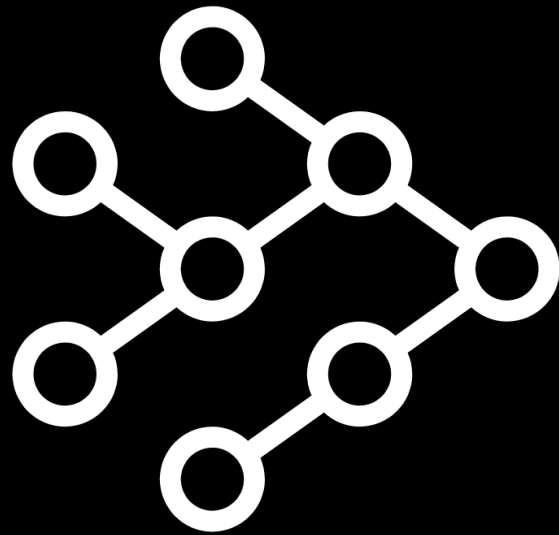


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**Now what?**



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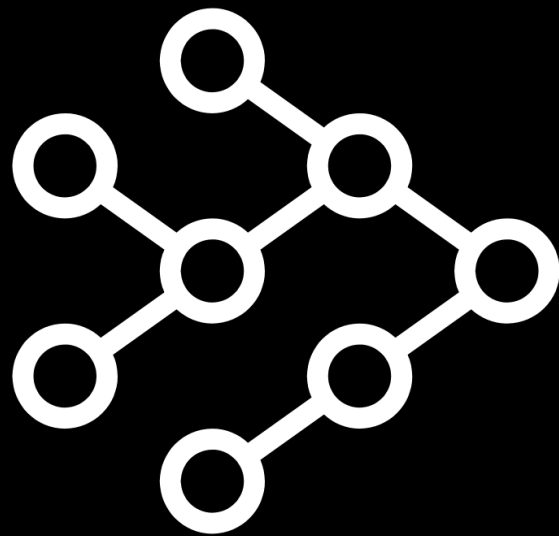
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**Wait... What's an SBOM?**



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**How many organizations can answer:**

**Am I potentially affected by \$vulnerability**



# Transparency can help markets thrive

- Food ingredients and food labels
- Safety Data Sheets in the chemical industry
- Hardware Bills of Material (BOM) in industry

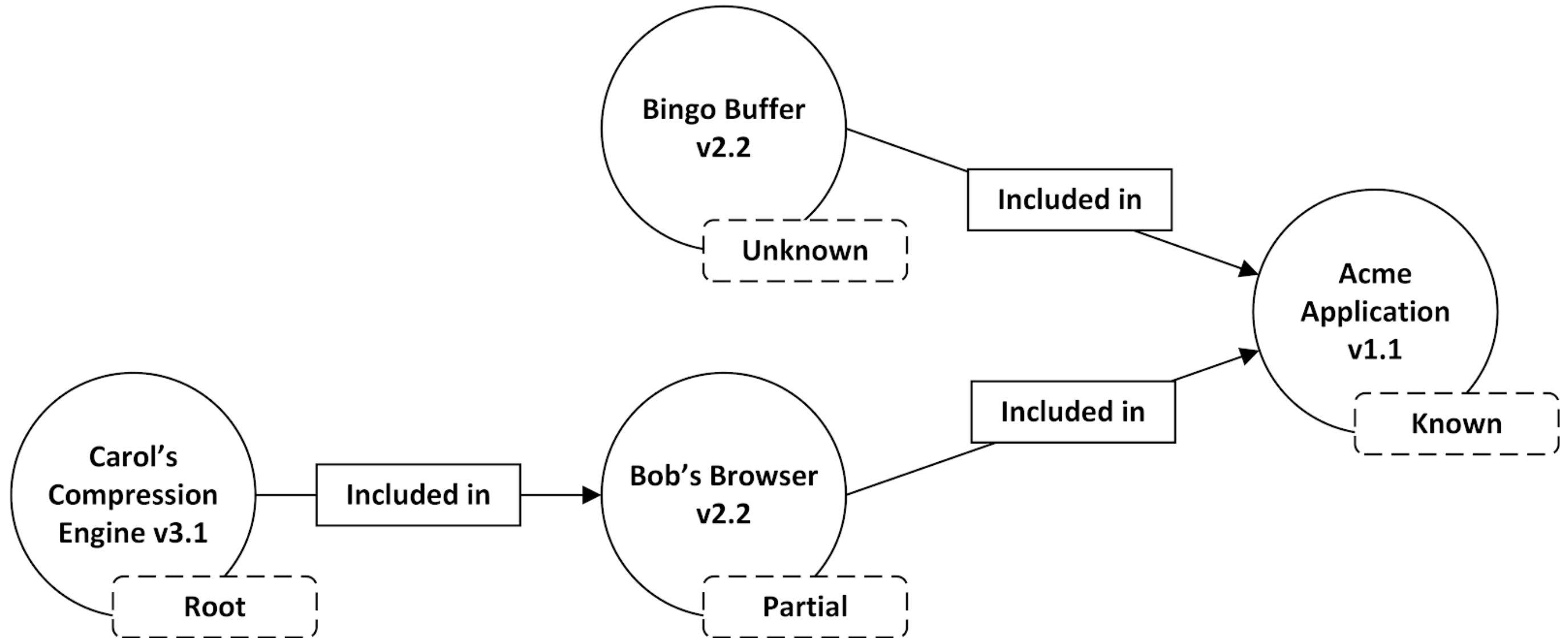
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HIGH FRUCTOSE CORN SYRUP, CONTAINS TWO  
FOOD STARCH – MODIFIED, SKIM MILK, LEAV  
PYROPHOSPHATE, MONOCALCIUM PHOSPHAT  
YCIDES, SALT, SORBIC ACID (TO PRESERVE  
ARTIFICIAL FLAVORS, PROPYLENE GLYCOL MON  
UR, SOY LECITHIN, XANTHAN GUM, AGAR, NUTM



