



# How Cyberthreats Can Become an Unwanted Real-Life Hollywood Blockbuster

Boris Cipot, Senior Security Engineer

# Agenda

- Understand the threats in today's software supply chain to help identify the potential future risks
- Learn best practices for resolving issues that lead to software vulnerabilities
- See how can these problems be addressed, taking into account development organizations' time pressures



# A Hollywood blockbuster

Source: <https://diehard.fandom.com/>



Source: <https://www.quora.com/What-is-used-for-hacking-in-the-movie-Live-Free-or-Die-Hard>



Source: <https://diehard.fandom.com/>

This is our life





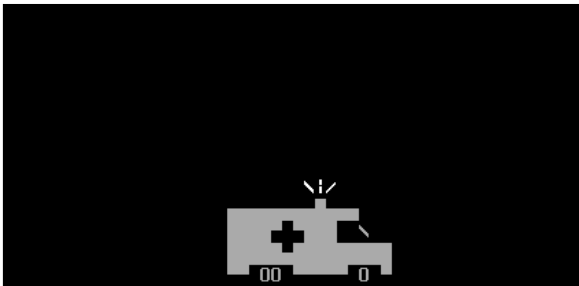
# Malware from the past

## Malware Authors were known

```
brain.com  F1 Help  Commands: BFGHINPWX  Col 0  Line 0  0%
Welcome to the Dungeon 1986 Basit * Amjad (pvt) Ltd. BRAIN COMPUTER SERVICES 73
0 NIZAM BLOCK ALLAMA IQBAL TOWN LAHORE-PAKISTAN PHONE: 430791,443248,280530. Bew
are of this VIRUS.... Contact us for vaccination...
[...]
```

Mars Land, by Spanska  
(coding a virus can be creative)

IDEN ZUK



The infection was visible

# Cybercriminals of the Past – Motivation: Fame

Chen Ing-Hau



1998

Joseph McElroy



Hacker attack on a U.S. government lab to use the network power to download movies and music from the Internet.

2003

Benny / 29A



199x

Attacks were signed.



# Threats Have Evolved – Motivation: MONEY

## Operating from the shadows

Signatures were rare...

```
8-FB 8E BC 07-02 3A FA 28  1;_~|||√äJ•0:-<
5-D7 04 1C D4-68 D7 E2 6E  ΔH^N<-û||♦-h||f^n
C-DA CD E3 9F-16 7C 97 87  L|ö±♦±_¼r=Πf_-ùç
8-3A 7F C3 97-97 97 C7 75  ùù|f-k&ô:Δ Hùù||u
0-6F FF F8 F9-97 97 FF E2  'Éùùh Ló °-ùù Γ
8-AD E8 34 00-00 00 8D 8E  rlmT W^ô:Q4  iä
1-6D 70 00 68-34 30 39 2E  T 3÷http h409.
4-5C 7E 8B EC-56 56 55 51  hWRF0hC:\~iωUUUQ
4-00 55 FF 57-F0 6A 00 FF  U 4ö Lu♣j U W≡j
C-8B 4C 0B 78-03 CB 33 F6  WpQUòïK<ïLδx♥Û3÷
2-03 D3 33 C0-C1 C0 07 32  ì9||♥Q ì†♥u3 L L•2
8-C5 74 06 46-3B 71 18 72  0BC: uJ;†t♣F;qtr
7-14 72 8B 41-1C 03 C3 8B  ■ïQ$♥u*ηr-ïA-♥†i
8-74 74 70 3A-2F 2F 75 6E  ♦É♥†^Y †http://un
E-63 6F 6D 2F-64 2F 69 6F  ionseek.com/d/io
0-00 4F 36 30-30 4B 4F 37  o.exe 0600K07
7-07 07 07 07-90 90 90 90  8RUS*****ÉÉÉÉ
0-90 90 90 90-90 90 90 90  ÉÉÉÉÉÉÉÉÉÉÉÉÉÉÉÉ
0-90 90 90 90-90 90 90 90  ÉÉÉÉÉÉÉÉÉÉÉÉÉÉÉÉ
```

... and encrypted in program code.



The infection was hidden to keep the infected computers running.

# MONEY

# HACKTIVISM

# POLITICS



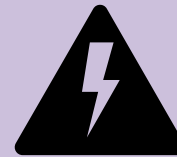


# What's at stake



## Transportation

- Air
- Train
- Car



## Power services

- Nuclear power plants
- Power operator's network
- Governmental departments of energy networks



## Infrastructure

- Police, phone services
- RPC-based SCADA networks
- Hospitals
- Airports
- Coast guard



## Banks

- ATM networks
- Bank offices

# What's at stake

Transportation	Power	Infrastructure	Banks	Malware
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Air traffic control problems in USA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Infected nuclear power plant in Ohio</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>911 phone services down in Seattle</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bank of America's ATM network down</li> </ul>	<b>Slammer</b> 2003
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Air Canada flights grounded</li> <li>CSX trains stopped</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NY ISO power operator's network infected</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Numerous RPC-based SCADA networks down</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Several Windows-based ATM networks infected</li> </ul>	<b>Blaster</b> 2003
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Railcorp trains stopped in Australia</li> <li>Delta flight problems</li> <li>Delays with British Airways flights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hong Kong government's department of energy networks infected</li> </ul>	Infected: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two hospitals in Sweden</li> <li>EU commission</li> <li>Heathrow airport</li> <li>Coastguard U.K.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Several banks shut down offices because of internal infections</li> </ul>	<b>Sasser</b> 2004



How many attacks are happening now?

**Unfortunately, more than can fit on this page**

# How many attacks are happening now

Source: <https://www.csis.org/programs/strategic-technologies-program/significant-cyber-incidents>

**January 2024:** Hackers breached Global Affairs Canada's secure VPN in December 2023, allowing hackers to access sensitive personal information of users and employees. It affected staff emails, calendars, and contacts. It's unclear if classified information was compromised or lost. The hacker's identity is currently unknown.

**January 2024:** Russian hackers launched a ransomware attack against Sweden's only digital service provider for government services. The attack affected operations for 120 government offices and came as Sweden prepared to join NATO. Sweden expects disruptions to continue for several weeks.

**January 2024:** Microsoft announced that Russian hackers broke into its corporate systems. Hackers used a "password spray attack" to steal emails and documents from accounts of Microsoft's senior leadership, cybersecurity, and legal teams back in November 2023.

**January 2024:** Russian hackers attacked 65 Australian government departments and agencies and stole 2.5 million documents in Australia's largest government cyber attack. Hackers infiltrated an Australian law firm that works with the government to handle confidential government files.

**January 2024:** The Australian government identified and sanctioned Aleksandr Ermakov as the Russian hacker who breached Medibank, the country's largest private health insurance provider, in 2022. He stole information from 9.7 million current and former Medibank customers. This is the first time Australia has issued cyber sanctions against an individual since the framework was established in 2021. The U.S. and UK also sanctioned Ermakov.

