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# All things in-toto!

Supply chain attestations, policies, and adoption stories, oh my!

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# Software Supply Chain Attacks

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# **Software Supply Chain Basics**

software supply chain, noun

“a collection of systems, devices, organizations and people which produce a final software product”

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# **Software Supply Chain Attacks**

software supply chain attack, noun

“when one or more weaknesses in the components of the software supply chain are compromised to introduce alterations into the final software product”

742% □

Average annual increase in software supply chain attacks during 2019-2022



Source: Sonatype's State of the Software Supply Chain 2022

## Changes to Git commit workflow

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commit workflow  
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security risk, and that we will  
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## SECURITY ANNOUNCEMENT

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creenOS 6.2.0r15 through 6.2.0r18 and 6.3.0r12 through

: update their systems and apply these patched releases

F INFORMATION OFFICER ON DECEMBER 17, 2015

tegrity and security of our products and wanted to make  
es we are issuing today to address vulnerabilities in

per discovered unauthorized code in ScreenOS that  
ain administrative access to NetScreen® devices and to  
ied these vulnerabilities, we launched an investigation  
i issue patched releases for the latest versions of

## Catalog of Supply Chain Compromises

This repository contains links to articles of software supply chain compromises. The goal is not to catalog every known supply chain attack, but rather to capture many examples of different kinds of attack, so that we can better understand the patterns and develop best practices and tools.

For definitions of each compromise type, please check out our [compromise definitions page](#)

We welcome additions to this catalog by [filing an issue](#) or [github pull request](#)

Contents of this repo and proposed additions are not a statement or opinion on the security stance and/or practices of a given project, of open source, or the community. These articles and stories annotate the communities dedication to rapid response, evolving security practices, transparent disclosure, and enforcement of one of open sources founding principles, "[Linus's Law](#)".

When submitting an addition, please review the [definitions](#) page to ensure the Type of Compromise on the details of the incidents as well as the Catalog itself are consistent. If a definition doesn't exist or a new type of compromise needs added, please include that as well.

Name	Year	Type of compromise	Link
PEAR PHP Package Manager compromise	2022	Dev Tooling	<a href="#">1</a>
npm Library 'node-ipc' Sabotaged with npm Library 'peacenotwar' in Protest by their Maintainer	2022	Malicious Maintainer	<a href="#">1</a>
npm Libraries 'colors' and 'faker' Sabotaged in Protest by their Maintainer	2022	Malicious Maintainer	<a href="#">1</a>
GCP Golang Buildpacks Old Compiler Injection	2022	Source Code	<a href="#">1</a>
WordPress theme publisher compromised	2022	Source Code	<a href="#">1, 2</a>
Remote code injection in Log4j	2021	Source code	<a href="#">1</a>
Compromise of NP packages coa and rc	2021	Malicious Maintainer	<a href="#">1</a>
Compromise of ua-parser-js	2021	Malicious Maintainer	<a href="#">1</a>
The klow / klown / okhsa incident	2021	Negligence	<a href="#">1</a>
PHP self-hosted git server	2021	Dev Tooling	<a href="#">1</a>
Homebrew	2021	Dev Tooling	<a href="#">1, 2</a>

THREAT RESEARCH

# Highly Evasive Malware Leverages Supply Chain to Control Global Victims via Backdoor

FIREYE

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#THREAT RESEARCH

UPDATE (May 2022): We have [merged](#) this post is now attributed to APT2.

At this time, we have not received any reports of these vulnerabilities being exploited; however, we strongly recommend that customers update their systems and apply the patched releases with the highest priority.

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# Ecosystem at a glance

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# Many Solutions

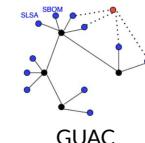
Evidence Gathering



 CycloneDX

 SPDX

Information Discovery



SCITT

 sigstore

Policy / Validation



Open Policy Agent

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# Integrations & Adoptions



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Chainloop



TEKTON  
CHAINS



CycloneDX

sigstore



spiffe

Toradex

Embedded. Computing.



GUAC

SPDX



Jenkins

solarwinds

Reproducible  
Builds

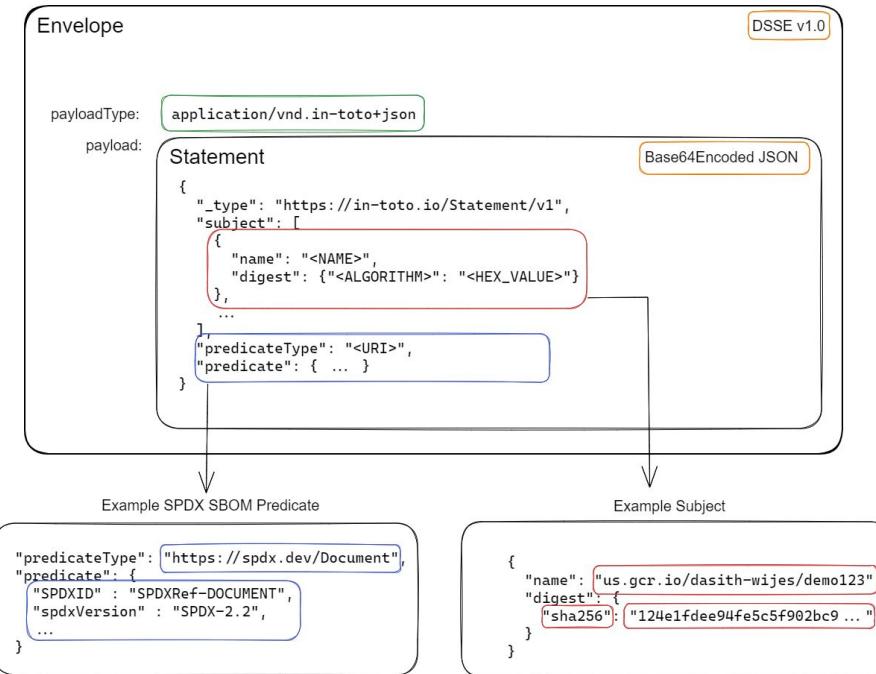


DATADOG

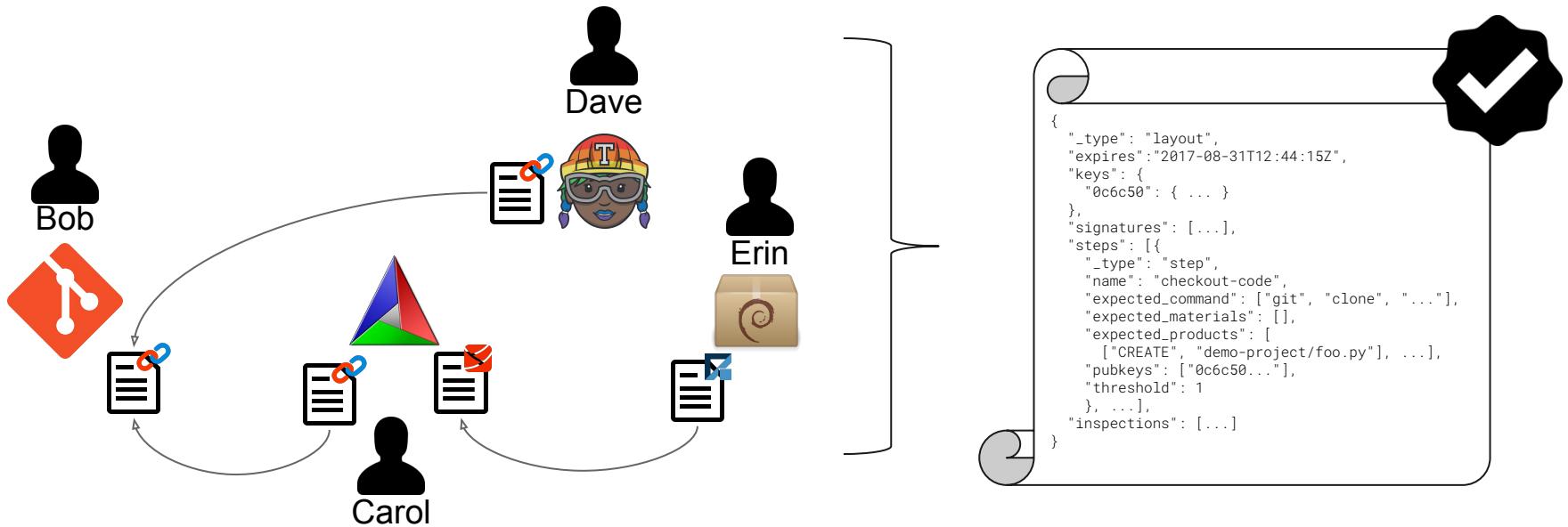
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in-toto in a nutshell

