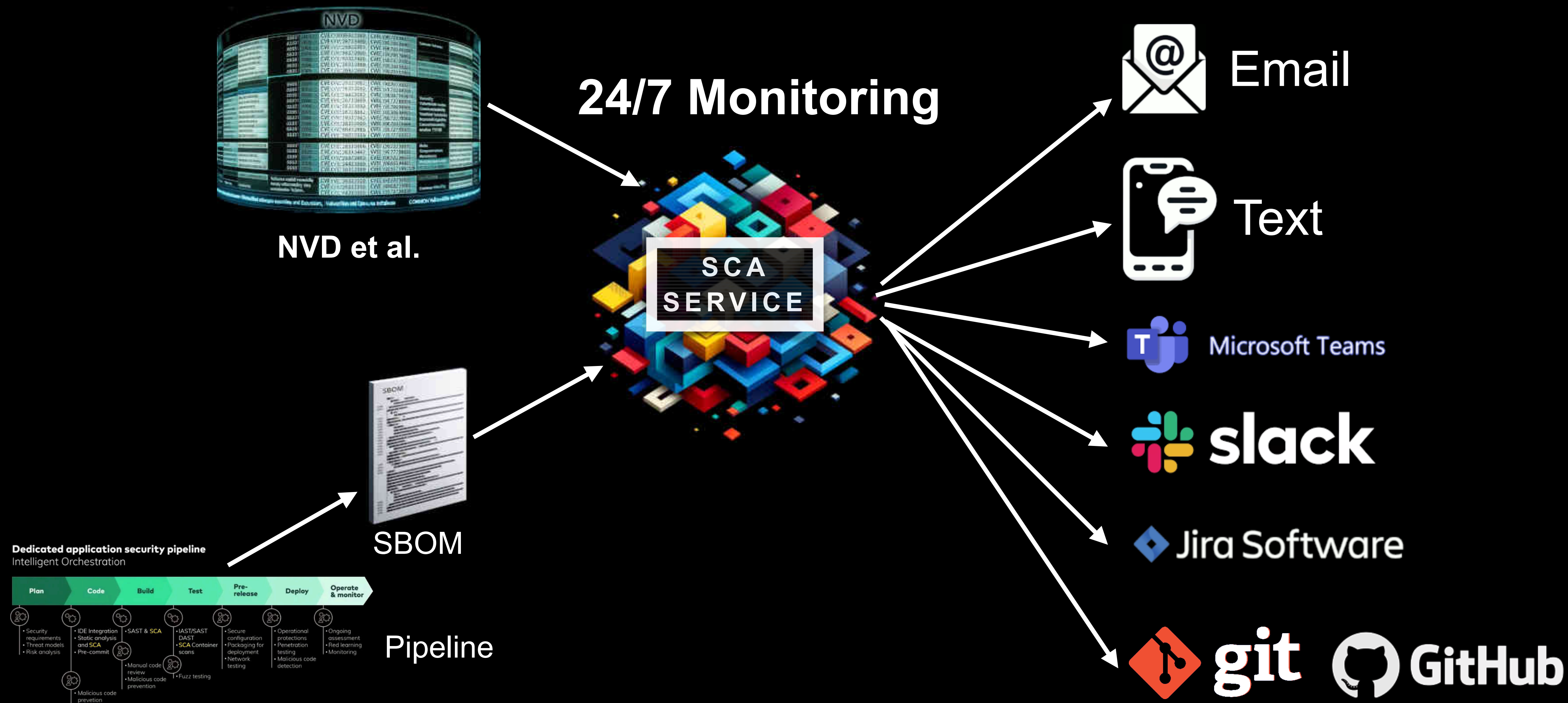
OPEN SOURCE QUALITY MANAGEMENT

“The fact that 18.6% of [open source] projects stopped being maintained in the last year highlights the need to not only choose good dependencies, but monitor those dependencies for changes in their quality.” *

Source: Sonatype 9th Annual State of the Software Supply Chain Report, Nov 2023

* maintained as defined by the OpenSSF (Open Source Security Foundation) scorecard

CONTINUOUS MONITORING AND NOTIFICATION



SCA SCAN FOR VENDOR SOFTWARE



Source: DALL·E

SBOM FOR VENDOR SOFTWARE RECOMMENDED

THIRD-PARTY RISK MANAGEMENT (TPRM)

“98% of organizations have a relationship with a third party that has been breached.”

