# Controlling your DevSecOps Journey through Open Source

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### Agenda

- Introduction
- Importance of Open Source Software
- Open Source Program Office @ Fannie Mae
- DevSecOps using Open Source Methodology Use cases
- Cultivating Growth: The Art of Learning and Adaptation
- Path Forward
- Questions

# Why Companies Don't Participate in Open Source Communities

**External Code Contribution Blocked** 

**External Document Sharing Blocked** 

**External Communication Blocked** 



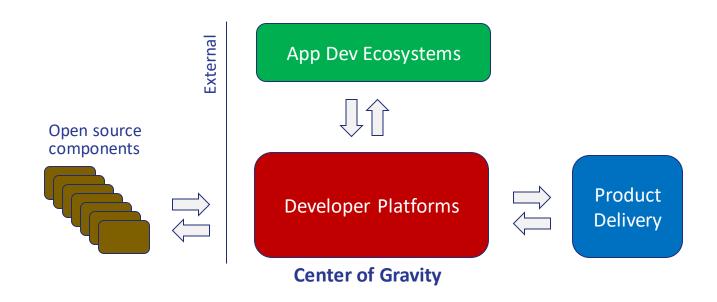
No Influence on External Communities

## Is Open Source Scary?

- Scanning tools show thousands of vulnerabilities
- Lots of talk about SBOMs and supply chain security
- Everyone still remembers Equifax
- Log4J, SpringShell, Heartbleed.....

Gartner: Open source transparency makes it more secure than proprietary software

## Ideal Open Source Software Lifecycle



Proactive, automated, and streamlined governance with easier ingress, upstream contributions, continuous collaboration and integration, rapid innovation, and high-frequency releases

# Where can we start?

#### OSPO at Fannie Mae

Formed in 2021

North Star for Open-Source consumption and contributions Build a culture of Innersource and enhance Developer Experience

#### Open Source vulnerabilities with no clear solution

- Developers use open source libraries to build their applications
- 90% of Modern Apps are built on top of Open Source libraries (per Sonatype 2023)
- CVEs on Open Source libraries with no patch available.

# What Can We Learn from Open Source Communities?

#### **Transparency**

- Nothing is hidden
- Visible leadership, bug reports, roadmaps

#### Open Participation

- No strict division between users and creators
- All participants in "the room where it happens"

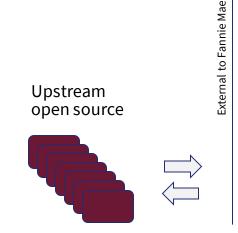
#### Governance

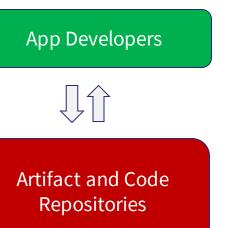
- Hierarchies of participants
- Rules for interaction, growth, succession

#### Use the Source – InnerSource – to distribute "golden patches"

## Streamline Patching and Distribution

- Build Team to Patch
- Centralized Distribution Point
- Train and enable internal open source maintainers





### Top 3 Vulnerabilities







CVE-2016-1000027 Deserialization of Untrusted Data CVE-2020-13091 Deserialization of Untrusted Data CVE-2022-1471
Deserialization
of Untrusted
Data / Improper
Input Validation

Spring framework 5.3.x

CVE-2016-1000027

**Severity: 9.8 Critical** 

NVD Published Date: 01/02/2020

Pivotal Spring Framework through 5.3.x suffers from a potential remote code execution (RCE) issue if used for Java deserialization of untrusted data. Depending on how the library is implemented within a product, this issue may or not occur, and authentication may be required



**Discovery** 





**Global Exceptions** 



Effective vs Ineffective



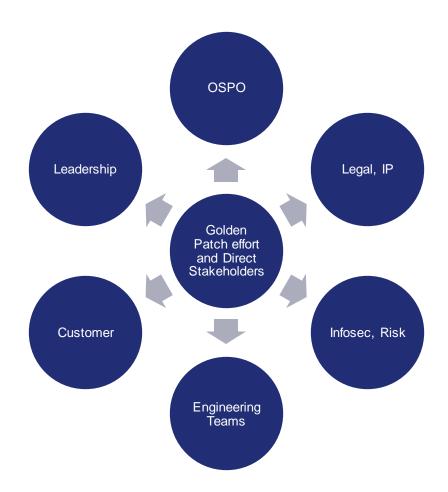


Ineffective Vulnerability
If the proprietary code is NOT making calls to the vulnerable functionality

#### Quest for Solution...

- Github Discussions and Issues
- No clear path unless upgraded to Spring 6.x requiring JDK 17+
- Finally receive a patch from Pivotal WAF changes and feature flag

#### Rollout...



#### Here comes the next one...

(Numpy) Pandas 1.5.2

CVE-2020-13091

**Severity: 9.8 Critical** 

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pandas through 1.0.3 can unserialize and execute commands from an untrusted file that is passed to the read\_pickle() function, if \_\_reduce\_\_ makes an os.system call. NOTE: third parties dispute this issue because the read\_pickle() function is documented as unsafe and it is the user's responsibility to use the function in a secure manner.

