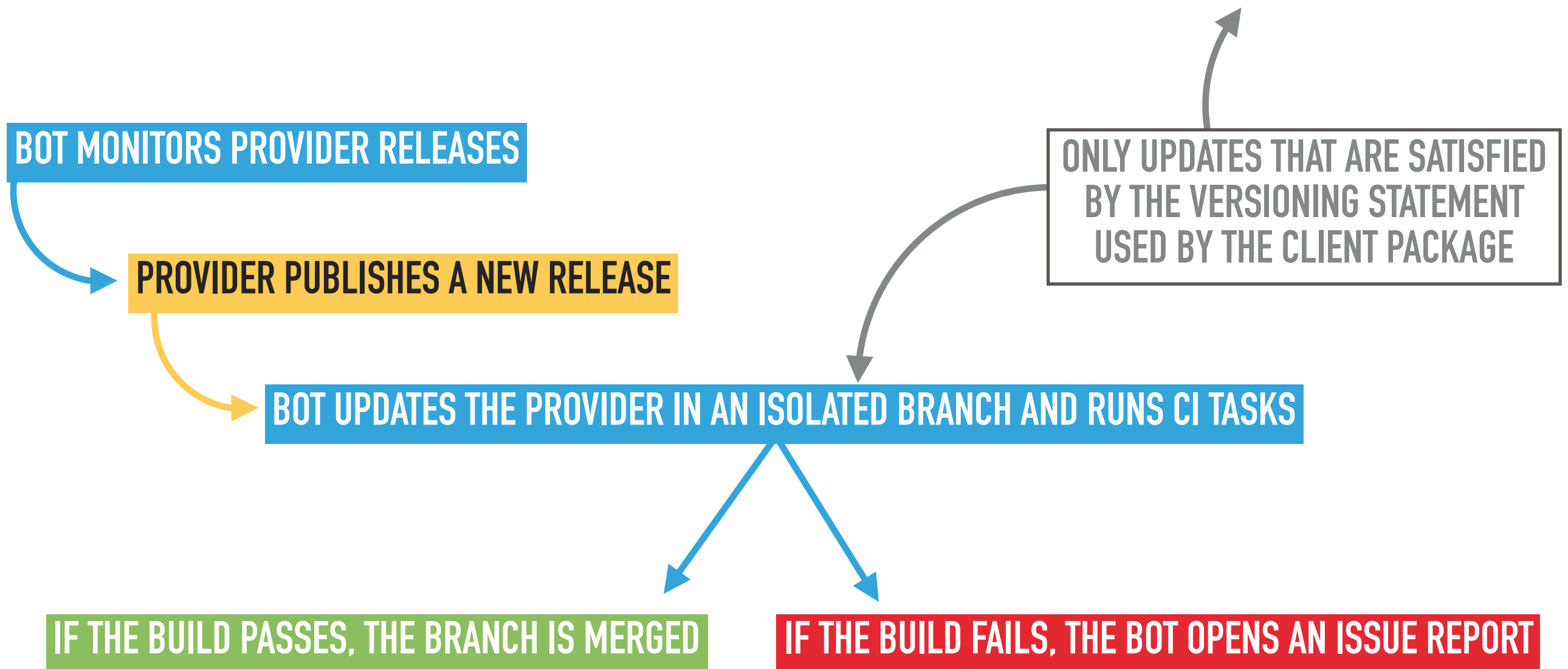


ISSUES OPENED BY GREENKEEPER BOT

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**DATA SET PRESENTATION**

### HOW GREENSKEEPER DETECT BUILD BREAKAGES OF IMPLICIT UPDATES?



# A TYPICAL ISSUE REPORT OPENED BY GREENKEEPER

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An in-range update of lodash is breaking the build

#41

New issue

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greenkeeper

bot

opened this issue 16 days ago · 2 comments

greenkeeper

bot

commented 16 days ago

Contributor

+👤

...

The dependency **lodash** was updated from **4.17.11** to **4.17.12** .

View failing branch.

This version is **covered** by your **current version range** and after updating it in your project **the build failed**.

lodash is a direct dependency of this project, and **it is very likely causing it to break**. If other packages depend on yours, this update is probably also breaking those in turn.

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Your **Greenkeeper** Bot

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bot

added the **greenkeeper** label 16 days ago

## PINNING IS RECOMMENDED WHEN IT FIXES THE BROKEN BUILD

- ▶ Pinning has an impact on the future updatability of the provider



greenkeeper bot commented on Jan 22

Author + 😊 ...