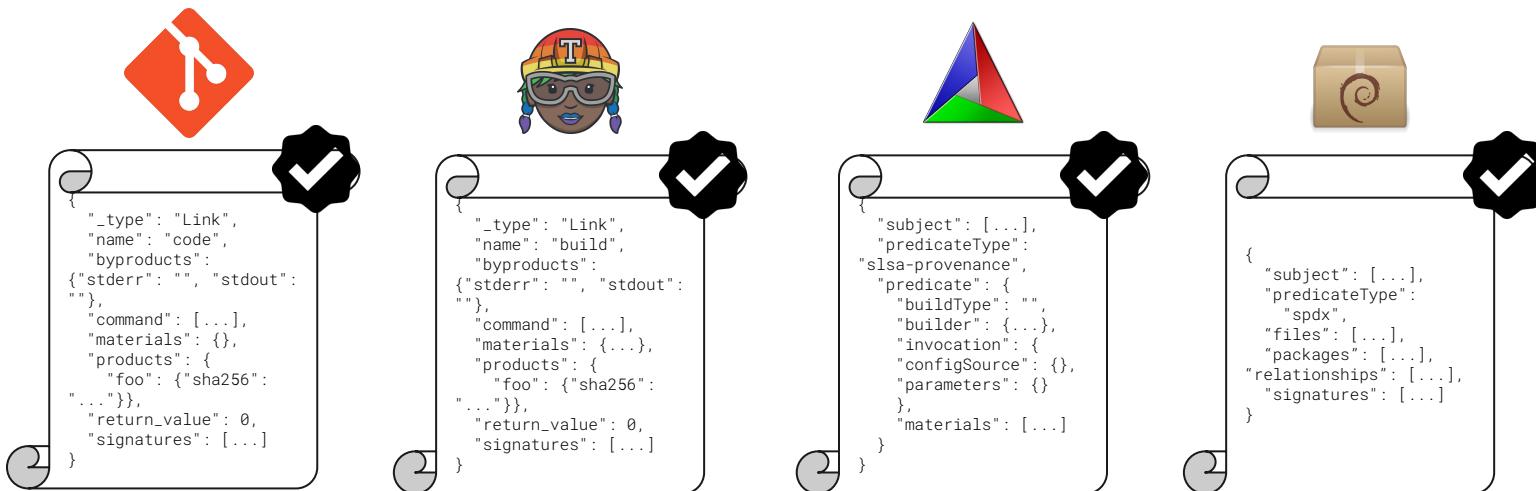
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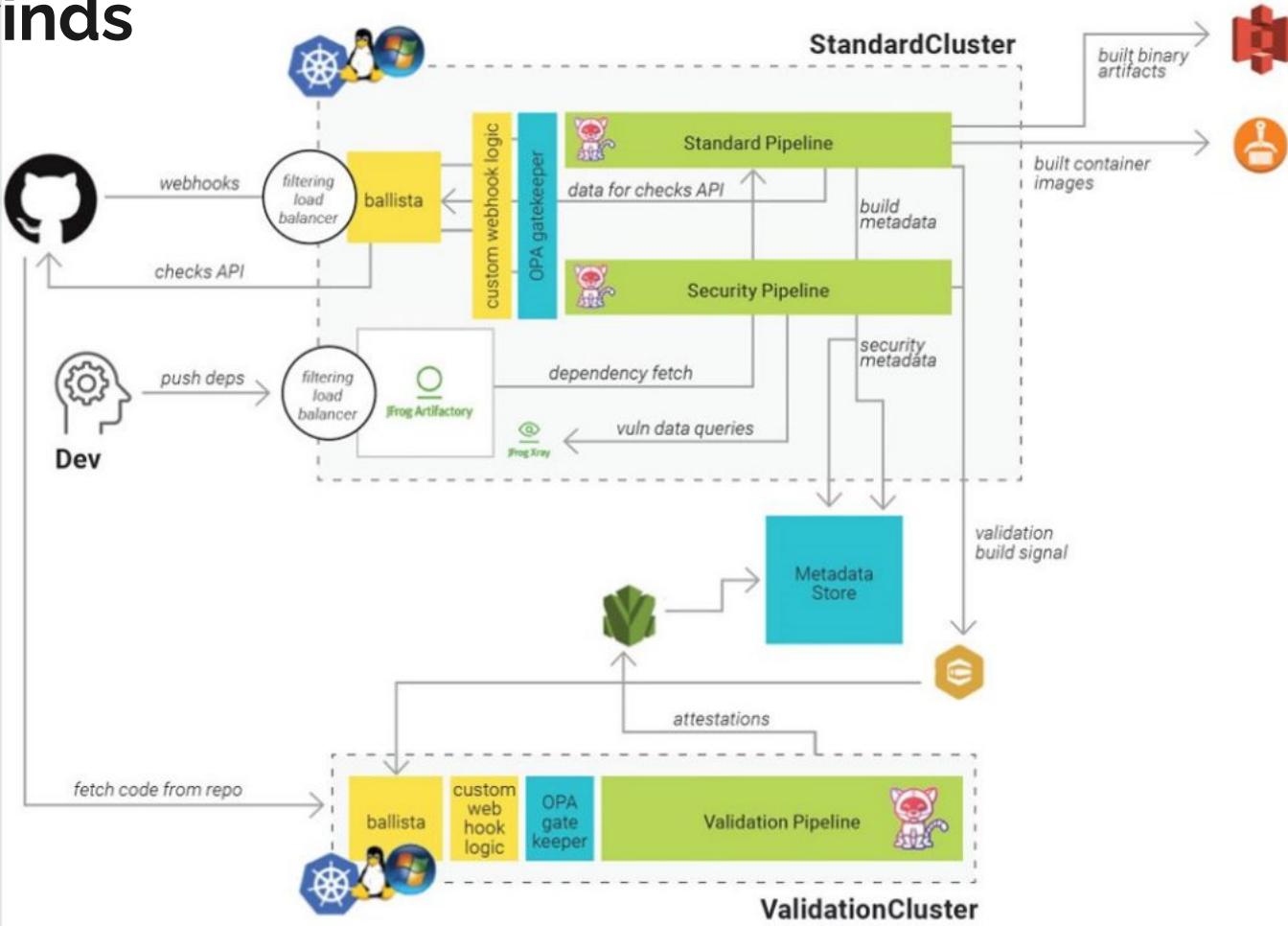
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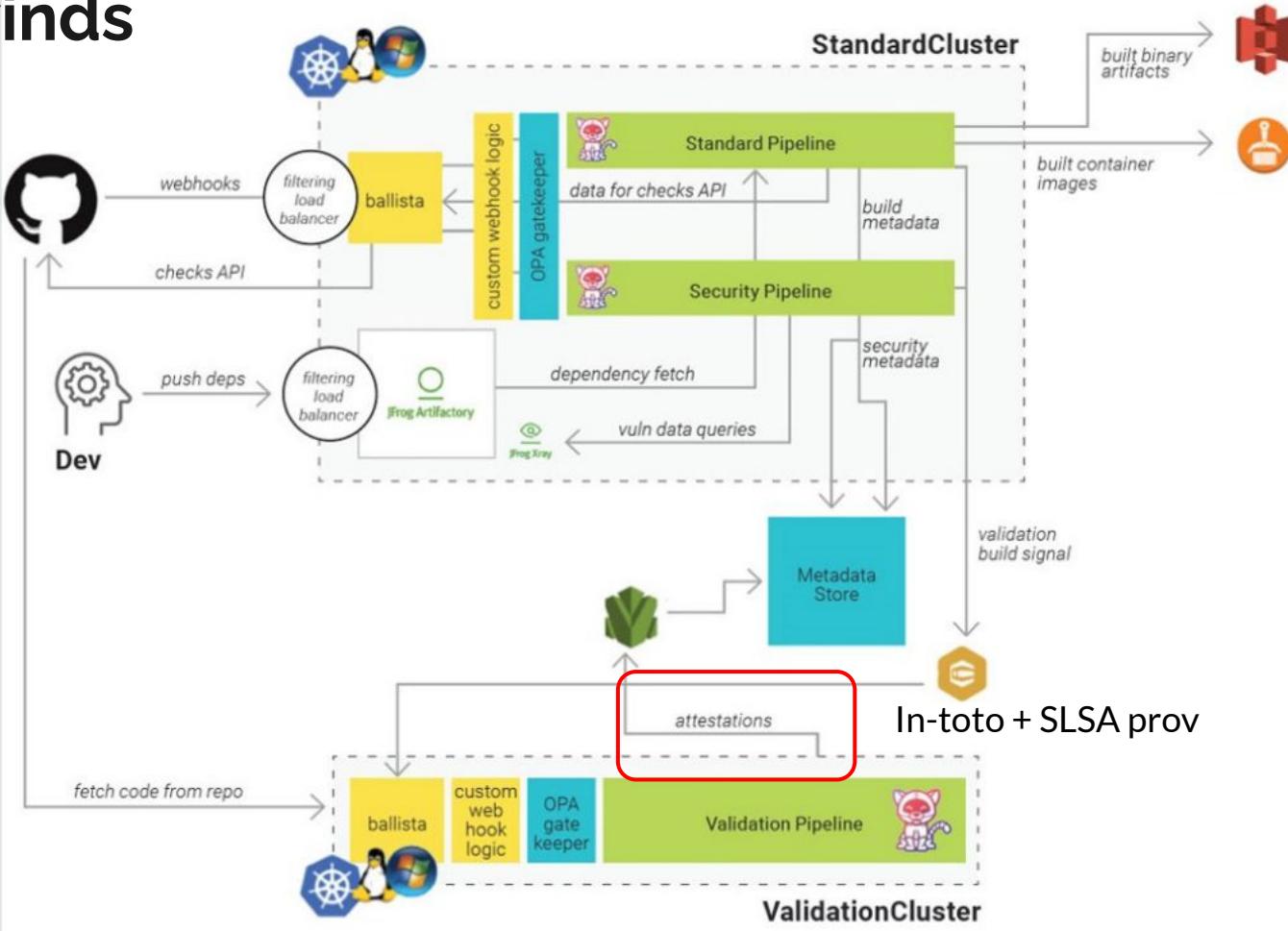
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# Security questions you can answer with in-toto: Predicates