Fork

Internal Fork of Pandas

Patch

Implemented Safe Pickling

Test

Distributed patch internally for Testing

### Eureka Moment - Let's go upstream for a solution!

- The Clean Dependency Project:
- Take the concept up upstream problem-solving and apply it to Fannie Mae's dependency management
- Proactively identify and modify dependency sources, clean them, and make available for Fannie Mae and external developers

### Implement learnings from Open Source Communities



### Building a proactive solution

- Can your developers push fixes upstream?
- Does the originating community want your fixes?
- Do you have open source-savvy developers?

Even if you have the technical capability, you will need to partner with your internal compliance, legal, and security teams to build an approved solution

### Building Partnerships and Getting Approvals

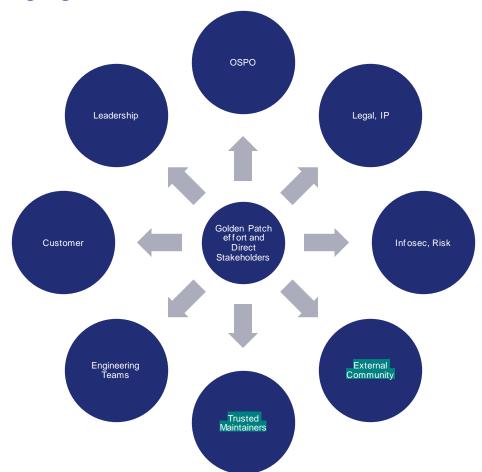
- 1. Unlock access to external tools
  - a. GitHub, Slack, et al.
- 2. Select group of open source SMEs for critical technologies
  - a. They can modify and fix code, as well as educate others
- 3. Provide access to upstream communities
  - a. Can they use regular devices to access upstream tools?
  - b. Do you need to build compliance pathways?

### **Building community**

Now that you have access, how do you set up a community for success?

- Establish relationships with upstream partners
- Keep your internal developers engaged
  - o Building communities is a new skill to learn
- Establish clear governance rules
  - How to contribute
  - How to fill leadership roles
  - Provide easy ways to share feedback and new ideas

#### Stakeholder Engagement for External Golden Patches



# Clean Dependency Project

#### Objectives of CDP

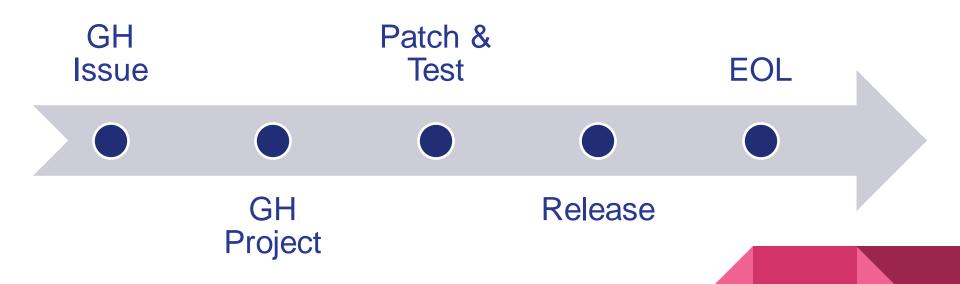


Framework to host projects that are not maintained well.

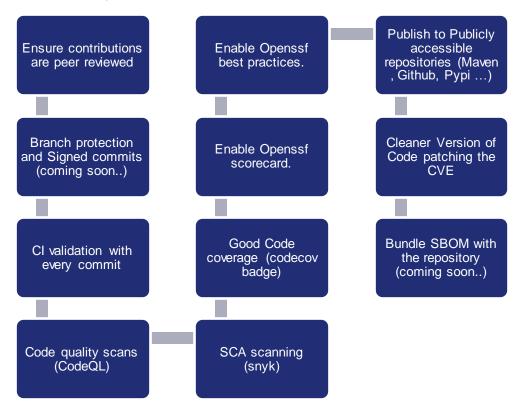


Make Golden Patch available to everyone that can be trusted.