**Supplier**  
**Component Name**  
**Version**  
**Hash**

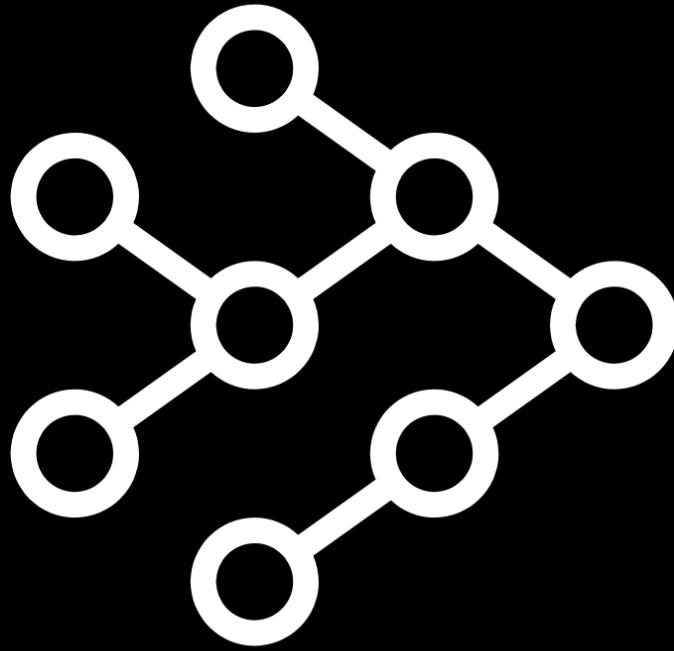
**A Software Component  $\approx$  A Library**  
**Baseline Identity: “*sufficiently uniquely identify components*”**

# An Example SBOM



*We want to be clear about known unknowns.*

# How many levels deep?



*Must include all top-level includes, and ideally makes a best-effort for all known components.*

# Software Supply Chain Roles / SBOM Benefits

## Produce Software

Understand component and code dependencies  
Monitoring/reviewing for vulnerabilities  
Awareness of component EOL, orphan, etc.  
Enable black- and whitelists  
Less unplanned maintenance work  
Transparency for customers

## Choose Software

Identify vulnerable components  
Verify sourcing  
Compliance with policies  
Awareness of component EOL, orphan, etc.  
Show best practices by supplier  
Know and comply with licensing