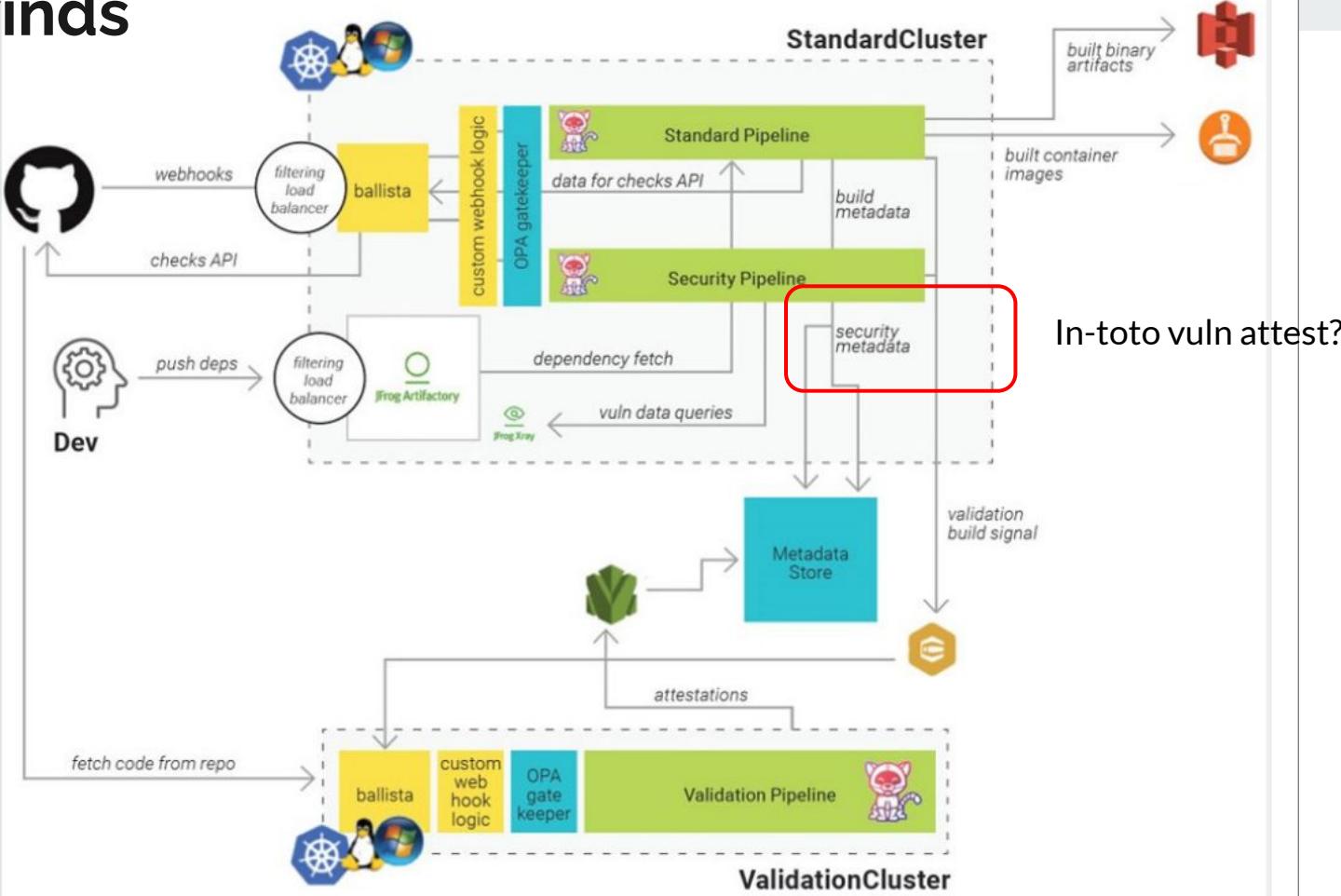
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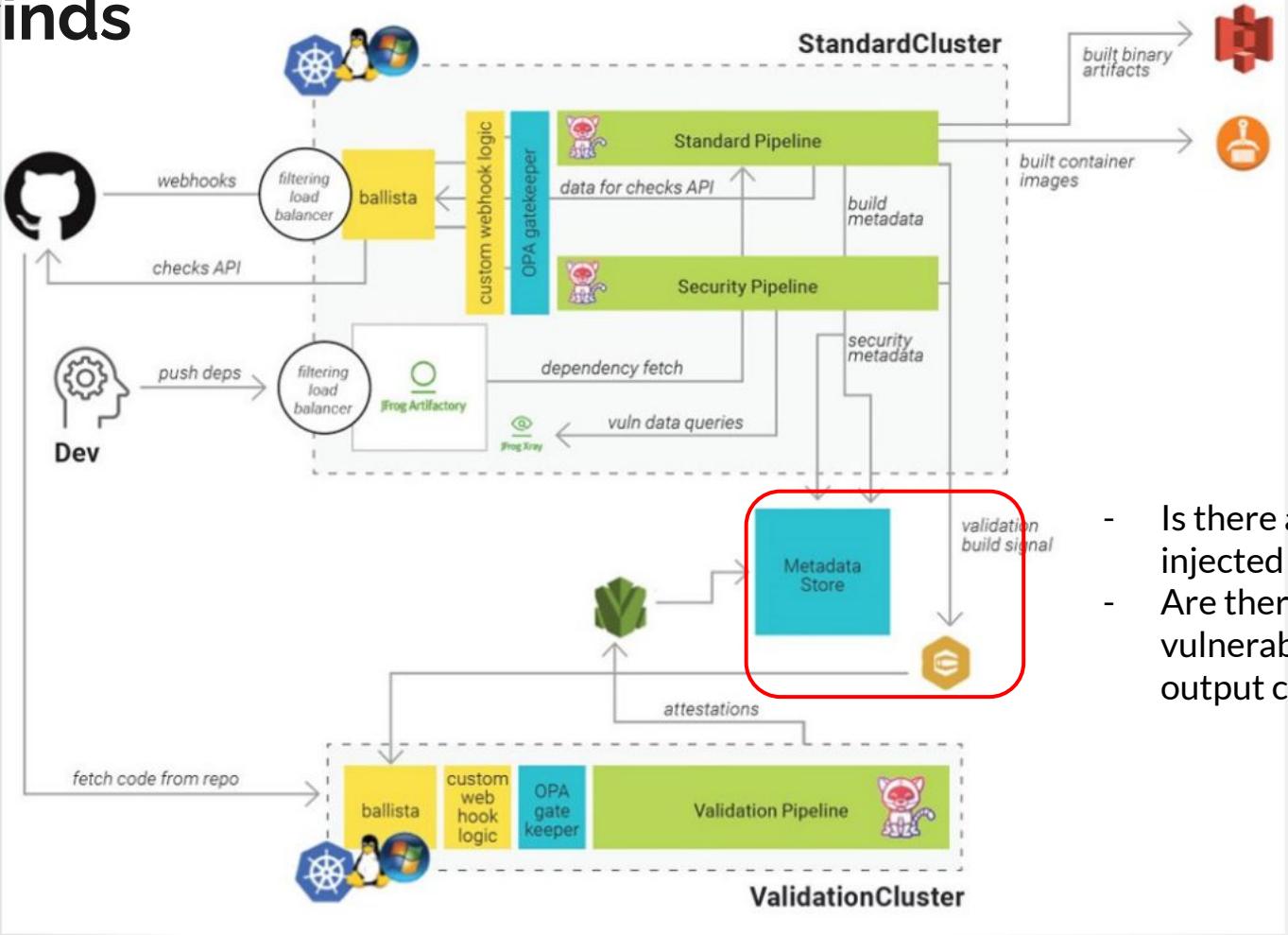
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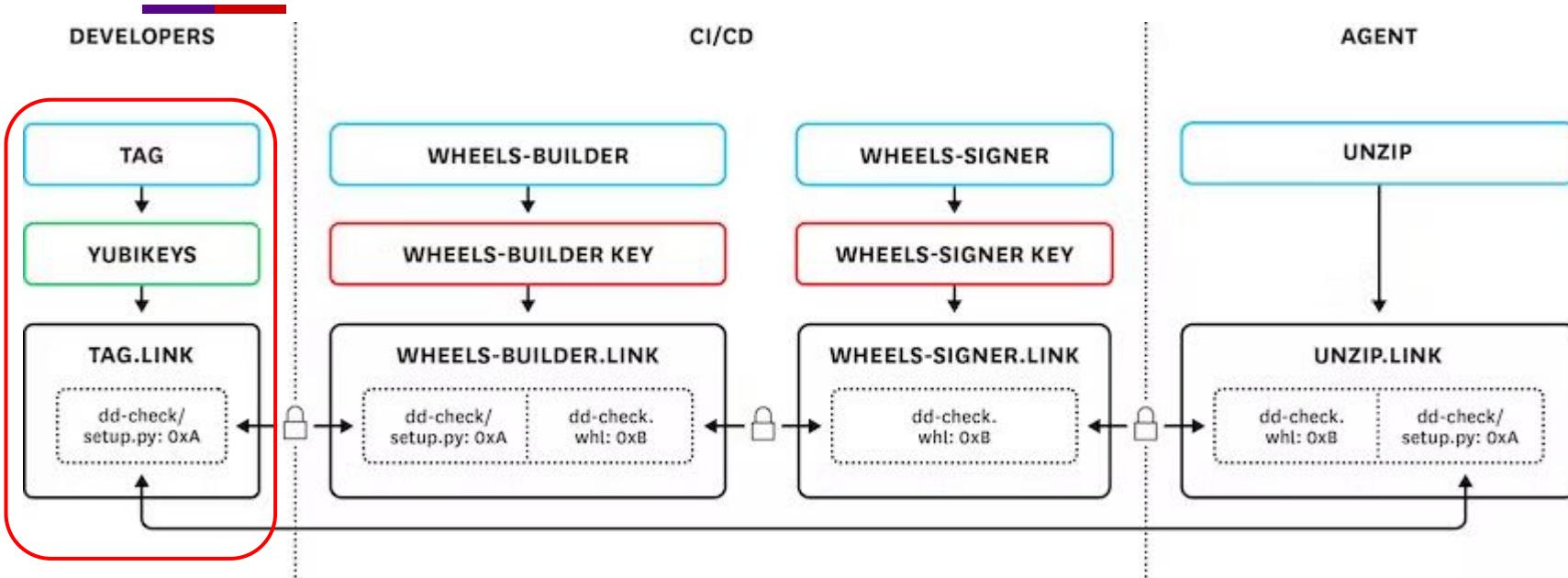
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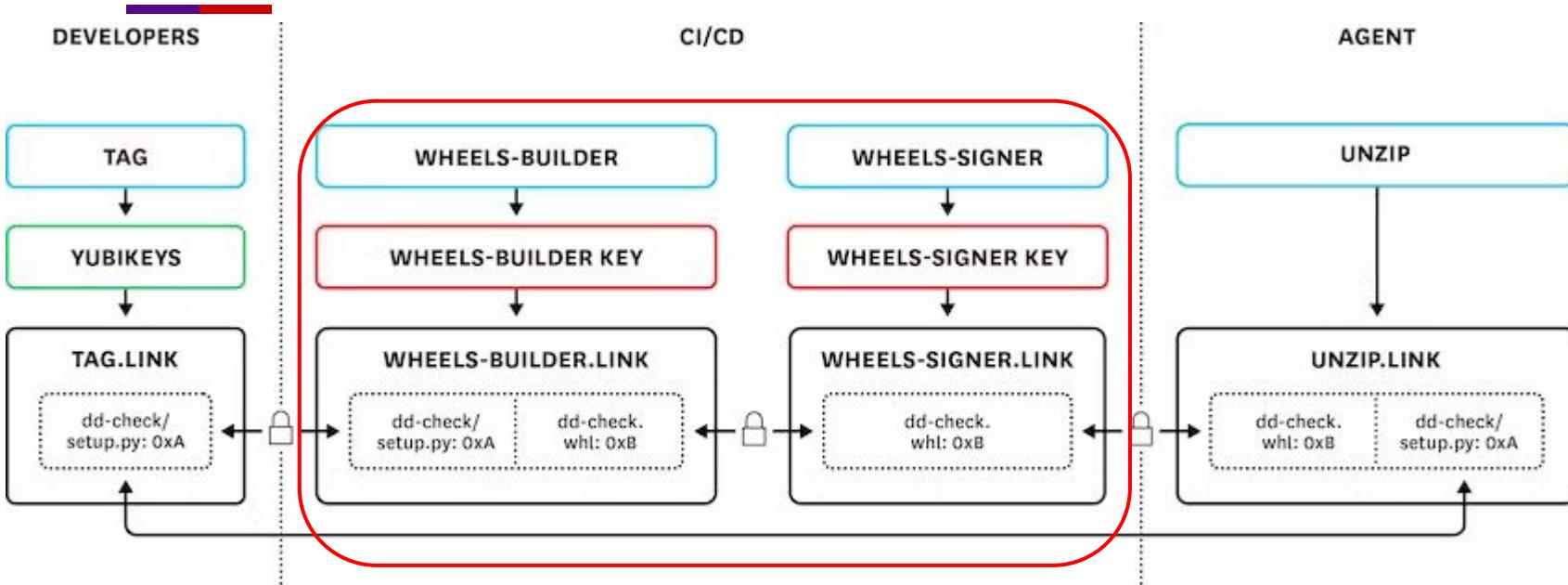