Source: SecurityScoreCard Global Third-Party Cybersecurity Breaches Report, Feb 2024



Third-party breaches by industry:
43% Technology & Telecommunications
30% Financial Services
29% Overall cross-industry rate

Source: SecurityScoreCard Global Third-Party Cybersecurity Breaches Report, Feb 2024

- Stop depending on a questionnaires for TPRM
- Vendor SBOMs can be monitored 24/7 by SCA Tooling

SCA TOOLS

SCA IDE PLUGINS

The screenshot shows an IDE interface with a project named 'WebGoat-develop' and a file named 'goat-with-reverseproxy.yaml'. The file content is a Docker Compose configuration for a 'webgoat' service. The IDE has performed a static code analysis (SCA) and identified several issues. The 'Code Analysis' tab is active, showing a list of issues in a table. The first issue, 'Container allows filesystem write', is highlighted. A detailed view of this issue is shown on the right, including a description, status, and remediation steps.

Type	Location	Scans	First Detected
Container allows filesystem write	.../goat-with-reverseproxy.yaml:23	1	16 Minutes Ago
Container allows filesystem write	.../goat-with-reverseproxy.yaml:36	1	16 Minutes Ago
Container allows filesystem write	.../goat-with-reverseproxy.yaml:6	1	16 Minutes Ago
Container privilege escalation allowed	.../goat-with-reverseproxy.yaml:6	1	16 Minutes Ago
Container privilege escalation allowed	.../goat-with-reverseproxy.yaml:36	1	16 Minutes Ago
Container privilege escalation allowed	.../goat-with-reverseproxy.yaml:23	1	16 Minutes Ago
Container requests ability to craft raw...	.../goat-with-reverseproxy.yaml:36	1	16 Minutes Ago
Container requests ability to craft raw...	.../goat-with-reverseproxy.yaml:6	1	16 Minutes Ago
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Issue: Container allows filesystem write

The docker service container is configured to permit writing to the root filesystem. This makes some security attack vectors such as privilege escalation, denial-of-service or authorization bypass possible since the container instance's filesystem can be tampered with.

Status: Open

WebGoat-develop > goat-with-reverseproxy.yaml: [Line 23](#)

Contributing code events (1) - [Open](#)

Remediation:

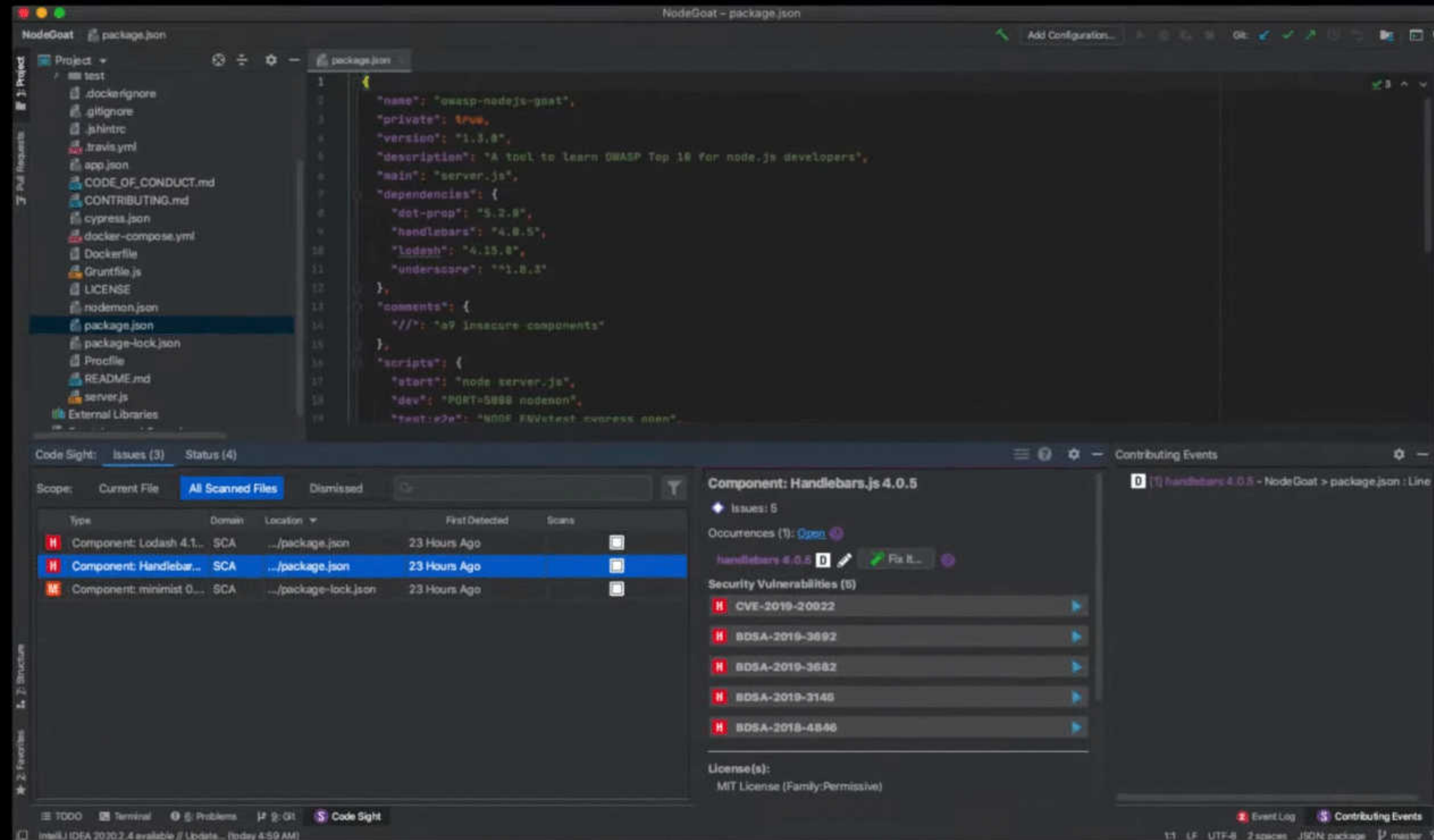
Explicitly set the "read-only" attribute of the service to "true" to create a service container with a read-only filesystem.

Checker:

container_filesystem_write_docker_compose

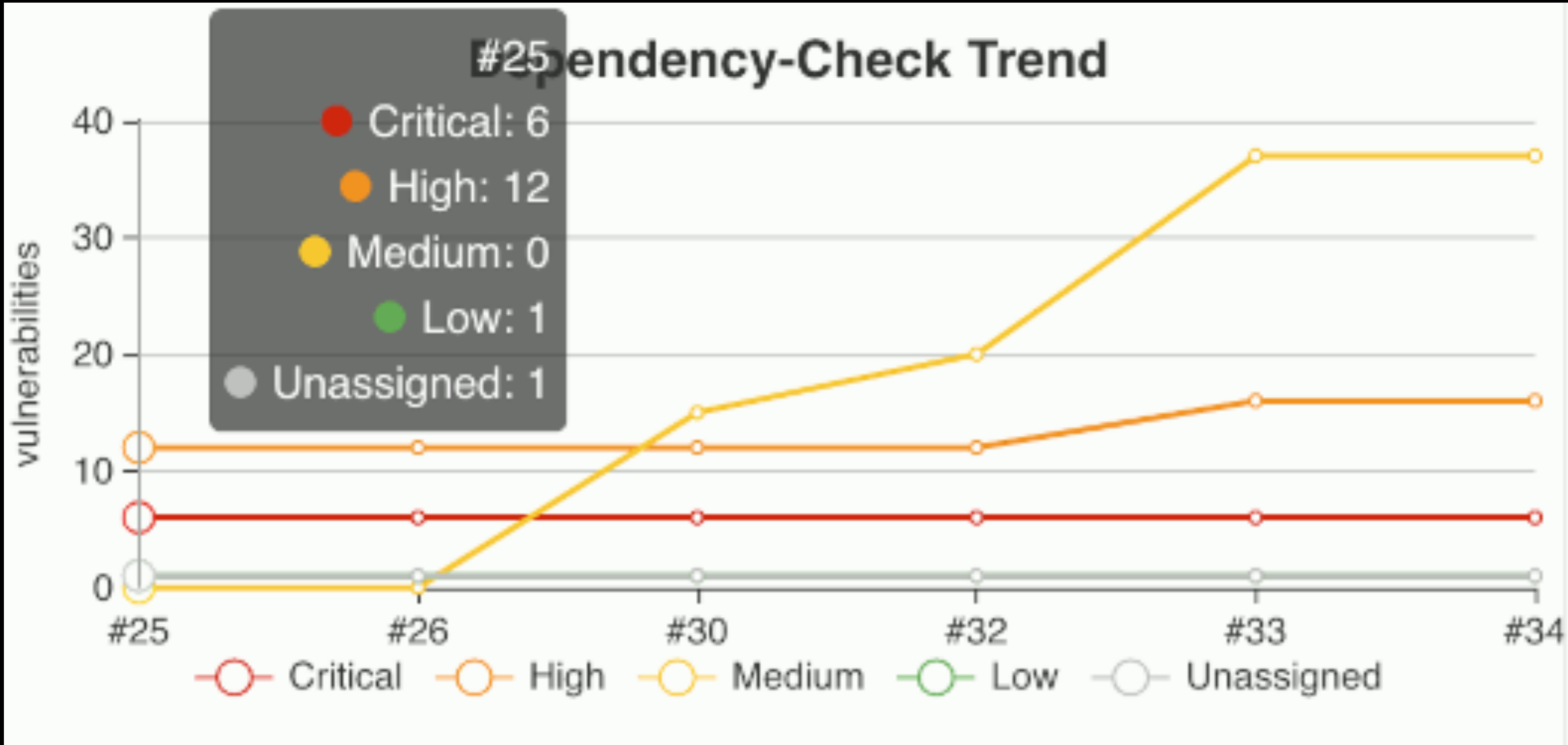
Source: <https://youtu.be/6cxi96CJB14>

SCA IDE PLUGINS



Source: <https://youtu.be/W9BHyXYw3vQ>

DEPENDENCY CHECK



Dependency-Check Results

SEVERITY DISTRIBUTION

6	16	37	1
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Search

File Name	Vulnerability	Severity	Weakness
+ jackson-databind-2.8.11.3.jar	NVD CVE-2018-19360	Critical	CWE-502
+ jackson-databind-2.8.11.3.jar	NVD CVE-2018-19361	Critical	CWE-502
- jackson-databind-2.8.11.3.jar	NVD CVE-2018-19362	Critical	CWE-502

File Path	/Users/steve/.m2/repository/com/fasterxml/jackson/core/jackson-databind/2.8.11.3/jackson-databind-2.8.11.3.jar
SHA-1	844df5aba5a1a56e00905b165b12bb34116ee858
SHA-256	5582d55d615ea5ec09563558144c22cac46a06739a8561d7db4ff5c41532d6bc
Description	FasterXML jackson-databind 2.x before 2.9.8 might allow attackers to have unspecified impact by leveraging failure to block the jboss-common-core class from polymorphic deserialization.

+ jackson-databind-2.8.11.3.jar	NVD CVE-2019-12086	High	CWE-200
+ jquery-2.1.4.min.js	NVD CVE-2019-11358	Medium	CWE-79
+ jquery-2.2.4.min.js	NVD CVE-2015-9251	Medium	CWE-79
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« 1 2 3 4 5 ... »

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Source: <https://plugins.jenkins.io/dependency-check-jenkins-plugin/>

DEPENDENCY TRACK



Source: <https://www.dependencytrack.org/>

SOFTWARE COMPOSITION ANALYSIS

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Thank You



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