



CodeQL as an audit oracle palantir



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OWASP AppSec, ...

Mostly focused on Java research and
web technologies

100+ RCE CVEs :)



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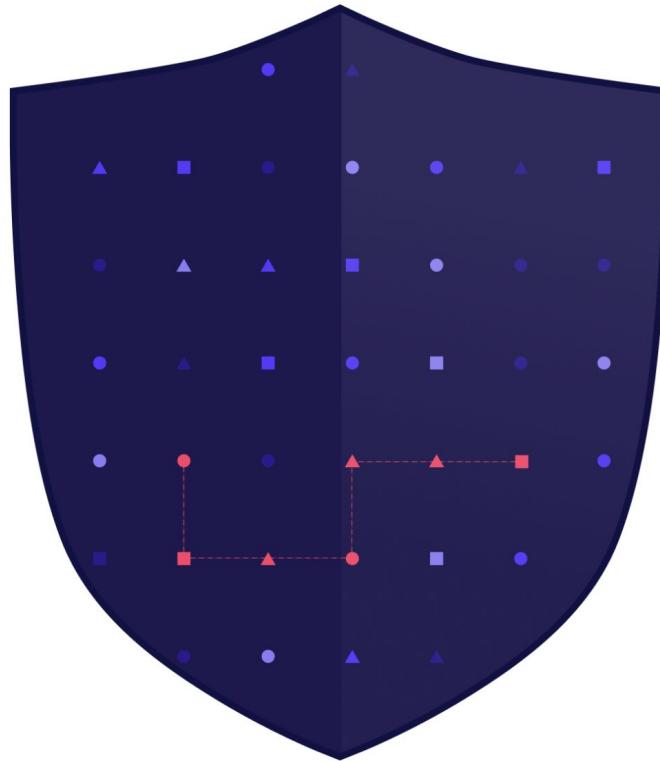
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Today we will learn

- What CodeQL is
- How to write queries in CodeQL to identify patterns in code
- How to use CodeQL to assist your code review efforts

<https://github.com/github/codeql-dubbo-workshop>



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Agenda

Day 1

1. Intro to CodeQL
2. Case Study: Apache Dubbo
3. Hands-on exercises

Day 2

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2. Hands-on exercises



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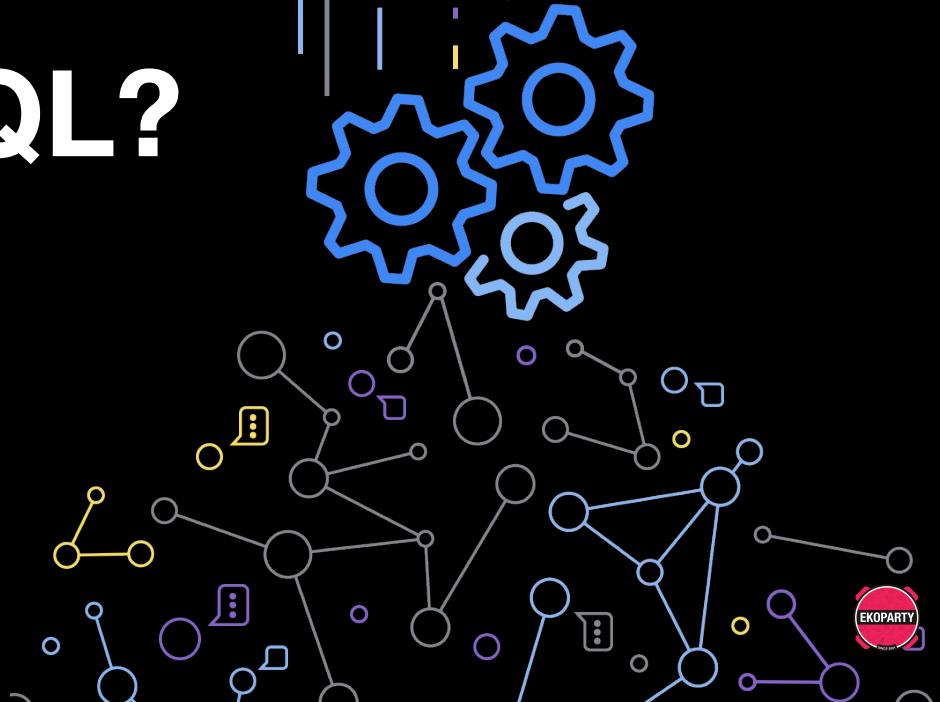
- I am a CodeQL **user** but do not work on the CodeQL implementation itself
- My aim is to provide you with a practical and working understanding of how to use CodeQL for code auditing by giving you the tips, tricks, and mental models that we found useful in our own vulnerability research
- Think of this talk as a bootstrap session :)



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What is CodeQL?



