

Continuous Compliance in Safety-Critical Open-Source Projects

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The Open-Source Safety Paradox



Modern systems: 70-90% open-source components (LF, 2022)

Safety processes: Designed for waterfall, closed development

Result: Innovation bottlenecks that slow both compliance AND development

Industry Reality Check

Open Source is Everywhere

- **Automotive:** Tesla runs Linux; Android Automotive is OEM-ready
- **Aerospace:** SpaceX Dragon runs Linux for critical functions
- **Medical:** 50% of device manufacturers considering Linux transition
- **Industrial:** 70% of IoT devices use open source

Standards don't disappear: ISO 26262, IEC 61508, etc. still apply

Where Our Platform Fits in the ELISA Ecosystem

Open CC Platform

Compliance automation, dashboards, & reporting

Consumes & Integrates

ELISA Projects & Tooling
(e.g., BASIL)

FuSa traceability & safety-annotated SBOMS

Implements

SPDX 3.1 Safety Profile

The data standard

Safety-Annotated SBOMs

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]
```

V-Model Traceability with SPDX Relationships

V-Model Element	SPDX 3.x Relationship	Explanation
Requirement → Code	REQUIREMENT_DESCRIPTION_FOR	Links code to the requirement it fulfills
Requirement → Test Case	TEST_CASE_FOR	Links test to the requirement it verifies
Code → Test Case	TEST_CASE_FOR	Maps tests directly to implementation
Test Result → Test Case	VERIFICATION_ARTIFACT_OF	Links test results to test cases
Tool Output → Code	VERIFICATION_ARTIFACT_OF	Links verification tool results to test cases



Key capabilities

Single source of traceability

Built-in gap & completeness analytics

Test-execution awareness

SPDX Model 3 export

The screenshot shows the BASIL web application interface. The top navigation bar is dark with the BASIL logo and a user profile dropdown labeled "Guest". The left sidebar contains a menu with "Home", "Login", "Sign In", "Libraries" (with a dropdown arrow), and "Useful Links" (with a right arrow). The "Libraries" dropdown is open, showing "experimentation", "syscalls" (highlighted), and "test". The main content area has tabs for "experimentation", "syscalls", and "test". The "syscalls" tab is active, displaying "API Listing for syscalls" with a "Covered 2.0%" indicator and an "Export to SPDX" button. Below this is a table with columns: ID, API, Version, Owner, Category, Last Co..., Notific..., and Actions. The table lists 8 entries, each with a chevron icon in the ID column and a vertical ellipsis in the Actions column. The "API" column contains values like "_sysctl", "accept", "accept4", "access", "acct", "add_key", and "adjtimex". The "Version" column contains "1e2d36deb2...". The "Owner" column contains "lpellecc@redhat.com". The "Category" column contains "0000". The "Last Co..." column contains "0000". The "Notific..." column contains "0000". The "Actions" column contains a vertical ellipsis icon. The bottom of the table shows "1 - 10 of 348" and navigation arrows.

<https://github.com/elisa-tech/BASIL>



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Mitigating Risk with Automated Impact Analysis

The Old Way (Manual):

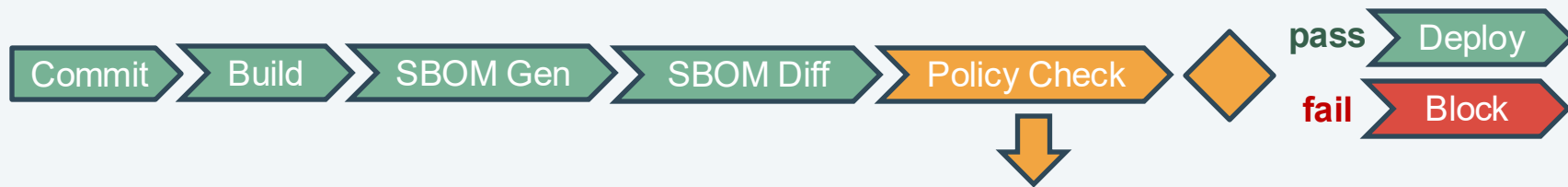
- A component changes.
- Safety engineer spends 3 days tracing dependencies, reading docs, and flagging tests.

The New Way (Automated):

- **SBOM v1 vs. v2 diff** Identifies: **component-x** changed.
- **Platform Query** Determines: Component **is** **ASIL-D** and traces to **SafetyGoal-001**.
- **Result**: Automatically flag **FMEA-456** for re-check and trigger **TestSuite-123**.

Powered by: SBOM Versioning, Automated Diffing, and Multi-hop Traceability.

Enabling Continuous Compliance via SBOM Policies



ASIL-D components MUST NOT have any **CRITICAL vulnerabilities** unless linked **VEX** record says “not affected.”

Every component marked **safetyRelevant** **MUST** link to **at least one requirement document**

Components at **ASIL-B or higher** **MUST** link to **both a test case and a verification artifact**

Legacy components **MUST NOT** be reused in safety-critical scope unless an **Exception Justification** is linked

Every recorded **hazard** **MUST** trace to at least one **mitigation** in design or fault-detection docs.

Safety-relevant components **MUST** have a **complete SBOM**—no **NOASSERTION/UNKNOWN** for license, version, or supplier.