After pinning to **7.0.13** your tests are still failing. The reported issue *might* not affect your project. These imprecisions are caused by inconsistent test results.

VS.



greenkeeper bot commented 7 days ago

Author Contributor + 😊 ...

After pinning to **0.13.2** your tests are passing again. [Downgrade this dependency](#) 📌.

## THE BOT ALSO RECOMMENDS TO EXPLICIT UPDATE A PINNED DEPENDENCY

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### WHEN A PINNED DEPENDENCY PUBLISHES A RELEASE THE CLIENT PACKAGE IS NOTIFIED



greenkeeper bot commented on May 4

Author



- The devDependency `postcss` was updated from `7.0.14` to `7.0.15`.

Your tests are passing again with this update. [Explicitly upgrade to this version](#) 🚀

► [Release Notes for 7.0.15](#)



greenkeeper bot commented on May 4

Author



- The devDependency `postcss` was updated from `7.0.15` to `7.0.16`.

Your tests are passing again with this update. [Explicitly upgrade to this version](#) 🚀



greenkeeper bot commented on Jun 5

Author



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► [Release Notes for 7.0.17](#)

**WHICH DATA DO  
WE HAVE?**

## THE ISSUE REPORT HAS A STANDARD TITLE

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# WE OBTAINED ALL ISSUE REPORTS THAT HAVE THE STANDARD TITLE

- ▶ 82,399 issue reports



an in-range update is breaking build in:title

- ▶ 152,257 events associated with the issue reports
  - ▶ Closed/Reopened (62,154/144)
  - ▶ Commits with reference to the issue report (1,388)
  - ▶ Assignments to a contributor (1,172)
  - ▶ Mention of a GH user (389)
  - ▶ Subscriptions for notification (321)
  - ▶ Milestoned/Demilestoned (314/51)
  - ▶ Among others ...

# THE BODY OF THE ISSUE REPORT HAS RICH DATA

## WE EXTRACTED THE NAME AND VERSION OF THE PROVIDER THAT BROKE THE BUILD

THERE ARE SEVEN VARIATIONS OF ISSUE REPORT BODY. WE USE A DIFFERENT REGULAR EXPRESSION OVER EACH VARIATION

### An in-range update of grunt is breaking the build

**Open** greenkeeper bot opened this issue on Feb 7, 2018 · 2 comments



greenkeeper bot commented on Feb 7, 2018

Version 1.0.2 of **grunt** was just published.

Branch	Build failing 🚩
Dependency	grunt
Current Version	1.0.1
Type	devDependency

This version is covered by your current version range and after updating it in your project the build failed.

grunt is a devDependency of this project. It might not break your production code or affect downstream projects, but probably breaks your build or test tools, which may prevent deploying or publishing.



greenkeeper bot commented on Jan 22

The devDependency **postcss** was updated from 7.0.13 to 7.0.14 .

🚩 View failing branch.

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### An in-range update of enzyme is breaking the build 🚩

**Open** greenkeeper bot opened this issue on Jan 23 · 0 comments



greenkeeper bot commented on Jan 23

Contributor + 🗨️ ...

There have been updates to the **enzyme** monorepo:

- The devDependency **enzyme** was updated from 3.7.0 to 3.8.0 .
- The devDependency **enzyme-adapter-react-16** was updated from 1.7.0 to 1.7.1 .

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INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROVIDER THAT BROKE THE BUILD IS DIFFERENT AMONG THE VARIATIONS OF ISSUE REPORT

IN 41% OF THE ISSUE REPORTS THERE IS NO INFORMATION OF WHICH IS THE PRIOR VERSION

THERE ARE 1,388 COMMITS THAT REFERENCE THE ISSUES

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## WE OBTAINED ALL SUCH COMMITS

- ▶ Commit message
  - ▶ Clear vs. Tangled changes
    - ▶ *"Update dependencies make greenkeeper happy, closes #17, closes #18"*
    - ▶ *"feat(base): Add `function-paren-newline` rule\n\nFix #25"*
- ▶ Modified files
- ▶ Author and committer
- ▶ Commit size
  - ▶ Large vs. Regular commits
    - ▶ Number of added and deleted lines of code
    - ▶ Number of files