**January 2024:** Russian agents hacked residential webcams in Kyiv to gather information on the city's air defense systems before launching a missile attack on Kyiv. Hackers changed the cameras' angles to gather information on nearby critical infrastructure facilities and stream the footage on YouTube. Ukraine has since ordered webcam operators in the country to stop live broadcasts.

**December 2023:** Israeli-linked hackers disrupted approximately 70% of gas stations in Iran. Hackers claimed the attack was in retaliation for aggressive actions by Iran and its proxies in the region. Pumps restored operation the next day, but payment issues continued for several days.

**December 2023:** Ukrainian state hackers crippled Russia's largest water utility plant by encrypting over 6,000 computers and deleting over 50 TB of data. Hackers claimed their attack was in retaliation for the Russian Kyivstar cyberattack.

**December 2023:** Russian hackers hit Ukraine's largest mobile phone provider, Kyivstar, disabling access to its 24 million customers in Ukraine. Hackers claim to have destroyed more than 10,000 computers and 4,000 servers, including cloud storage and backup systems. The attack began hours before President Zelenskyy met with President Biden in Washington D.C.

**December 2023:** Ukraine's military intelligence service (the GRU) claims to have disabled Russia's tax service in a cyberattack. According to the GRU, the attack destroyed the system's configuration files, databases, and their backups, paralyzing Russia's tax service.

**November 2023:** Suspected Chinese hackers launched an espionage campaign against Uzbekistan and the Republic of Korea. Hackers use phishing campaigns to gain access to their target's systems and decrypt their information.

**November 2023:** Chinese-linked hackers attacked Japan's space agency during summer 2023 and compromised the organization's directory. The agency shut down part of its network to investigate the breach's scope but claims it did not compromise critical rocket and satellite operations information.

**November 2023:** Chinese hackers compromised Philippine government networks beginning in August 2023. Hackers used phishing emails to imbed malware code into their target's systems to establish command and control and spy on their target's activities.

**November 2023:** Trinidad and Tobago's Prime Minister Dr. Keith Rowley declared the latest ransomware attack against the country's telecommunications service to be a "national security threat." Hackers stole an estimated six gigabytes of data, including email addresses, national ID numbers, and phone numbers.

**November 2023:** Denmark suffered its largest cyberattack on record when Russian hackers hit twenty-two Danish power companies. The attack began in May 2023 and appeared to be aimed at gaining comprehensive access to Denmark's decentralized power grid. Hackers exploited a critical command injection flaw and continued to exploit unpatched systems to maintain access.

**November 2023:** Chinese cybercriminals targeted at least 24 Cambodian government networks, including the National Defense, Election Oversight, Human Rights, National Treasury, Finance, Commerce, Politics, Natural Resources and Telecommunications agencies. Hackers disguised themselves as cloud storage services to mask their data exfiltration. Initial research indicates the attack is part of a broader Chinese espionage campaign.

**October 2023:** Hacktivists stole 3,000 documents from NATO, the second time in three months that hackers have breached NATO's cybersecurity defenses. Hackers described themselves as "gay furry hackers" and announced their attack was retaliation against NATO countries' human rights abuses. NATO alleges the attack did not impact NATO missions, operations, or military deployments.

**October 2023:** Researchers discovered what appears to be a state-sponsored software tool designed for espionage purposes and used against ASEAN governments and organizations.

**October 2023:** Pro-Hamas and pro-Israeli hacktivists have launched multiple cyberattacks against Israeli government sites and Hamas web pages in the aftermath of Hamas' attacks on Israel on October 7th. Russian and Iranian hacktivists also targeted Israeli government sites, and Indian hacktivists have attacked Hamas websites in support of Israel.

**October 2023:** Vietnamese hackers attempted to install spyware on the phones of journalists, United Nations officials, and the chairs of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee. The spyware was designed to siphon calls and texts from infected phones, and unsuccessful employment of some mobile malware against Chinese and American diplomats were negotiating an agreement to counter China's growing influence in the region.

**October 2023:** New reporting reveals Chinese hackers have been targeting Guyana government agencies with phishing emails to exfiltrate sensitive information since February 2023.

**October 2023:** North Korean hackers sent malware phishing emails to employees of South Korea's shipbuilding sector. South Korea's National Intelligence Service suggested that the attacks were intended to gather key naval intelligence that could help North Korea build larger ships.

**September 2023:** Indian hacktivists targeted Canada's military and Parliament websites with DDoS attacks that slowed system operations for several hours. Hacktivists referenced Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's public accusation against India of killing Sikh independence activist Hardeep Singh Nijjar as motivation for the hack.

**September 2023:** Iranian hackers launched a cyberattack against Israel's railroad network. The hackers used a phishing campaign to target the network's electrical infrastructure. Brazilian and UAE companies were also reportedly targeted in the same attack.

**September 2023:** U.S. and Japanese officials warn that Chinese state-sponsored hackers placed modifying software inside routers to target government industries and companies located in both countries. The hackers use firmware implants to stay hidden and move around in their target's networks. China has denied the allegations.