## Clean Dependency Project Lifecycle



### **Project Quality Governance**



#### continuation

Snakeyaml 1.33

CVE-2022-1471

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SnakeYaml's Constructor() class does not restrict types which can be instantiated during deserialization. Deserializing yaml content provided by an attacker can lead to remote code execution. We recommend using SnakeYaml's SafeConsturctor when parsing untrusted content to restrict deserialization. We recommend upgrading to version 2.0 and beyond.

#### Progression

Fork

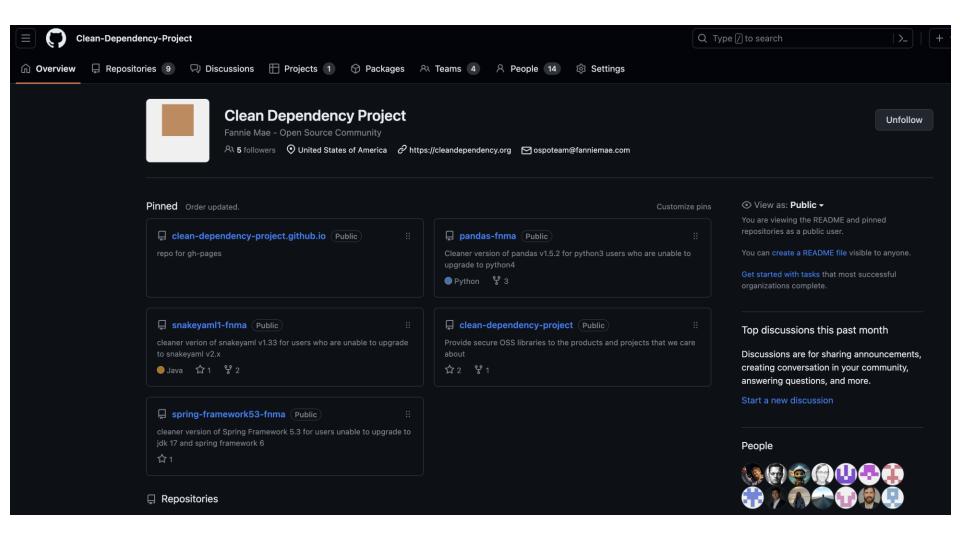
Fork project under CDP

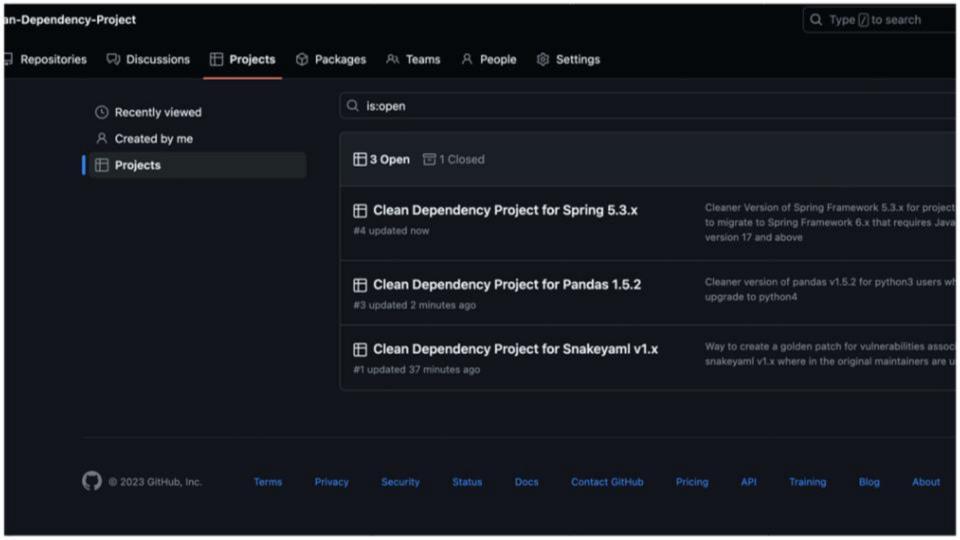
Patch

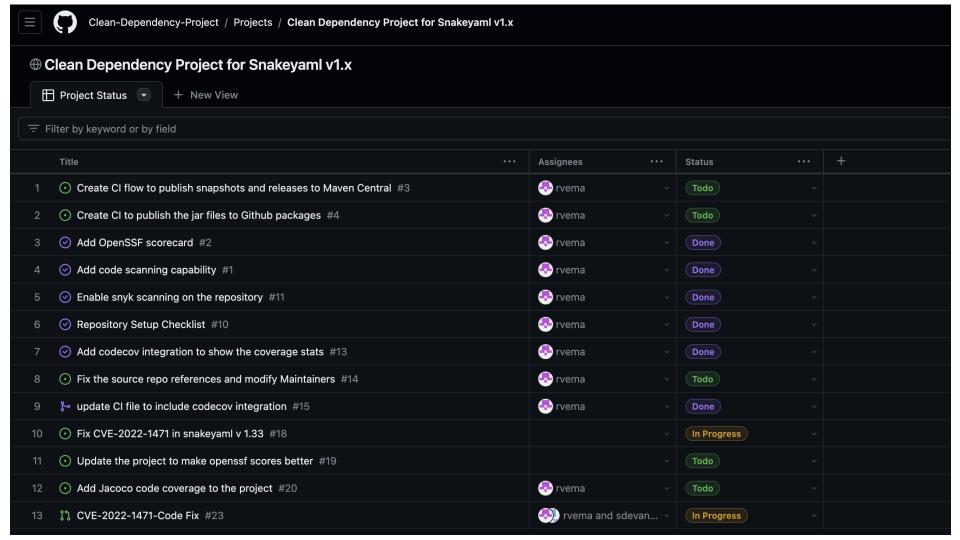
Forced usage of SafeConstructor() in GH