# CHALLENGES

## WE DON'T KNOW IF THE PACKAGE THAT USES THE BOT ON GH IS IN NPM

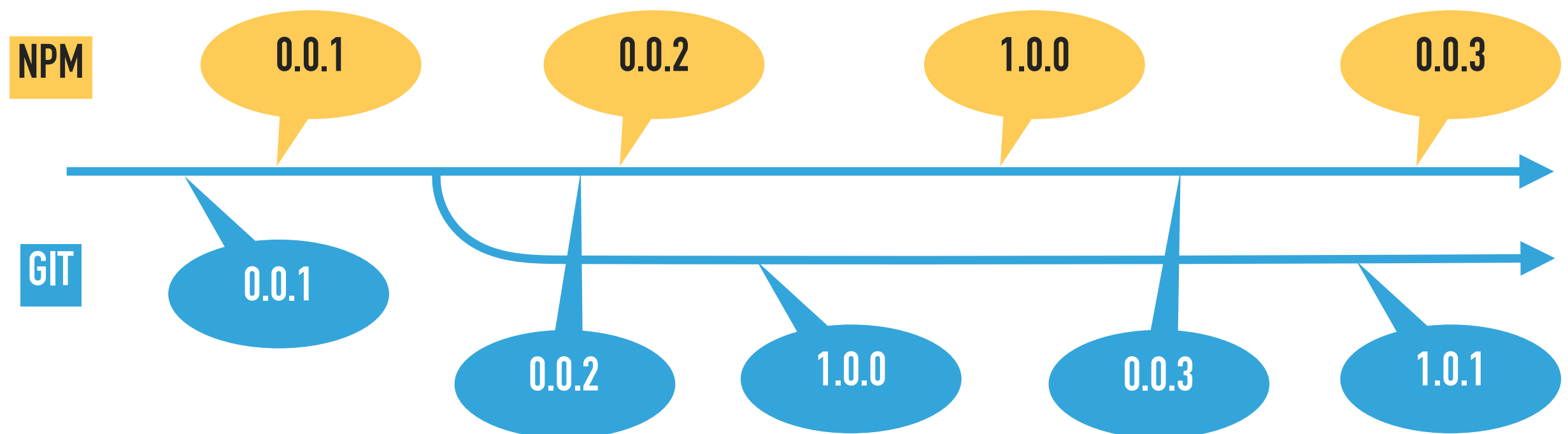
- ▶ There are 10,496 projects using Greenkeeper in our dataset
- ▶ If we want to study how the projects (bot users) deploy versions in npm as client packages ...
  - ▶ ... then we need to find the correspondent package in npm
- ▶ We just have the repository of the project, not it's name in npm
- ▶ The package.json file hosted on GH has the name of the package
  - ▶ However, life is harder than this!

## HOW THE CLIENT PACKAGE IS DEPLOYING RELEASES ON NPM?

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### LINKING THE CLIENT PACKAGE IN GITHUB WITH THE PACKAGE IN NPM IS CHALLENGING

- ▶ Revision control on Git and deployment on npm is out-of-sync
  - ▶ Package.json file have different states in npm and Git



### BEST EFFORT TO FIND WHICH IS THE NPM CLIENT PACKAGE HOSTED ON GITHUB

- ▶ Find the latest revision of the package.json file hosted on GH
- ▶ Find the package.json file hosted on npm for same package name
- ▶ Check the following matches:
  - ▶ Repository (44% matches)
  - ▶ Author (33% matches)
  - ▶ Latest version of client package on GH exists on npm (51.7% match)
  - ▶ Name of dependencies (61% matches)

**OPPORTUNITIES**

### HOW CAN I MAKE MY BOT BETTER?

- ▶ How much attention is being given to issues opened by the bots?
- ▶ How often developers of client packages close the issue without any event (discussion, commit, etc.)?
- ▶ How often the bot send false alarms?
- ▶ Do developers accept the bot recommendations of pinning/implicit updates?



## HOW SHOULD I FIX A BUILD BREAKAGE?

- ▶ Do client packages need large changes to cope with the issue opened by the bot?
- ▶ How long does a client package takes to react to the issue?
- ▶ How long a pinned provider remains without being updated?
- ▶ How much people is generally allocated to solve the issues?
- ▶ What is going on closed/opened issues with large discussions?

## AM I BREAKING MY CLIENTS CODE?

- ▶ How often do provider updates break a client package build?
- ▶ What types of updates (patch, minor, major) most often break the clients build?
- ▶ What types of change do client packages need to perform to recover from a build breakage?