SOME OF THE ATTACKS



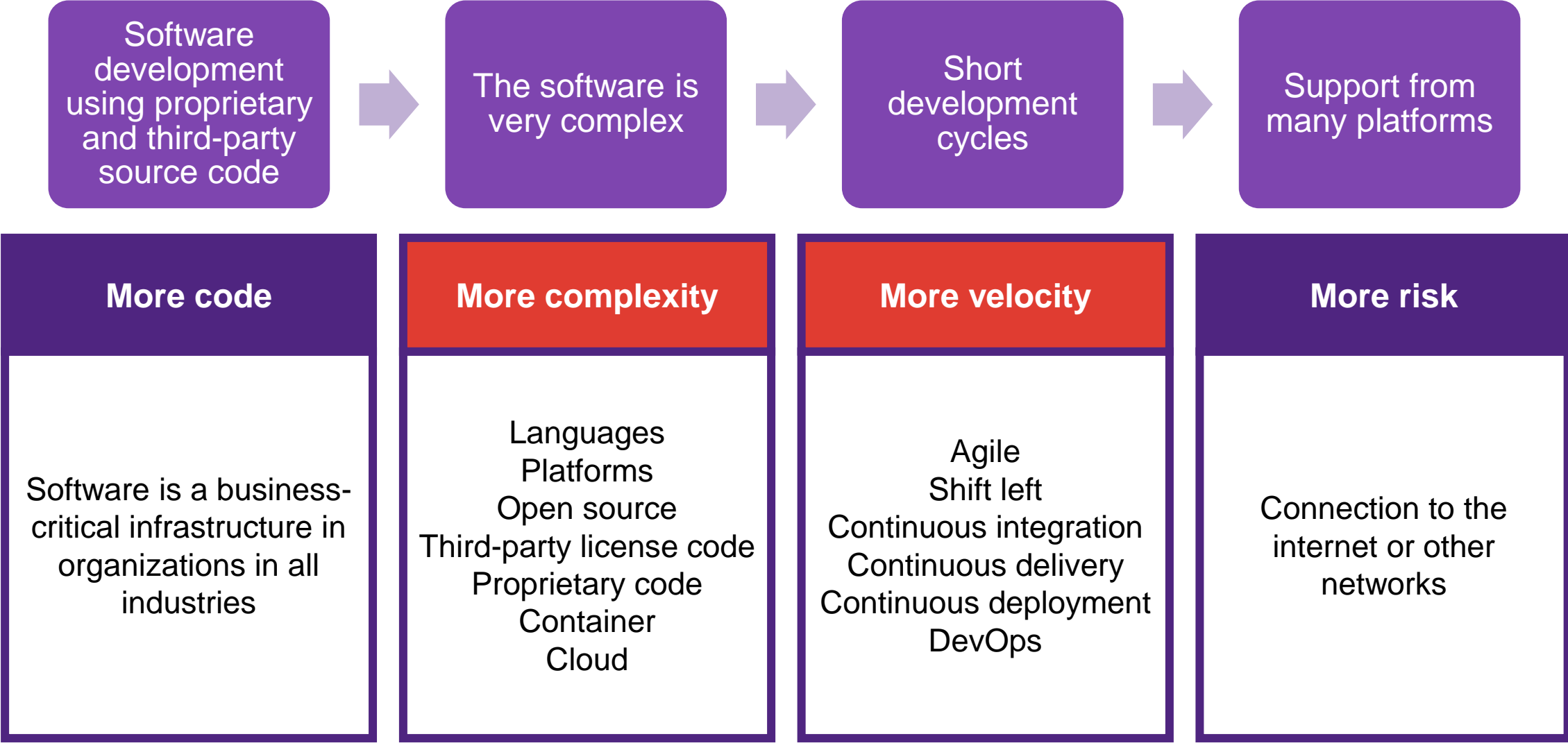
How could it come so far?

# Software development in the past

- Software development with proprietary source code
- Software complexity is still low
- Long development cycles
- No or limited connection to the Internet or other networks
- Few platforms to support



# Modern software development is more of everything



# To simplify things, let's think about how apps are built

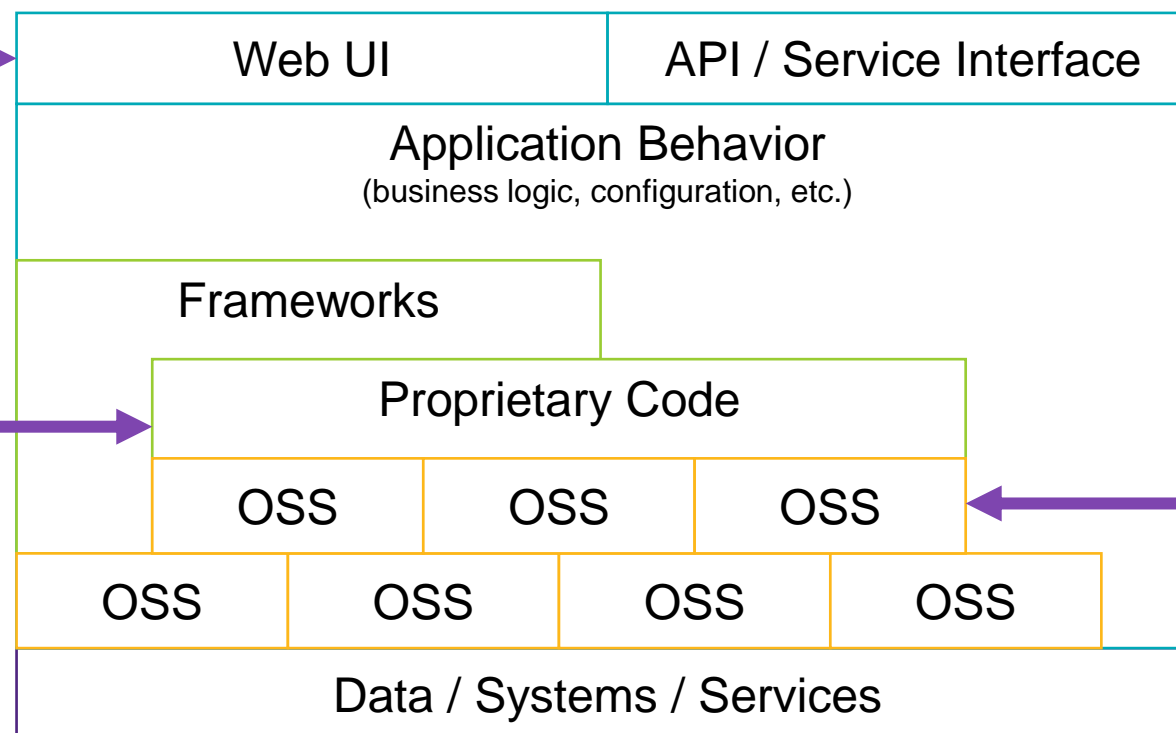
***How do we integrate and automate all of this?***

*How do we know we've addressed exploitable vulnerabilities and data protection issues before we deploy?*

*How do we ensure the protocols our software serves aren't vulnerable to common hacks?*

*How can our developers produce code with fewer defects and security weaknesses (CWEs) without slowing down?*

*How do we track and manage open source use and the security and license compliance risks that come with it?*