**Test** 

Distributed patch for Testing



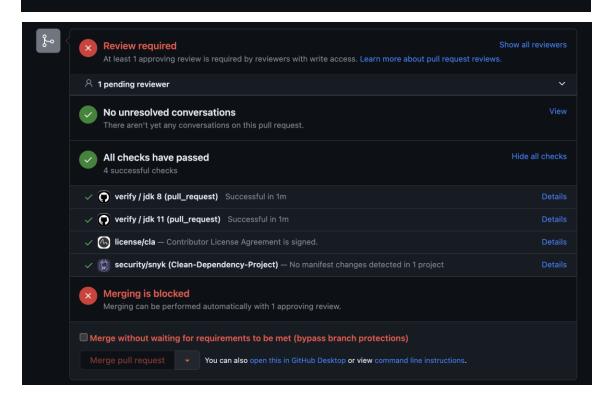




# Clean Dependency Project - snakeyam1-fnma : Cleaner Version of snakeyaml1.x *∂*

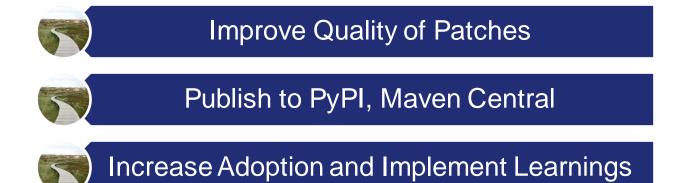
openssf scorecard 6.4 openssf best practices in progress 18% verify passing CodeQL passing

The art of simplicity is a puzzle of complexity.

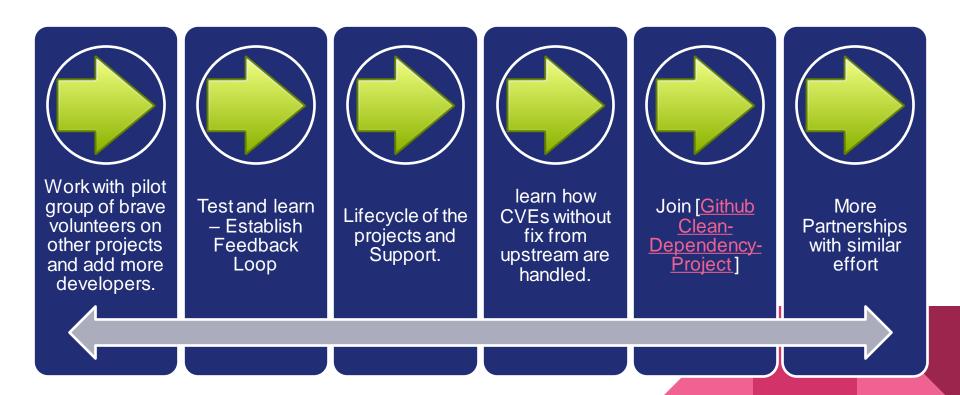


# Next Steps for Clean Dependency Project

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#### Path Forward .....



#### Resources and links

- OpenDRI & GeoNode: A Case Study for Institutional Investments in Open Source
- Project Page
- <u>Github Clean-Dependency-Project</u>

# Questions?

# Thank you!



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