# Datadog's Pipeline



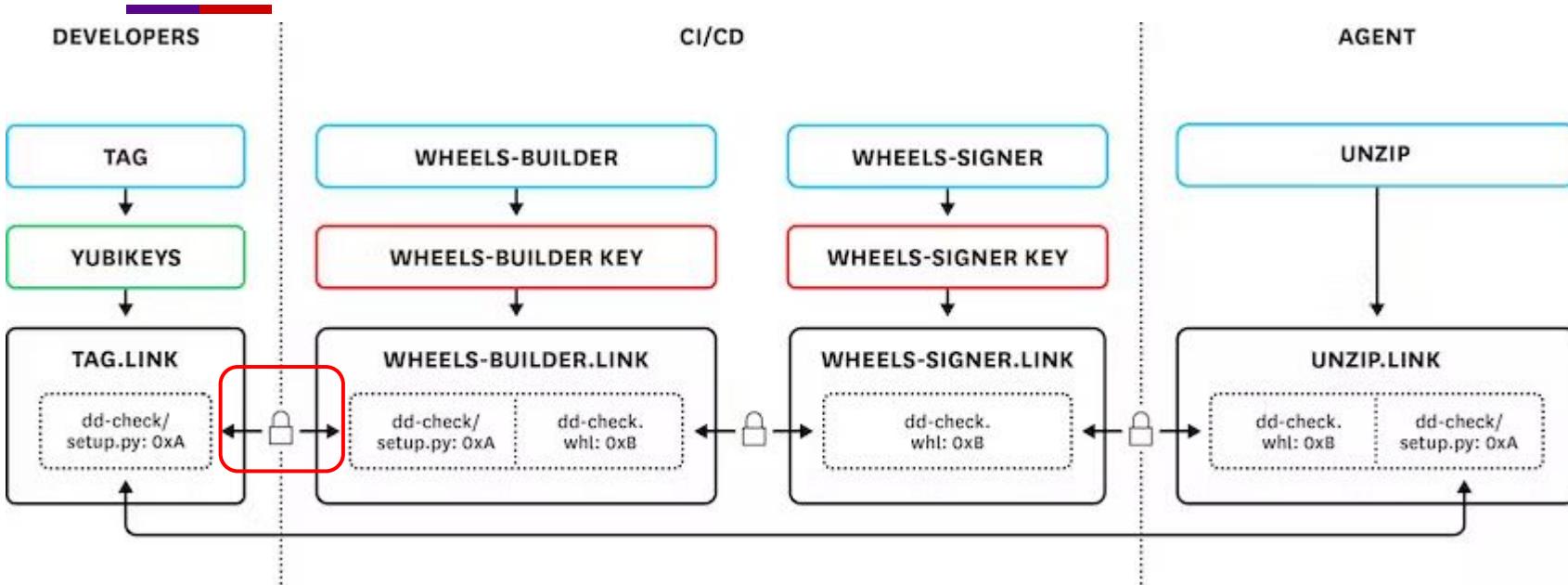
- Is the code released written by a known developer (using a hardware token?)

# Datadog's Pipeline



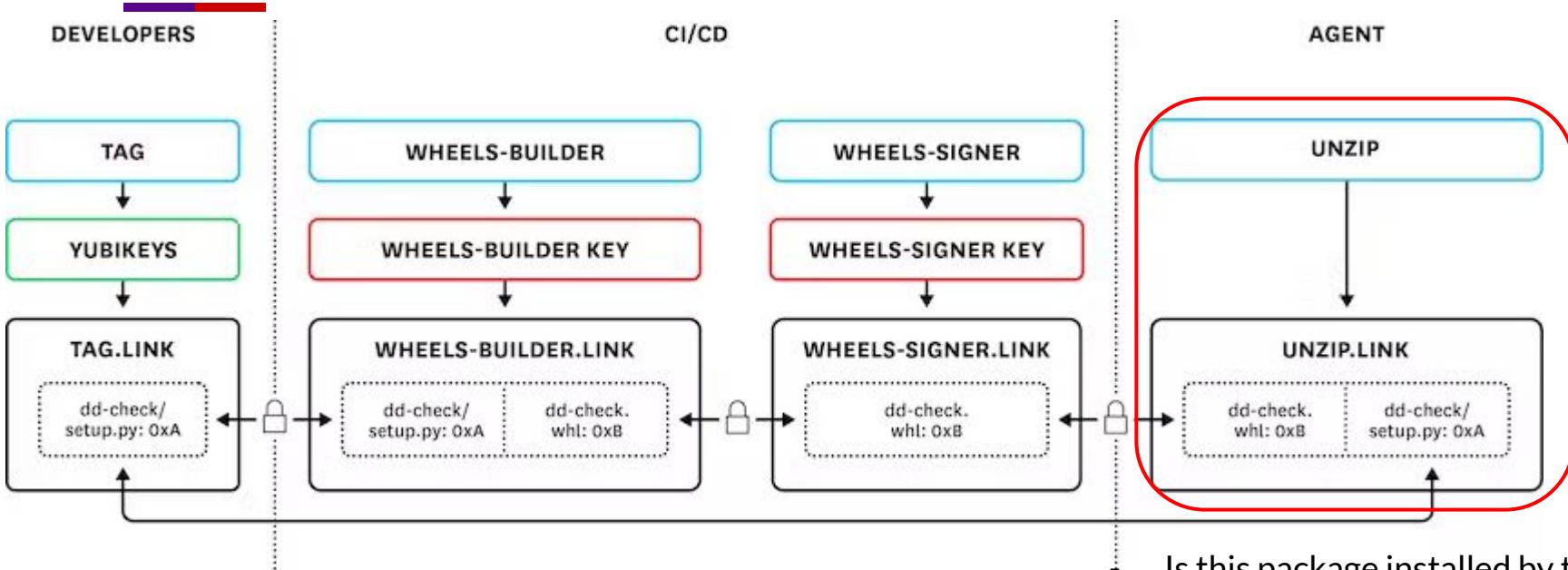
- Is the package built in a Datadog-controlled GitLab instance