# Modern application

=

Custom or proprietary code

+

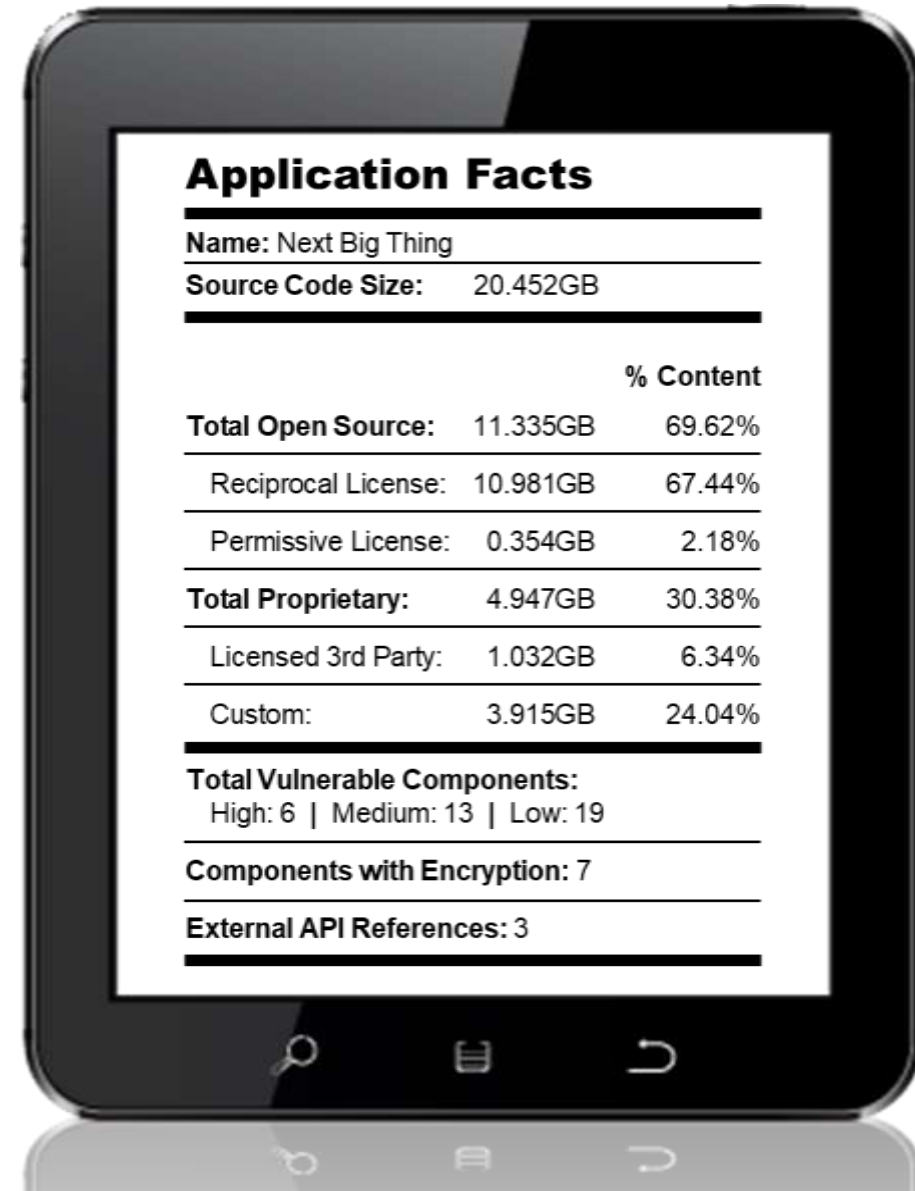
Open source components

+

API usage

+

Application  
behavior and configuration



The image shows a tablet with a white screen displaying 'Application Facts' for an application named 'Next Big Thing'. The facts are organized into sections with horizontal dividers. The first section shows the application name and source code size. The second section is a table of content breakdowns. The third section shows the total vulnerable components with a breakdown by severity. The fourth section shows the number of components with encryption. The fifth section shows the number of external API references.

Application Facts		
Name: Next Big Thing		
Source Code Size: 20.452GB		
		% Content
Total Open Source:	11.335GB	69.62%
Reciprocal License:	10.981GB	67.44%
Permissive License:	0.354GB	2.18%
Total Proprietary:	4.947GB	30.38%
Licensed 3rd Party:	1.032GB	6.34%
Custom:	3.915GB	24.04%
Total Vulnerable Components:		
High: 6   Medium: 13   Low: 19		
Components with Encryption: 7		
External API References: 3		

# Open source components are third-party components





# Example:

## Integrate Slack and Instagram in one app

```
"dependencies": {  
  "@slack/bolt": "^3.2.0",  
  "axios": "^0.21.1",  
  "dotenv": "^8.2.0",  
  "get-pixels": "^3.3.2",  
  "image-size": "^0.9.3",  
  "instagram-private-api": "^1.43.3",  
  "sharp": "^0.27.1",  
  "snoowrap": "^1.22.0"  
}
```