Foundations of a Continuous Compliance Platform

Open CC Logical Architecture

Identity & Access Control

OpenID Connect / OAuth 2

Application

Compliance Dashboard

CLI

API

Platform

SBOM Processing

SBOM Differencing

Compliance Impact
Analysis

Policy Engine

Reporting

Workflow Orchestration

Integration

CI/CD Connectors

ALM / QM
(Artifact Traceability)

Test Automation

Security / Vulnerability

DevOps Issues/Tasks

Data / Storage

SBOM Repository

Traceability Graph

Metrics

Reports

Artifacts

Issues/Tasks

Current State: Alpha 1

spdx-diff: High-Performance Change Detection

- Semantic comparison of Software Bills of Materials (SBOMs)
- JSON-LD Context and IRI-aware comparison
- Supports all SPDX 3.0.1 profiles and extensible to support SPDX extensions

spdx-impact: Multi-Domain Compliance Analysis

- Analyzes Safety, Security, and Privacy impacts simultaneously
- Identifies which evidence must be re-verified
- Specifies which tests must be re-executed
- Traces transitive impacts through dependency chains
- YAML-based policy engine
- Highly configurable and extensible to support additional compliance domains

cc-audit: Regulator-Ready Audit Logging

- Blockchain-style cryptographic hash chains for tamper evidence
- Complete provenance tracking (inputs, versions, environment, checksums)
- Deterministic execution mode for reproducible builds
- SIEM integration for security monitoring

Synthesized Autonomous Vehicle SBOMs

1. Perception - Camera, LiDAR, radar, object detection (ASIL-D)
2. Localization - GPS, IMU, SLAM (ASIL-D)
3. Planning - Route, behavioral, motion planning (ASIL-D)
4. Control - Steering, throttle, brake controllers (ASIL-D)
5. Safety - Health monitoring, fail-safe systems (ASIL-D)
6. Communication - CAN, Ethernet, V2X (ASIL-B)
7. Middleware - ROS2, DDS (ASIL-B)
8. Operating System - Linux kernel, drivers (ASIL-D)
9. ML/AI - Perception, prediction models (ASIL-B)
10. Security - Secure boot, encryption, IDS (ASIL-D)
11. Third-Party - Libraries and dependencies (QM)
12. Diagnostics - Logging, OTA updates (ASIL-A)

Performance Results

SBOM	Size	Elements	Relationships	Description
Design	405.5 MB	397,382	1,195,797	Safety requirements, evidence, traceability
Base (v2.0.0)	997.1 MB	494,602	3,756,871	Baseline build with all subsystems
Target (v2.1.0)	985.1 MB	495,562	3,693,832	Updated build with changes
Total	2,387.8MB	1,387,546	8,646,500	

Benchmarks

Phase	Time	Throughput
SBOM Generation	0.0s	Reused (0s)
spdx-diff	67.2s	14.84 MB/s
spdx-impact	274.6s	8.69 MB/s
Total Pipeline	341.8s	6.99 MB/s

spdx-diff

Metric	Count
Total Changes	93,192
Elements	
Elements Added	1,189
Elements Removed	240
Elements Modified	23,974
Relationships	
Relationships Added	2,386
Relationships Removed	65,403

spdx-impact

Metric	Count
Total Impacts	50,2150
Direct Impacts	25,403
Transitive Impacts	476,747
Safety Domain	
Invalidated Evidence	710
Required Tests	954

Immediate Next Steps

Use Case Buildout

Implement full end-to-end CI/CD pipeline for a representative project.

Solicit Community Feedback

Engage and gather feedback from key industry and community stakeholders. (THIS MEANS YOU)

Expand Policy Engine

Expand rule engine features and bundled policies.

SPDX 3.1 Alignment

Align to official Safety Profile and other SPDX 3.1 additions & enhancements.

Mid-Term Goals

Build Compliance Dashboard

Create a website front-end that supports configuration, reporting, and advanced analytics.

Add Integrations

Build-out integrations with ALM/QM, Security/Vulnerability, and DevOps platforms.

Expand Policies & Compliance Domains

Add and improve the compliance policy bundles.

The Frontier: AI-Enhanced Safety Compliance

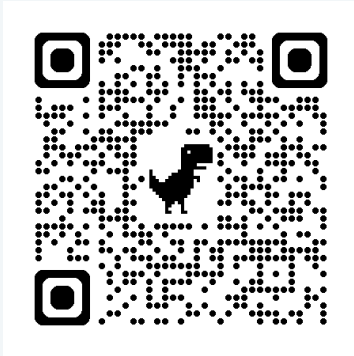
Developer Copilot for Safety: Real-time, MISRA-aware code generation and compliance checks directly in the IDE and SWE-agents based on MCP/A2A

Predictive Risk Assessment: AI models that forecast component failures and compliance risks before they happen.

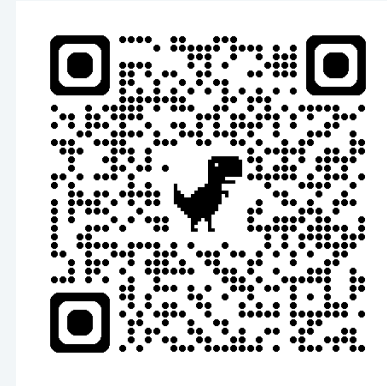
Automated Traceability Discovery: AI that reads documentation and code to automatically suggest and maintain traceability links.

Natural Language Policy Engine: Define and query complex safety policies using plain English, e.g., "Show me all ASIL-D components with failing tests."

Thank You



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