## Operate Software

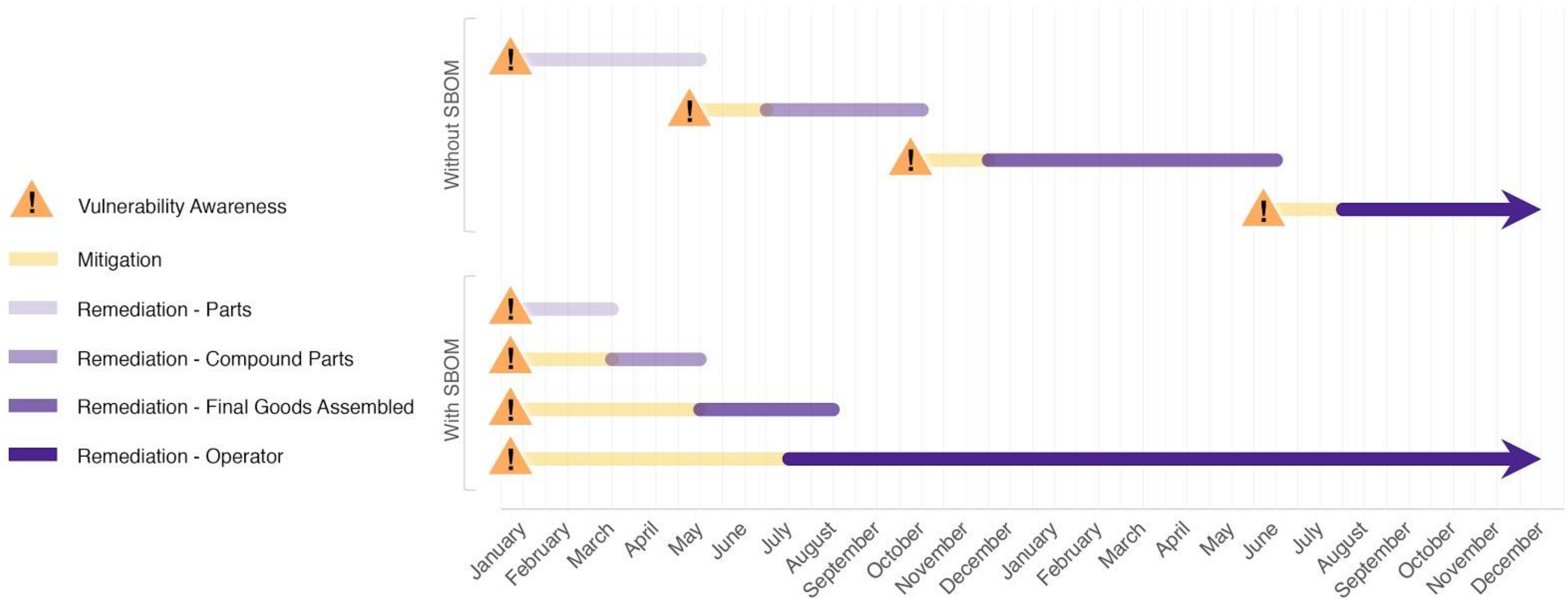
Easily ID vulnerabilities  
Drive independent mitigations  
Better risk analysis - “Roadmap for the defender”  
Streamline administration  
Awareness of component EOL, orphan, etc.





# Time to Remediation Case Studies

Without and With SBOM



# Existing Standards to Convey SBOM data

Baseline	SPDX	SWID
Supplier Name	(3.5) PackageSupplier:	<Entity> @role (softwareCreator/publisher), @name
Component Name	(3.1) PackageName:	<softwareIdentity> @name
Unique Identifier	(3.2) SPDXID:	<softwareIdentity> @tagID
Version String	(3.3) PackageVersion:	<softwareIdentity> @version
Component Hash	(3.10) PackageChecksum:	<Payload>/../<File> @[hash-algorithm]:hash
Relationship	(7.1) Relationship: CONTAINS	<Link> @rel, @href
Author Name	(2.8) Creator:	<Entity> @role (tagCreator), @name

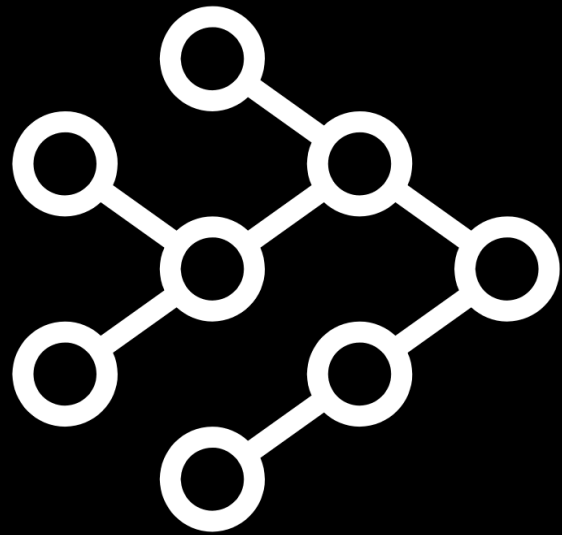
# Progress in a cross-sector industry-led process

- Clear appreciation across sectors on the potential value of transparency
  - Consensus on
    - The broad scope of the problem
    - Focus on a baseline SBOM
    - “rough consensus and running code”
    - Machine-readability of the solution
  - Resources: [ntia.gov/SBOM](https://ntia.gov/SBOM)
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- ✓ What is an SBOM
  - ✓ Why should we SBOM
  - ✓ How do we SBOM
  - ✓ Can we SBOM today?



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# Next steps on SBOM– Easier and Cheaper

- Refining and extending the model
  - Mechanism for sharing SBOM data
  - High assurance: integrity, pedigree, provenance
  - Cloud & containers
- Tooling for automation
  - What tools exist today?
  - What tools do we need?
- Awareness and adoption
  - Draft contract language
  - Further demonstrations in different sectors
- *Get involved*
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