@slack/bolt TS

3.4.0 • Public • Published 8 days ago



Readme



Explore

BETA



15 Dependencies

## Bolt for JavaScript



codecov

66%



Node.js CI

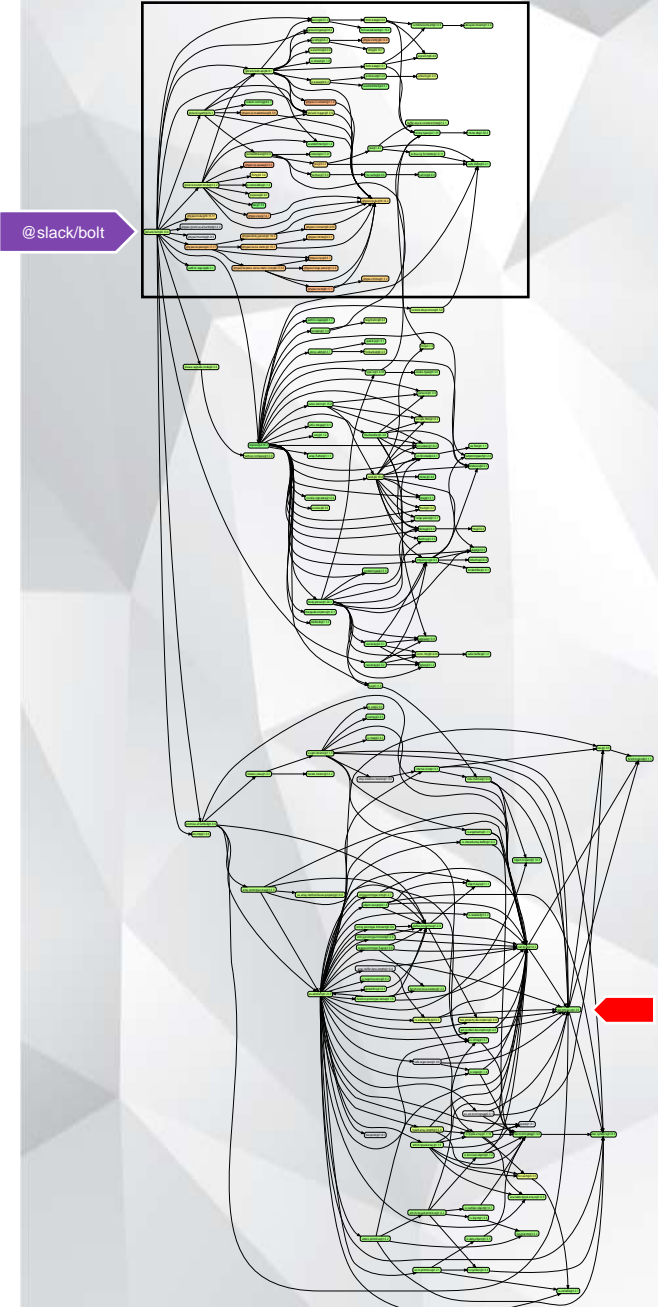
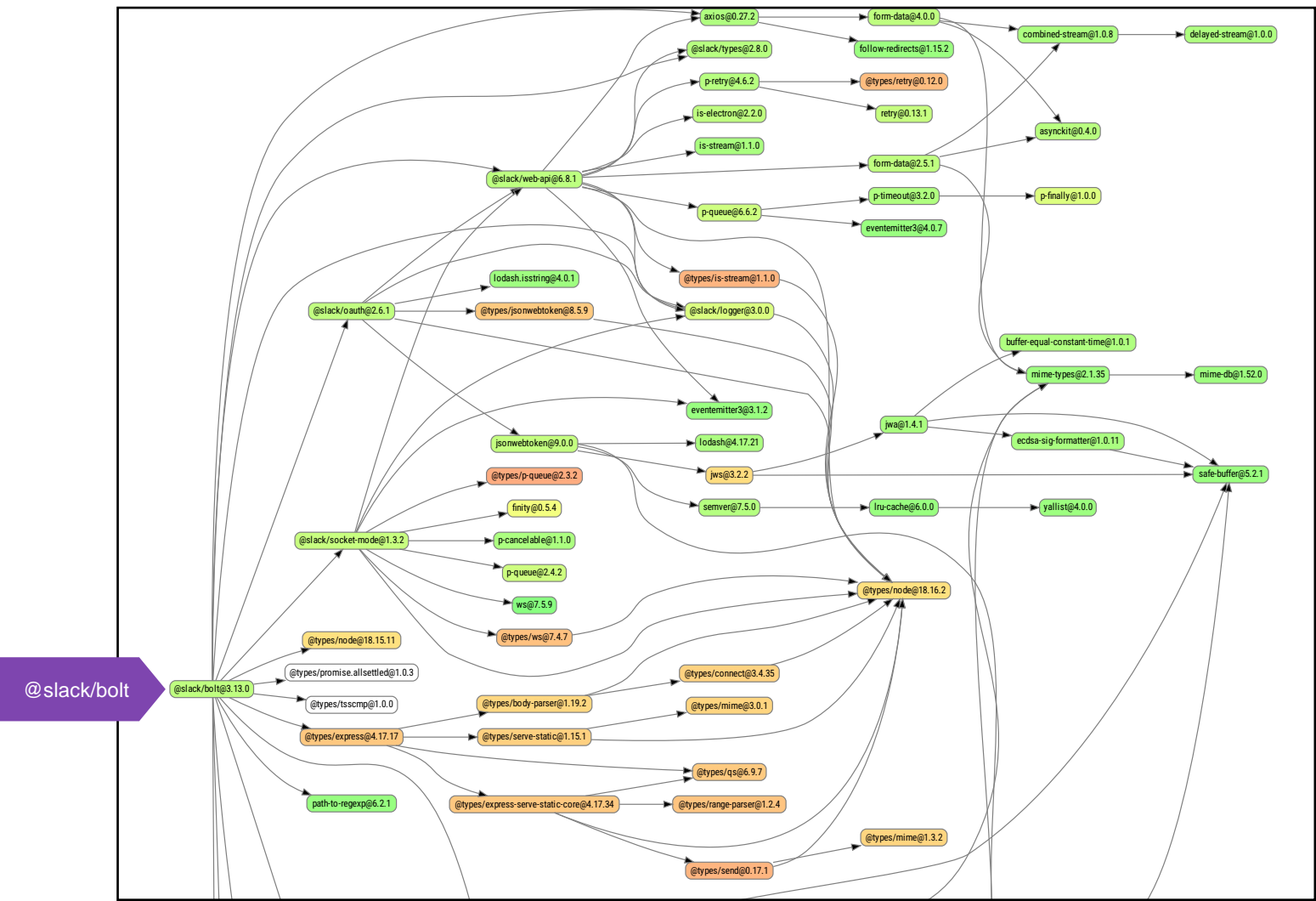
passing

A JavaScript framework to build Slack apps in a flash with the latest platform features.

Read the [getting started guide](#) to set-up and run your first Bolt app.

8 Declared (Dependencies)

# Dependencies: @slack/bolt



# Dealing with end-of-life and vulnerabilities can be challenging

request

DT

2.88.2 • Public • Published a year ago

Readme

Explore

BETA

20 Dependencies

Deprecated!

As of Feb 11th 2020, request is fully deprecated. In fact, none have landed for some time.

For more information about why request is deprecated, refer to [this issue](#).

Open

Request's Past, Present and Future #3142

mikeal opened this issue on Mar 30, 2019 · 394 comments

Maintenance Mode

Here's the plan.

- request will stop accepting new features.
- request will stop considering breaking changes.

to merge fixes in a timely fashion, no promises though. e into master will be published. I've already built this for e collaborators and enforce 2fa, because commit rights will

245

656

204

233

CVE-2020-28282 Detail

Description

Prototype pollution vulnerability in 'getobject' version 0.1.0 allows an attacker to cause a denial of service and may lead to remote code execution.

Severity

CVSS Version 3.x

CVSS Version 2.0

CVSS 3.x Severity and Metrics:

NIST: NVD

Base Score: 9.8 CRITICAL

Vector: CVSS:3.1/AV:N/AC:L/PR:N/UI:N/S:U/C:H/I:H/A:H

NVD Analysts use publicly available information to associate vector strings and CVSS scores. We also display any CVSS information provided within the CVE List from the CNA.

Note: NVD Analysts have published a CVSS score for this CVE based on publicly available information at the time of analysis. The CNA has not provided a score within the CVE List.



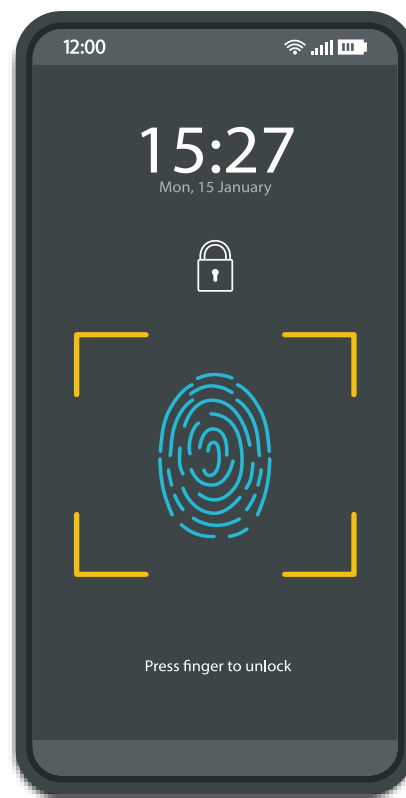
# Why open source monitoring is important