# Datadog's Pipeline



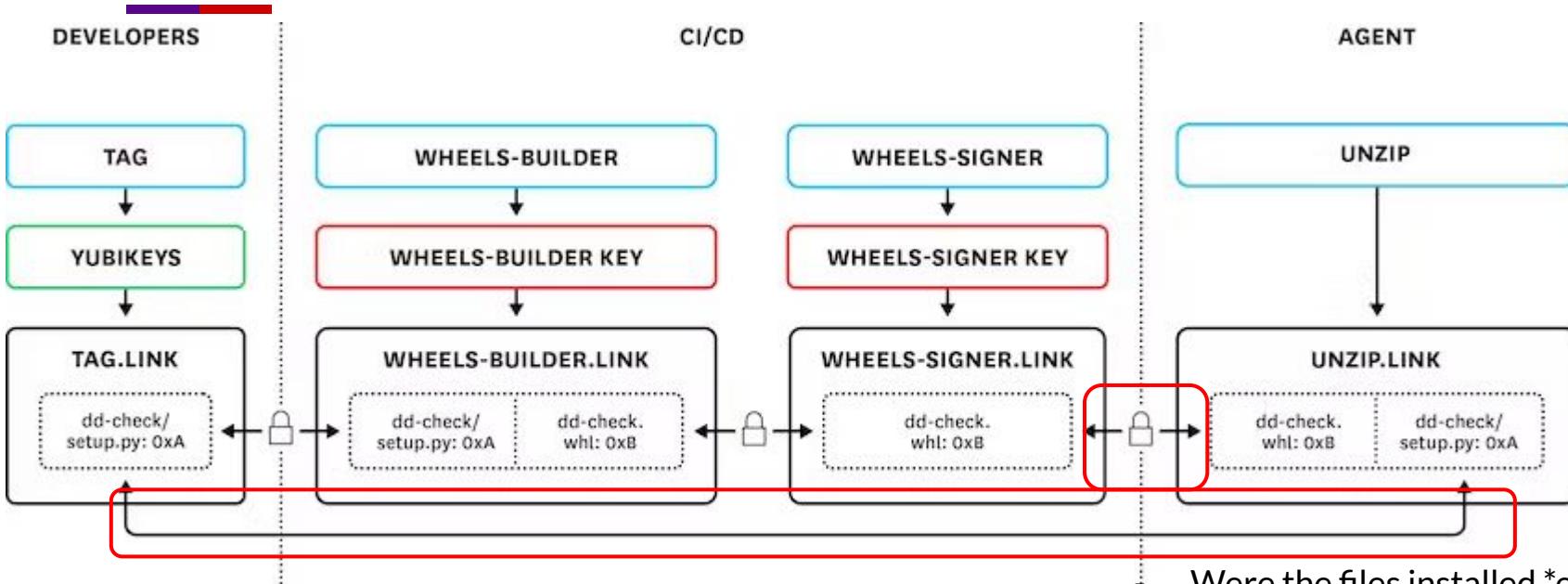
- Is the code built the one written by the developers?

# Datadog's Pipeline



Is this package installed by the  
datadog agent?

# Datadog's Pipeline



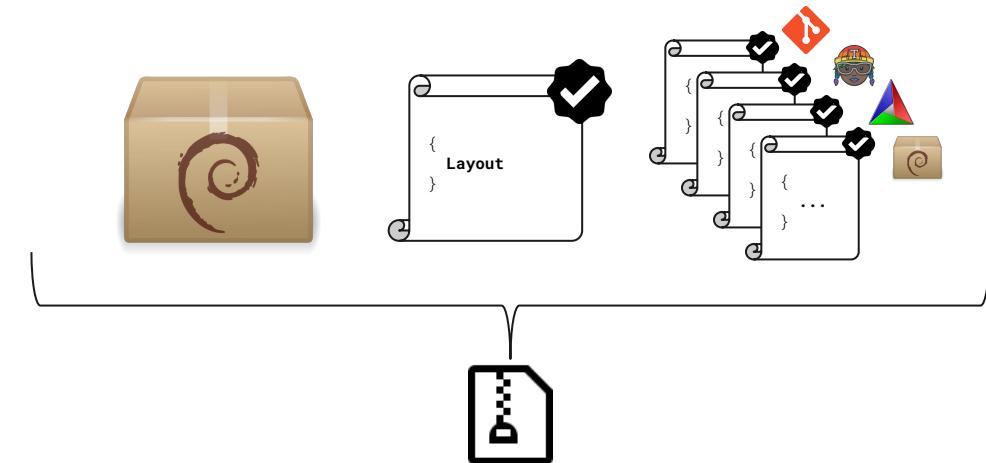
Were the files installed \*exactly\* the files written by the original developer  
- Or made by the build machine?



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End User



Final Product

# Github + NPM

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## Provenance Beta



Built and signed on

**GitHub Actions**

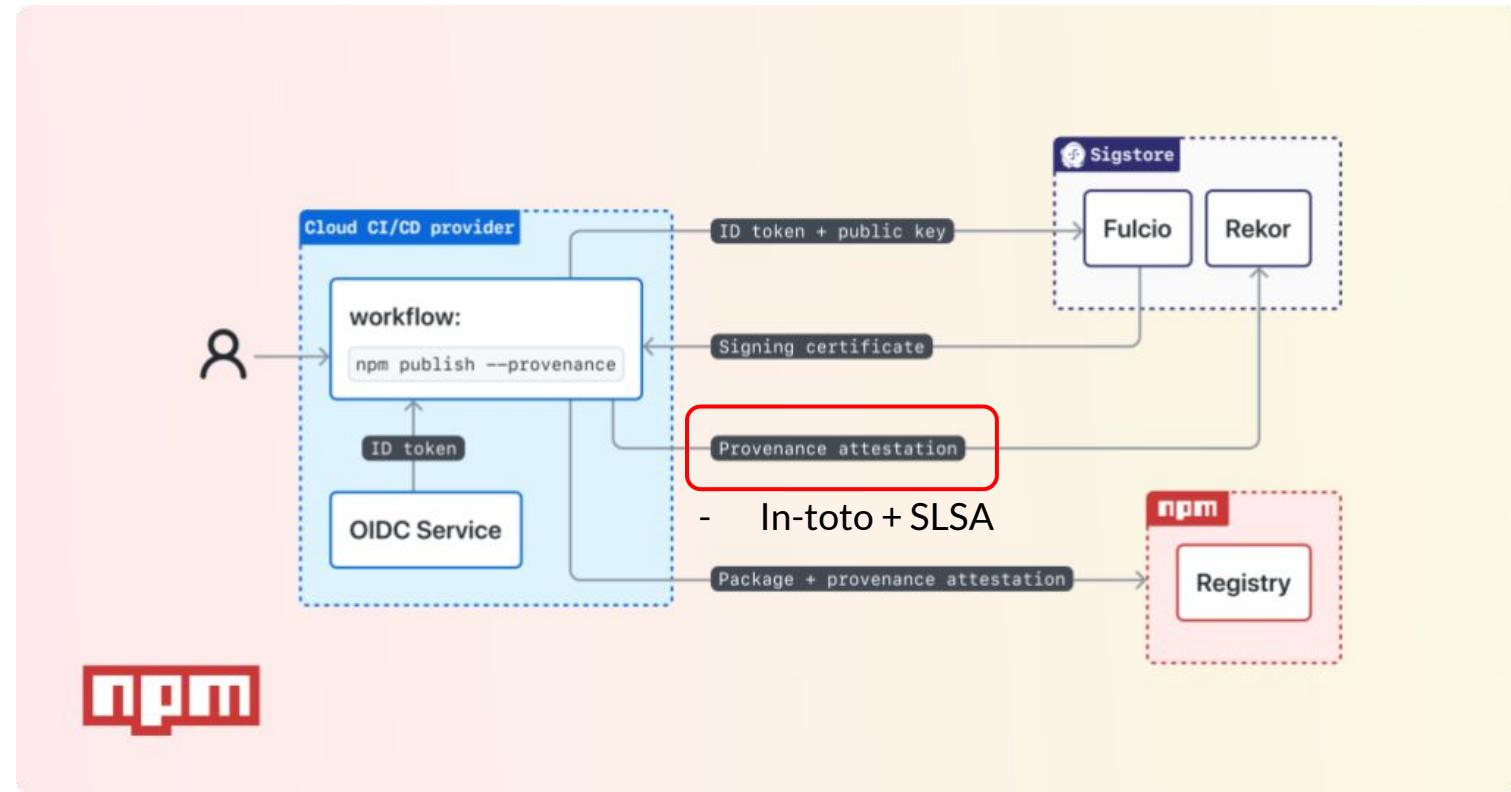
[View build summary](#)

Source Commit [github.com/sigstore/sigstore-js@5b...](https://github.com/sigstore/sigstore-js@5b...)

