

# Problem Solved

We used to download dependency code directly from GitHub, and that led to major problems for the community. Over time, heavily used packages would change owners or disappear completely, leaving everyone who used it out in the cold. But now we can build federated module proxies [...]

This new development lets us, as a community, treat our dependencies as immutable artifacts, free up the package owner to focus on development, and separate the code from the released module artifact.

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# Takeaways

You'll walk away understanding **why module proxies and Athens matter**, where they're already being used, what this new technology actually fixes, how it makes your life easier (without changing your current workflow much!), and **how you can start using Athens right away** with very little work.

You'll also **learn why you might want to set up your own Athens server** and how to do it...

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