# Three dimensions of risk in open source software

## 1 Legal risk



## 2 Security risk



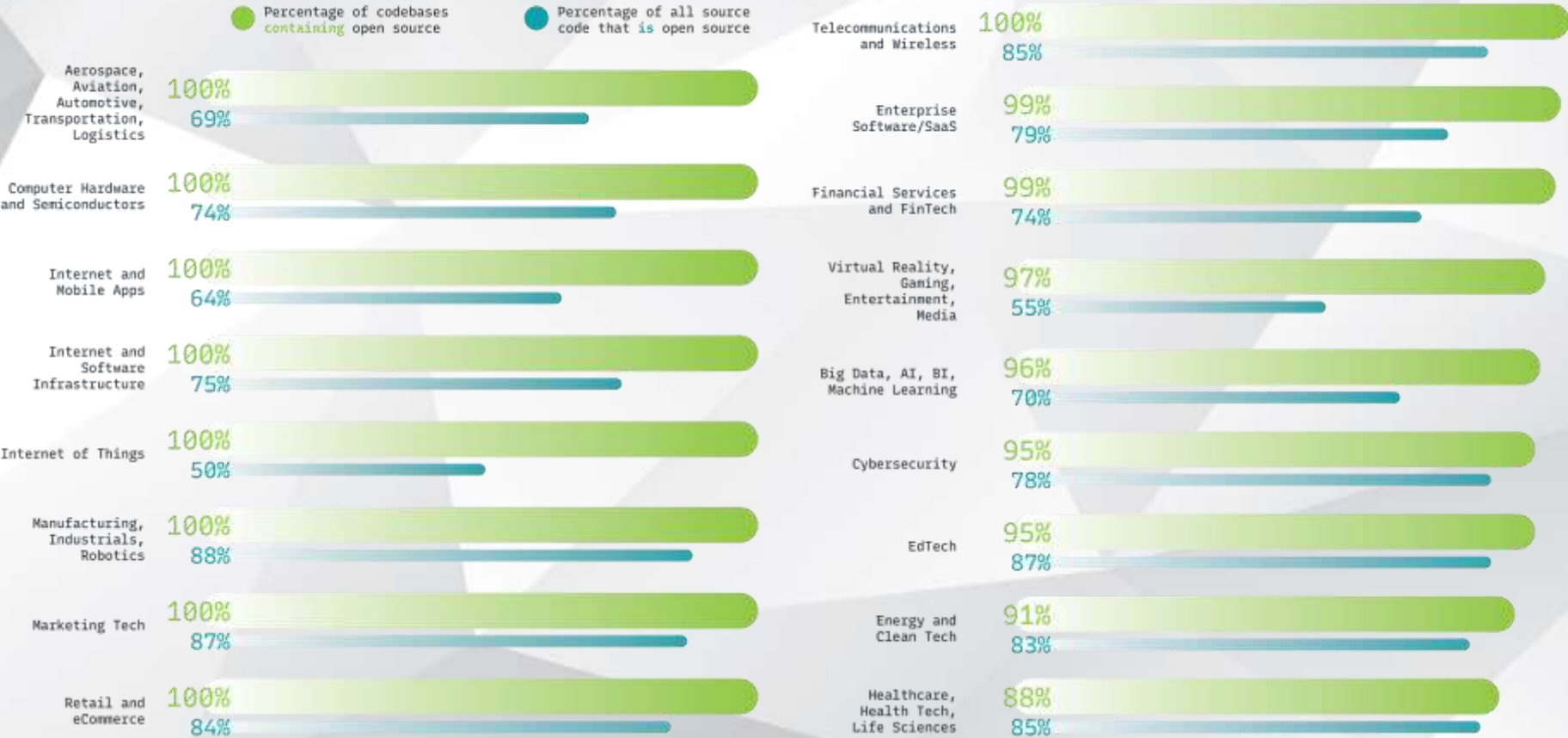
## 3 Operational risk



# Shared reuse and collaboration fuels innovation

## Percentage of codebase that is open source

1,067 Codebases Scanned by Industry



96%

of the total codebases contained open source



77%

of all code in the total codebases originated from open source

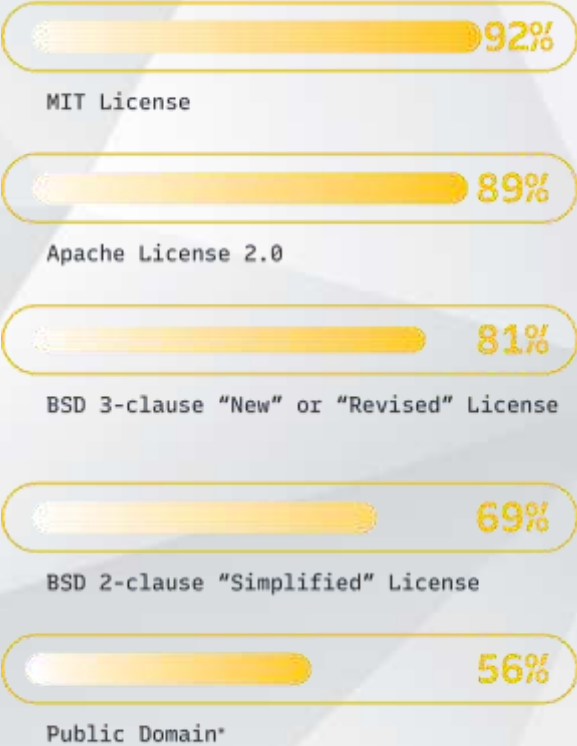


# Open source license compliance remains critical

Percentage of Codebases Containing License Conflicts



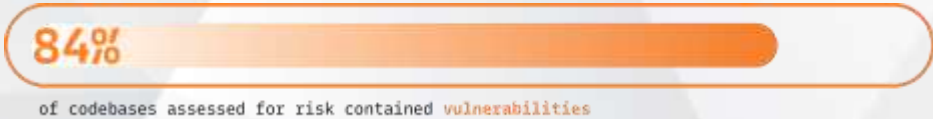
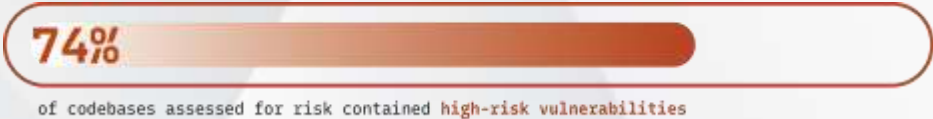