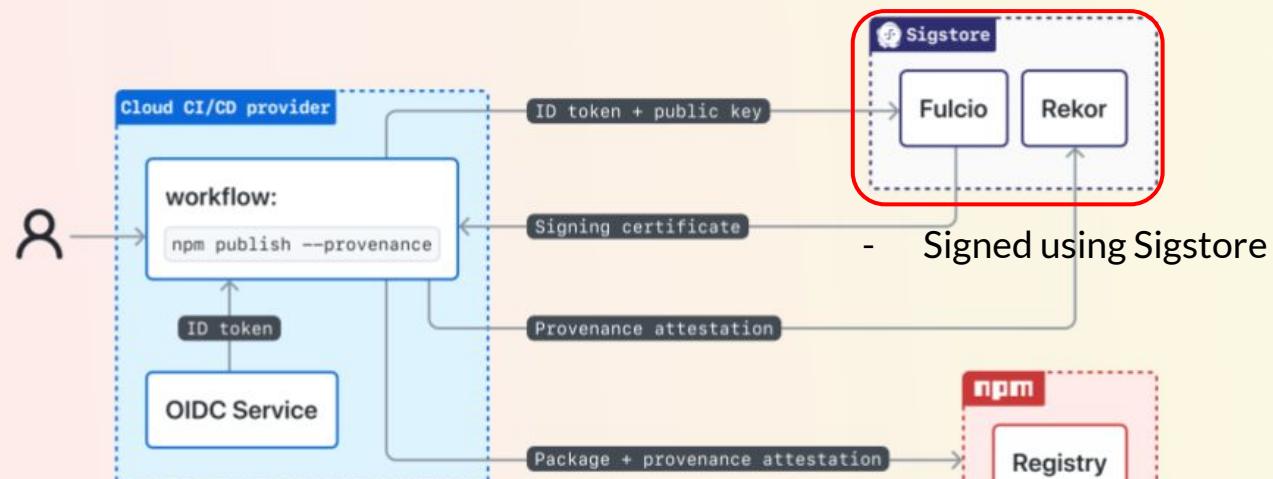
Build File <.github/workflows/release.yml>

Public Ledger [Transparency log entry](#)

# Github + NPM



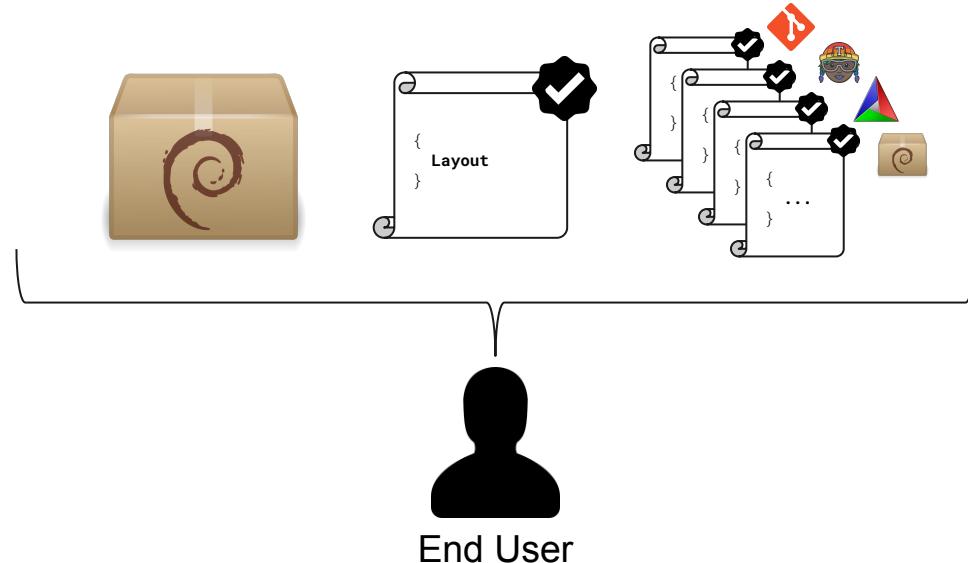
# Github + NPM



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# In-toto is the API of SW Supply Chain Security

- Who did what?
- To who?
- What were they using
- Where?
- Is this what they should be doing?



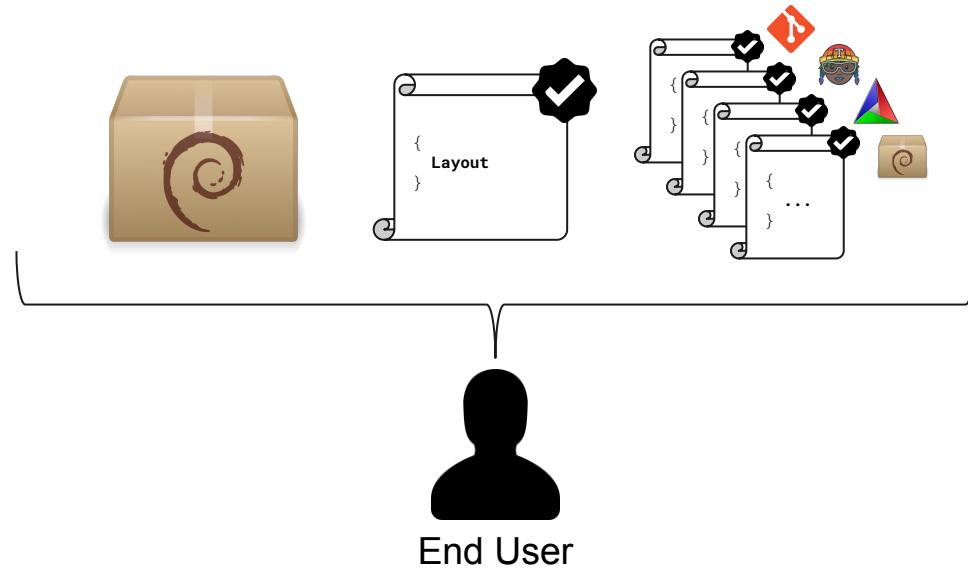
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# Things that you can ask (and answer)

- Did anybody run a vuln scan  
on this?



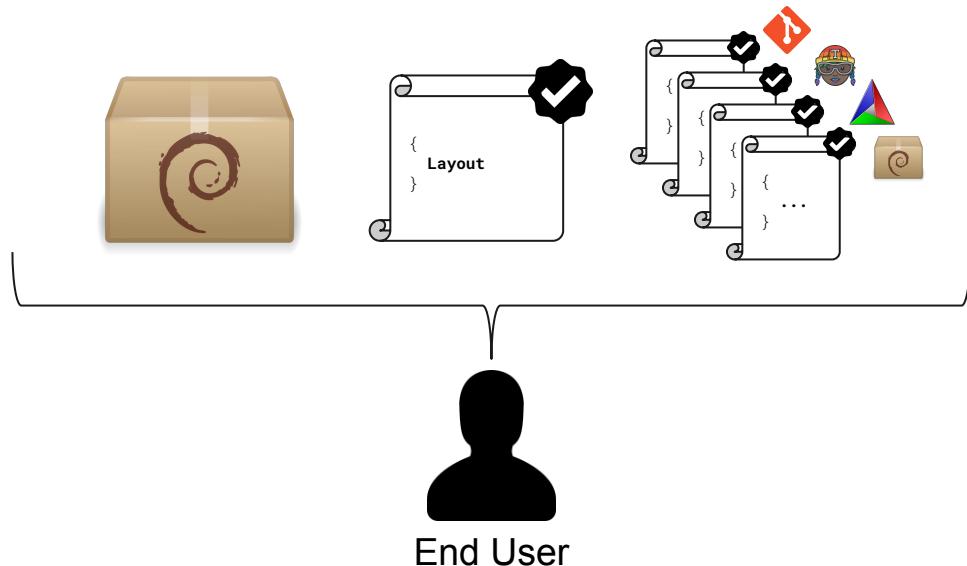
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# Things that you can ask (and answer)

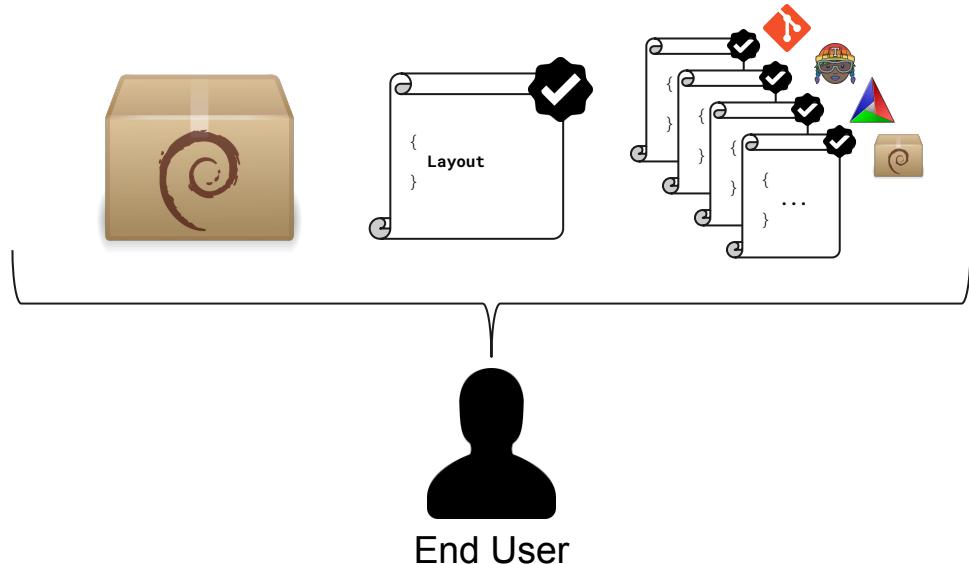
- How was this built?



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# Things that you can ask (and answer)

- Do the tests pass?
- Was a runtime trace produced when building?
- Really anything!

