A Developer's tour of Cybersecurity Incident Response

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Why Listen to Me?

- 25 years in Professional Software Development
- 18 with a Cybersecurity focus

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What is My Motive?

• I like to get invited to a lovely pleasant incident response.

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- Agile ability to deploy
- Easily rotated keys
- Keys with limited impact

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Humor me while I preach to the choir...

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What if I want to keep my app?

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- Consider the Supply Chain

Supply Chain Security Tools

- Python Index of Packages (pip) for Python: pip audit
- Node Package Manager (npm) for JavaScript: npm audit
- Composer for PHP: composer audit
- A recipe for a one-line audit for C#: dotnet list package --vulnerable

Keep Secrets



"Alright then, keep your secrets."

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Bonus Topics

Slide tool reference

https://github.com/marp-team/marp-core

Secret Management in .Net

Link Dump

- Do not use 'Secret Manager' in production.
 - Azure secret best practices
 - Secure authentication flows
 - Overview for ASP.Net
 - Securely deliver secrets as environment variables
 - String replacement in .json files
 - Another walkthrough for secrets in Microsoft IIS

Secret Management in Local Apps

- Do not hard code secrets needed by local apps.
- Prompt the user for the necessary key on the first run.
- Deliver the secret securely to the user.
- SSO is a preferred way to solve these concerns.