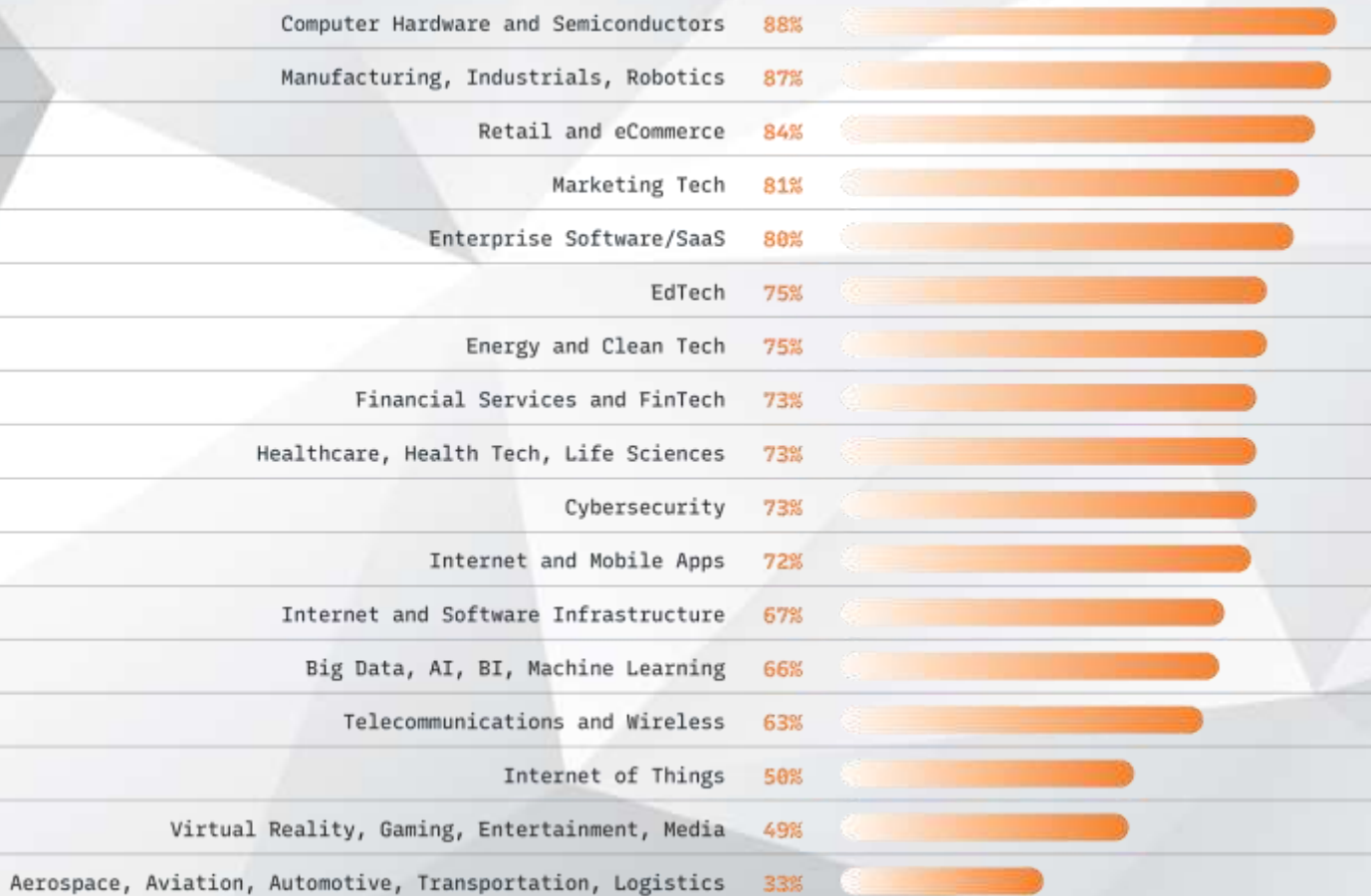
Percentage of Top 5 Licenses Found in Codebases



\*Component includes a statement that it is in the public domain but does not include a Creative Commons license

# Open source compliance remains critical

Percentage of Codebases Containing High-Risk Vulnerabilities



84% of codebases contained at least one open source vulnerability









# How to improve your work with ChatGPT



# Bard AI



# How to resolve the issue





MAY 12, 2021

# Executive Order on Improving the Nation's Cybersecurity

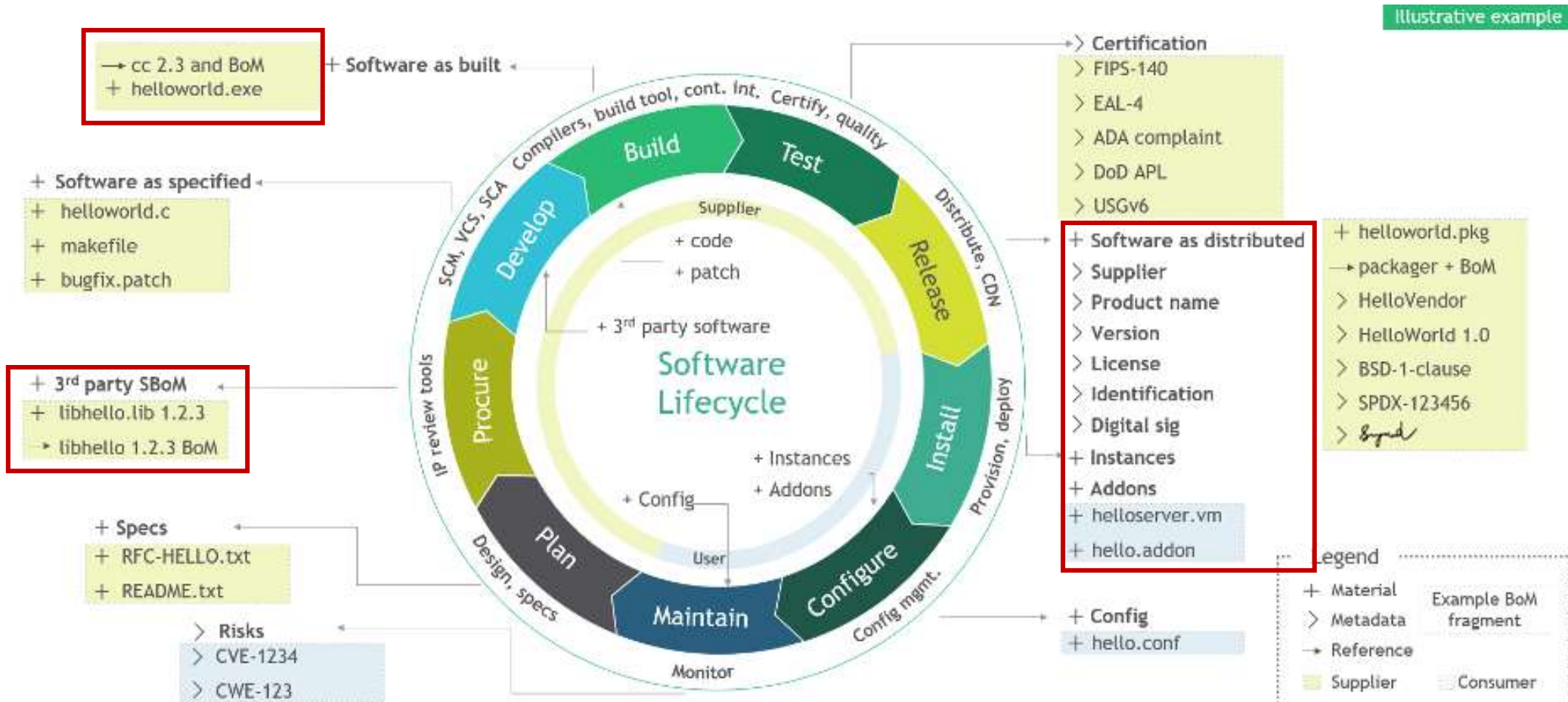
[BRIEFING ROOM](#)[PRESIDENTIAL ACTIONS](#)