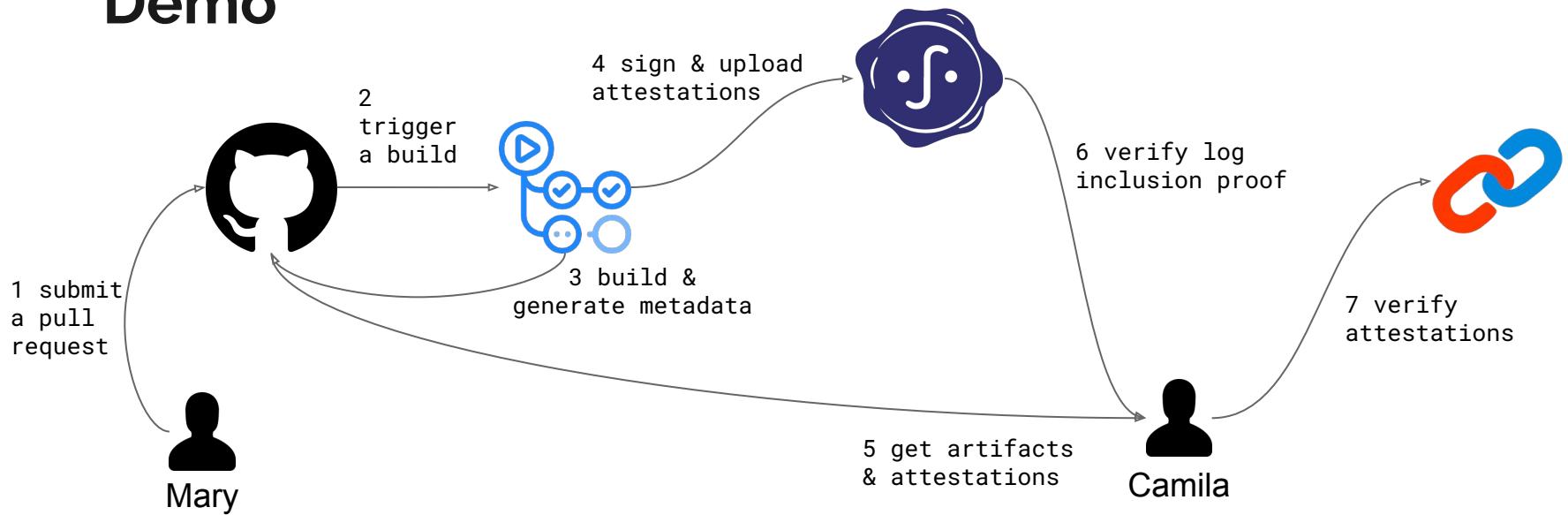


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# Demo

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# Demo



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# Predicate spotlight: SCAI

Supply Chain Attribute Integrity:

- Was the build tampered with?
- Was a legitimate version of the source repo used?
- Did the build produce an SBOM?
- Did the build produce SLSA Provenance?

```
{  
    "predicateType": "https://in-toto.io/attestation/scai/attribute-report/v0.2",  
    "predicate": {  
        "attributes": [{  
            "attribute": "<ATTRIBUTE>",  
            "target": { [ResourceDescriptor] }, // optional  
            "conditions": { /* object */ }, // optional  
            "evidence": { [ResourceDescriptor] } // optional  
        }],  
        "producer": { [ResourceDescriptor] } // optional  
    }  
}
```

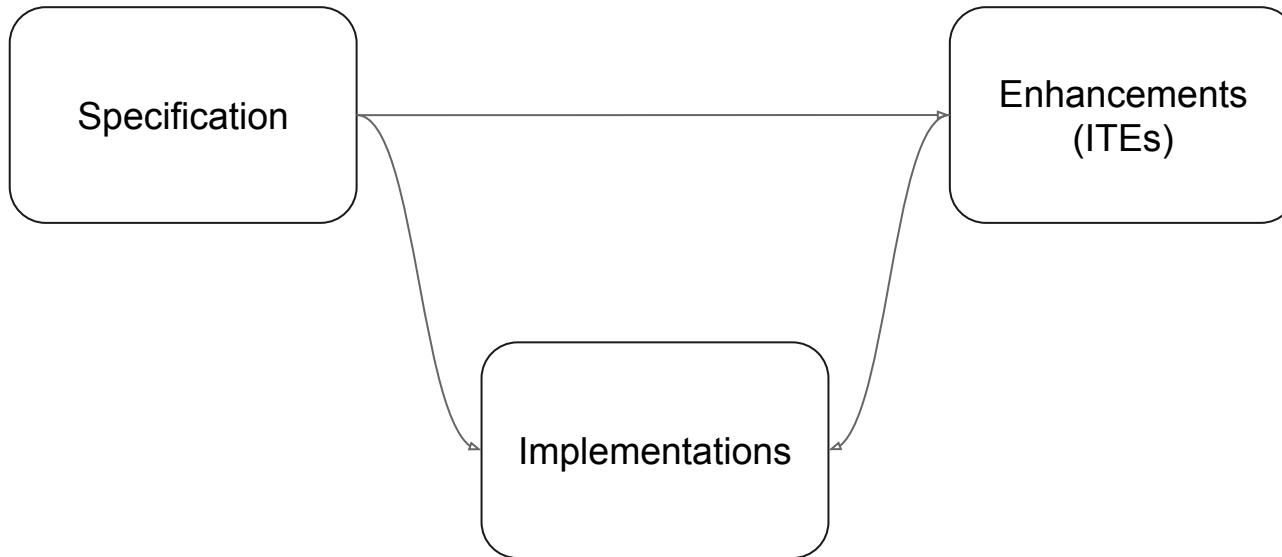
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# **State of in-toto**

**Incubation and Beyond**

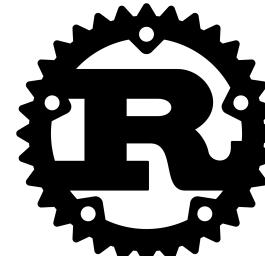
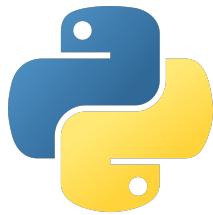
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## **State of in-toto**



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## State of in-toto



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# State of in-toto

## in-toto Enhancements (ITEs)

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### Accepted

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- [ITE-1: in-toto Enhancement Format](#)
- [ITE-2: A general overview of combining TUF and in-toto to build compromise-resilient CI/CD](#)
- [ITE-3: Real-world example of combining TUF and in-toto for packaging Datadog Agent integrations](#)
- [ITE-4: Generic URI Schemes for in-toto](#)
- [ITE-5: Disassociate signature envelope specification from in-toto](#)

### Draft

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- [ITE-6: Generalized link format](#)
- [ITE-7: Signing & Verification With X509](#)
- [ITE-9: Introducing new in-toto Attestation types](#)

# ITE-6: Generalized Attestations

## Attestation Spec

An in-toto **attestation** is authenticated metadata about one or more software artifacts, as per the [SLSA Attestation Model](#). It has three layers that are independent but designed to work together:

- **Envelope**: Handles authentication and serialization.
- **Statement**: Binds the attestation to a particular subject and unambiguously identifies the types of the predicate.
- **Predicate**: Contains arbitrary metadata about the subject, with a type-specific schema.
- **Bundle**: Defines a method of grouping multiple attestations together.

The [processing model](#) provides pseudocode showing how these layers fit together.

See the [top-level README](#) for background and examples.

## Parsing rules

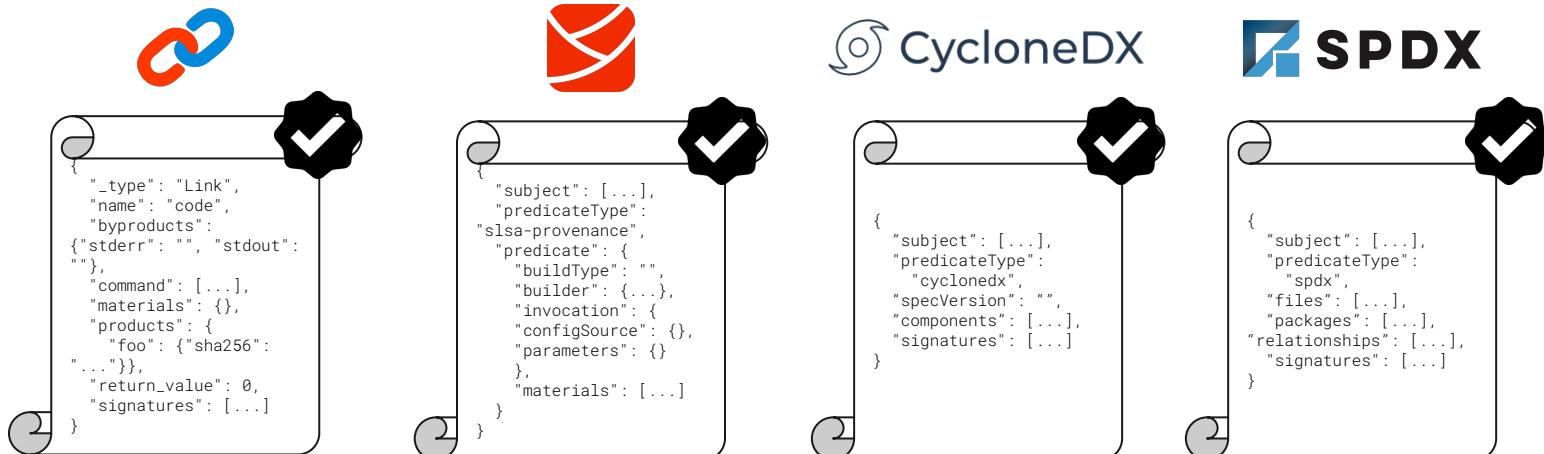
The following rules apply to [Statement](#) and predicates that opt-in to this model.

- **Unrecognized fields**: Consumers MUST ignore unrecognized fields. This is to allow minor version upgrades and extension fields. Ignoring fields is safe due to the monotonic principle.
- **Versioning**: Each type has a [SemVer2](#) version number and the [TypeURI](#) reflects the major version number. A message is always semantically correct, but possibly incomplete, when parsed as any other version with the same major version number and thus the same [TypeURI](#). Minor version changes always follow the monotonic principle. NOTE: 0.X versions are considered major versions.
- **Extension fields**: Producers MAY add extension fields to any JSON object by using a property name that is a [TypeURI](#). The use of URI is to protect against name collisions. Consumers MAY parse and use these extensions if desired. The presence or absence of the extension field MUST NOT influence the meaning of any other field, and the field MUST follow the monotonic principle.
- **Monotonic**: A policy is considered monotonic if ignoring an attestation, or a field within an attestation, will never turn a DENY decision into an ALLOW. A predicate or field follows the monotonic principle if the expected policy that consumes it is monotonic. Consumers SHOULD design policies to be monotonic. Example: instead of "deny if a 'has vulnerabilities' attestation exists", prefer "deny unless a 'no vulnerabilities' attestation exists".