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Policy. The United States faces persistent and increasingly sophisticated malicious cyber campaigns that threaten the public sector, the private sector, and ultimately the American people's security and privacy. The Federal Government must improve its efforts to identify, deter, protect against, detect, and respond to these actions and actors. The Federal Government must

# Executive Order 14028

Improving the country's cybersecurity

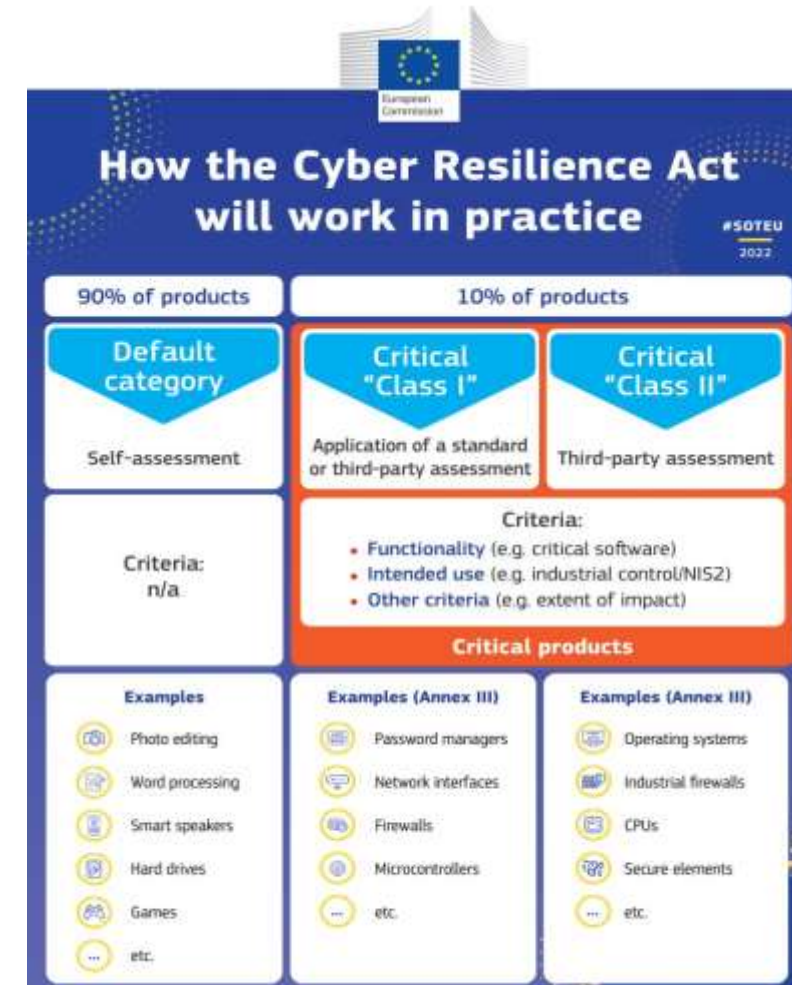


# Cybersecurity - EU Regulations

- Cyber Resilience Act

## ***SBOM Subject to a mandate***

*"Manufacturers of products with digital elements shall: (1) identify and document the vulnerabilities and components contained in the product, including by creating a software bill of materials in a commonly used and machine-readable format..."*





# The “One Tool to Rule Them All” legend

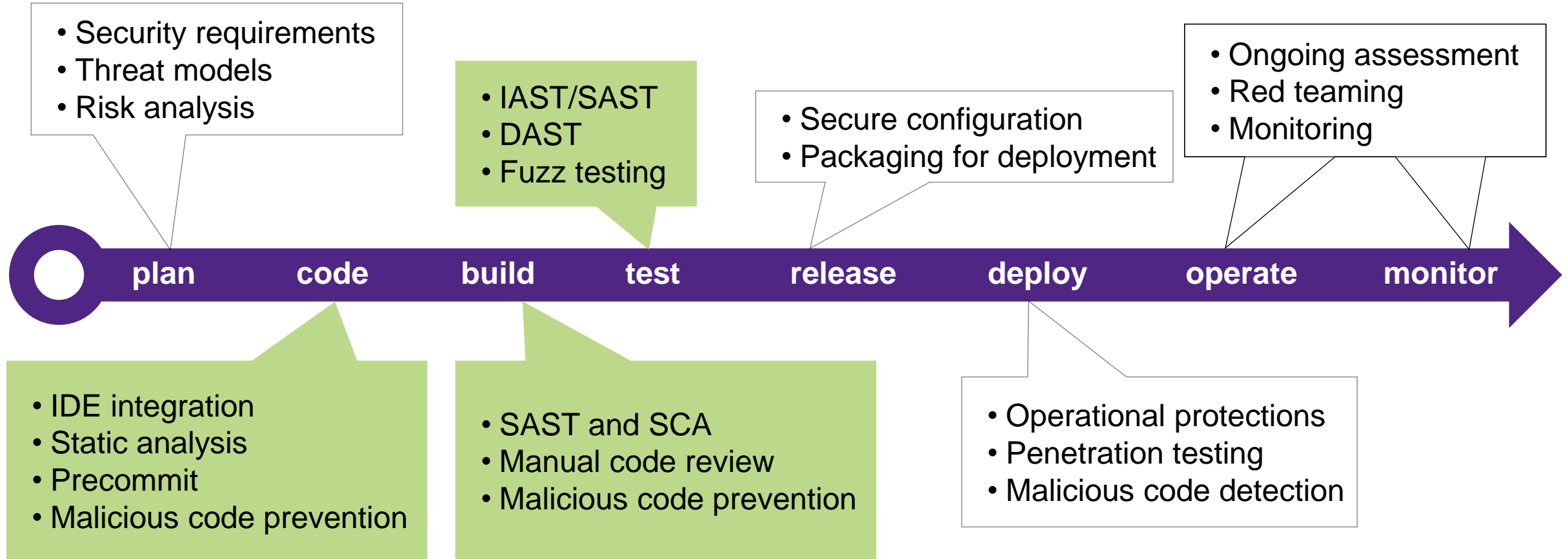




# Focus on the whole range of capabilities



# So much to do, so little time



# Take on the challenge

- Planning, vigilance, and information-gathering is key
- Identify untrustworthy source code wherever it is
- Develop procedures for problem remediation
- Call it what you want (SecDevOps, DevSecOps, DevOpsSec) but security is crucial in your DevOps culture
- Integrate the procedures at every step of your process



Thank You