See [versioning rules](#) for details and examples.

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# ITE-6: in-toto as the Common Language



[Open](#) Add support for CycloneDX as a predicate type #82  
samj1912 opened this issue on Jan 31 · 17 comments

samj1912 commented on Jan 31 · edited

## Predicate type: CycloneDX

Type URI: (tentative) <https://cyclonedx.org/BOM/v1.4> or just <https://cyclonedx.org/BOM>

Version: 1.0.0

TODO: Ask CycloneDX project to choose a URI and to review this spec. Ideally the URI would resolve to this file. Also, decide whether we want the version number to reflect the version (e.g. 1.4) or have them be independent (no version number in URI).

### Purpose

A Bill of Materials type following the [CycloneDX standard](#).

This allows to represent an "exportable" or "published" software artifact, services, vulnerability information and more. For a complete list of capabilities see [CycloneDX Capabilities](#). It can also be used as an entry point for other types of in-toto attestation when performing policy decisions.

### Schema

```
{
    // Standard
    "_type": "ht"
    "subject": [
        ...
    ],
    "Predicate": {
        "predicateType": "predicate",
        "bomFormat": "specversi",
        "serialNum": "version",
        "component": [
            {
                "type": "name",
                "name": "versi"
            }
        ],
        ...
    },
    "name": "...",
    "command": "...",
    "materials": { ... },
    "byproducts": { ... },
    "environment": { ... }
}
```

(Note: This is a Predicate type that fits within the larger [Attestation framework](#).)

The predicate has the same schema as the link's signed field in [in-toto 0.9](#) except:

- predicate.\_type is omitted. predicateType serves the same purpose.
- predicate.products is omitted. subject serves the same purpose.

## Predicate type: SPDX

Type URI: (tentative) <https://spdx.dev/Document>

Version: 1.0.0

TODO: Ask SPDX project to choose a URI and to review this spec. Ideally the URI would resolve to this file. Also, decide whether we want the version number to reflect the spdxVersion (e.g. 2.2) or have them be independent (no version number in URI).

### Purpose

A Software Bill of Materials type following the [SPDX standard](#).

This allows to represent an "exportable" or "published" software artifact. It can also be used as an entry point for other types of in-toto attestation when performing policy decisions.

### Schema

## Add support for the SCAI predicate #112

adityasaky wants to merge 2 commits into in-toto:main from adityasaky:add-runtime-trace-attestation

Conversation 5 Commits 2 Checks 1 Files changed 2

days ago · edited

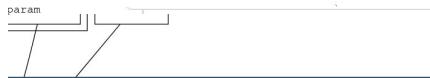
adityasaky commented 15 days ago

This is an early draft of a runtime trace predicate type. We've noted some subsections / fields that need more input.

cc @pxp928 @nadgowdas @jedsalazar

tribute Integrity, or SCAI (pronounced "sky") data format is designed to capture functional attribute software artifacts and their supply chain. SCAI data can be associated with executable binaries, libraries, software packages, container images, software toolchains, and compute environments. supply chain data formats do not capture any information about the security functionality or artifact, nor do they provide sufficient evidence to support any claims of integrity of the supply . The SCAI data format is designed to bridge this gap.

sample use case for SCAI is described at: #2 (comment)



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# Defining New Attestation Formats

Process: ITE-9 – Introducing new in-toto Attestation types

Maintainers: Joshua Lock (Verizon), Marcela Melara (Intel), Mikhail Swift (TestifySec), Parth Patel (Kusari), Tom Hennen (Google)

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# Wrapping up

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## **Looking ahead: More expressive policies!**

- Need to extract value from richer attestation predicates
- ITE-10: Supporting Contextual in-toto Attestations in Layouts (Draft)
- ITE-11: Support attribute constraints in layouts (under review)

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# The in-toto Community

## Invaluable Contributions

- Multiple ITEs
- Contributions to Implementations
- New in-toto Attestation Types

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# Join Us!



First Friday of every month



#in-toto @ CNCF Slack Workspace



#in-toto @ Libera.Chat IRC Server



in-toto-public@googlegroups.com



<https://github.com/in-toto>

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# in-toto and Mentoring



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Summer of Code

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# Join Us @ KubeCon + CloudNativeCon!

in-toto + TUF + Sigstore ContribFest

Thursday, October 27 at 2:30 PM - 4 PM EDT

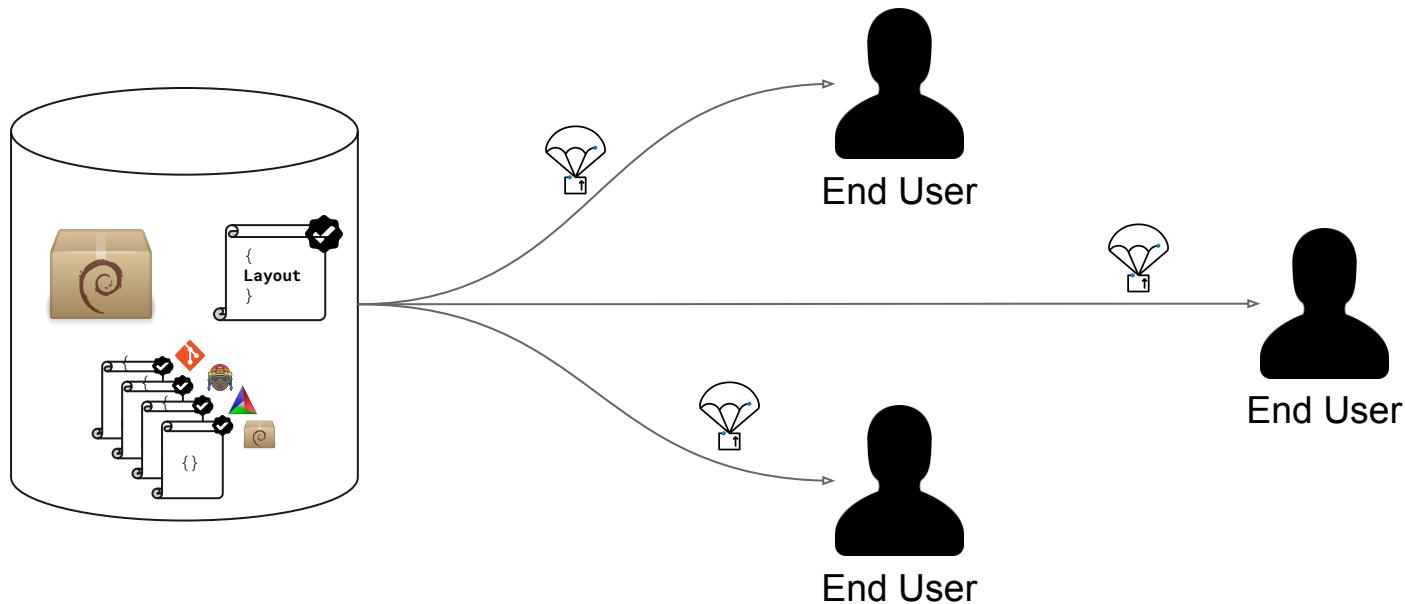


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# Thank You! Questions?

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## ITE-2: TUF as a Root of Trust for in-toto



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# ITE-3: Datadog's Implementation of ITE-2

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## Secure Publication of Datadog Agent Integrations with TUF and in-toto



Trishank Karthik  
Kuppusamy

Published: June 3, 2019

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## **ITE-4: Abstract Artifacts in in-toto**

Sometimes Artifact != File

Generalized notions like Git objects, container images

Capture more abstract entities like merge requests

Or more granular – specific fields inside files

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# ITE-7: Support for X.509

## ITE-7: Signing & Verification With X509

Table 1. Metadata

ITE	7
Title	Signing & Verification With X509
Sponsor	Mikhail Swift
Status	Draft
Type	Standards
Created	2021-07-01

Table of Contents

**Abstract**

**Specification**

  └ Certificate Authorities

  └ Certificate Constraints

  └ Metadata Signatures

**Motivation**

  └ Use Case 1: Usage of existing PKI

  └ Use Case 2: Short lived functionary keys

**Reasoning**

**Backwards Compatibility**

**Security**

**Infrastructure Requirements**

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## ITE-7: Support for X.509



Other PKI Setups

# ITE-7: Support for X.509

Add SPIRE integration to in-toto-golang #147

Merged adityasaky merged 5 commits into [in-toto:next](#) from [boxboat:feature-spire](#) on Nov 15, 2021

Conversation 39 Commits 5 Checks 8 Files changed 29 +1,222 -239

**pxp928** commented on Oct 5, 2021 • edited

**Fixes issue:**

**Description:**  
Adding Spire integration to In-toto-golang. Thanks to @mikhail swift for helping update the spire implementation. Added new unit testing, dockerfile and docker-compose to bring up test infrastructure with spire server and spire agent for testing. Updates made to the readme and Makefile to allow for easy testing of the spire components.

Please verify and check that the pull request fulfills the following requirements:

- Tests have been added for the bug fix or new feature
- Docs have been added for the bug fix or new feature

**pxp928** added 2 commits 13 months ago

- Updated Spire, added test cases and documentation update
- pulled upstream master

35e57af 9c4a893

**Reviewers**: adityasaky, shibumi, SantiagoTorres

**Assignees**: No one—assign yourself

**Labels**: hacktoberfest, hacktoberfest-accepted

**Projects**: None yet

**Milestone**: No milestone

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# Demo