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An expressive query language and engine for code analysis

- Treats code as data
- Lets you describe and find patterns in the code
- Toolchain: CLI and IDE



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What can I do with it?



- Find bugs and security vulnerabilities
- Quickly make your analyses more precise
- Assist you during code reviews
- Share security knowledge within your teams using codified, readable and executable queries



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CodeQL is ...

- Logical
- Declarative - no side effects
- Object-oriented
- Read-only
- Equipped with rich standard libraries for analyzing source code

What does a query look like?



Import: lets us reuse logic
defined in other libraries

```
import java
```

```
from IfStmt ifStmt, Block block
where
    block = ifStmt.getThen() and
    block.getNumStmt() = 0
select ifStmt, "This if-statement has an empty then block."
```

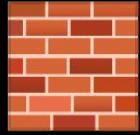
Query clause: describes what we are trying to find



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Building blocks of a query



Predicates

Like functions, but better!

Create reusable logic and give it a name.



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Just a query

```
from IfStmt ifStmt, Block block
where
    block = ifStmt.getThen() and
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select ifStmt
```

Using a predicate

```
predicate isEmpty(Block block) {
    block.getNumStmt() = 0
}
```

```
from IfStmt ifStmt
where isEmpty(ifStmt.getThen())
select ifStmt
```



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Classes

Describe a set of values.



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Using a class

```
class EmptyBlock extends Block {  
    EmptyBlock() {  
        this.getNumStmt() = 0  
    }  
}
```

```
from IfStmt ifStmt  
where ifStmt.getThen() instanceof  
EmptyBlock  
select ifStmt
```



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from IfStmt ifStmt, EmptyBlock block  
where ifStmt.getThen() = block  
select ifStmt
```



Common uses of CodeQL

1. Automated scans with built-in or custom queries
2. Variant analysis
3. Assist during manual code review



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Automated scans

- Toll gates 🤐 or guardrails 🤘
- Ideally integrated into the build pipeline
 - Run on every commit or PR
 - Immediate feedback to developers

The screenshot shows a code editor interface with two columns of code. The left column (lines 53-56) and right column (lines 10-12) both show the same code snippet:

```
53     res.statusCode = statusCode;
54     - await new Promise((resolve, reject) => {
10     res.statusCode = statusCode;
11     +   res.setHeader('Location', url);
```

A yellow warning box is overlaid on the right side of the code editor, specifically highlighting line 11. The box contains the following information:

- ⚠ Check warning on line 11 in test.ts**
- Code scanning**
- Server-side URL redirect**
- Untrusted URL redirection due to user-provided value.**
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The bottom part of the code editor shows lines 55-56:

```
55     -   res.setHeader('content-type', 'application/json');
56     -   res.write(JSON.stringify(body), err => {
```

12 + await new Promise(resolve => res.end(resolve));

Variant analysis

- Take a known vulnerability and model its characteristics into a CodeQL query
- Run that query across a bunch of projects to find similar vulnerabilities
- Example: [Bean Stalking: Growing Java beans into RCE](#)
 - Variant Analysis of CVE-2018-16621 (Bean Validation EL injection) by [@pwntester](#)
 - Multiple RCE (Netflix Conductor, Netflix Titus, Apache Syncopé, Sonatype Nexus, Corona-Warn-App, ...)



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Code Auditing

- The iterative process of answering questions about code to establish vulnerability hypotheses
 - **pwndering**: verb, “can this or that happen in such and such way that could lead to a vuln?”
- CodeQL can help answer those questions
 - Challenges:
 - Knowing **WHAT** you want to ask
 - Knowing **HOW** to ask it
- Clear questions translate into clear queries
- Fuzzy questions translate into fuzzy queries



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Ask the OraQL



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Ask the OraQL



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Common Auditing Questions

- What is my attack surface?
- Is this code even executed?
- Where does my user-controlled input end up?
- Which integer arithmetic can I influence?
- Which parts of the code are high in bug density?
- ...



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Case study

DUBBO



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apache/dubbo

Apache Dubbo is a high-performance, java based, open source RPC framework.



355
Contributors

885
Issues

36k
Stars

24k
Forks



all

6,772 matching results (6,770 Independent IP) , 57 ms , keyword search .

Show data within one year, click all to view all.

Eliminate



API



feature

RxVZl...	2
9no7b...	1
SeGF...	1

[mobile.docin.com](#)

221.122.117.118



ASN: 4808

Organization: China Unicom Beijing Province Network



Unsupported command: GET dubbo>

Country/Region Ranking

>> China		5,419
>> America		524
>> Hong Kong Special ...		243
>> Singapore		239
>> South Africa		196



Port ranking

20880	6,772
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Server ranking

Jetty(6.1.26)	2	39.98.217.49
---------------	---	---------------------

BaseHTTP/0.6 360 web server, 7...	1
-----------------------------------	---

Jetty (6.1.x)	1
---------------	---

39.98.217.49



ASN: 37963

Organization: Hangzhou Alibaba Advertising Co.,Ltd.

Unsupported command: GET dubbo>

Agreement ranking

apache-dubbo	6,765
https	1

Site title ranking

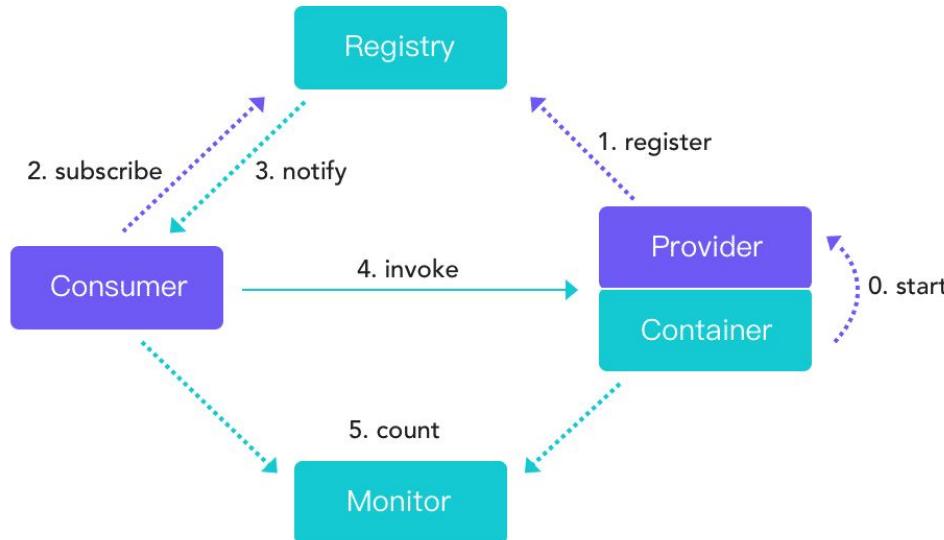


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Dubbo Architecture

..... init async → sync



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Past vulnerabilities



CVE-2020-11995

A Hessian2 deserialization vulnerability could lead to malicious code execution. This vulnerability was addressed by establishing a mechanism for users to set deserialization allow/block lists.

CVE-2020-1948

An attacker can send RPC requests with an unrecognized service name or method name along with some malicious parameter payloads. When the malicious parameter is deserialized, it will execute some malicious code.

CVE-2019-17564

Unsafe deserialization occurs within a Dubbo application which has Spring HTTP remoting enabled.



New 🐛 from this audit

GHSL-2021-035	CVE-2021-25641	Bypass Hessian2 allowlist via alternative protocols
GHSL-2021-036	😢	Pre-auth RCE via multiple Hessian deserializations in the RPC invocation decoder
GHSL-2021-037	CVE-2021-30179	Pre-auth RCE via Java deserialization in the Generic filter
GHSL-2021-038	CVE-2021-30179	Pre-auth RCE via arbitrary bean manipulation in the Generic filter
GHSL-2021-039	CVE-2021-32824	Pre-auth RCE via arbitrary bean manipulation in the Telnet handler
GHSL-2021-040	CVE-2021-30180	RCE on customers via Tag route poisoning (Unsafe YAML unmarshaling)
GHSL-2021-041	CVE-2021-30180	RCE on customers via Condition route poisoning (Unsafe YAML unmarshaling)
GHSL-2021-042	CVE-2021-30181	RCE on customers via Script route poisoning (Nashorn script injection)
GHSL-2021-043	CVE-2021-30180	RCE on providers via Configuration poisoning (Unsafe YAML unmarshaling)
GHSL-2021-094	CVE-2021-36162	RCE on customers via MeshApp route poisoning (Unsafe YAML unmarshaling)
GHSL-2021-095	CVE-2021-36163	Pre-Auth Unsafe Hessian deserialization when Hessian protocol is used
GHSL-2021-096	😢	Pre-Auth Unsafe Java deserialization when RMI protocol is used
GHSL-2021-097	CVE-2021-37579	Bypass `checkSerialization` security control



Ex1: The attack surface



- Use

```
semmele.code.java.dataflow.FlowSources.RemoteFlowSource
```

```
import java
import semmele.code.java.dataflow.FlowSources

from RemoteFlowSource source
select source
```

- Exclude those ones with paths matching */src/test/*
- Select the source, enclosing class and source type



```

import java
import semmle.code.java.dataflow.FlowSources

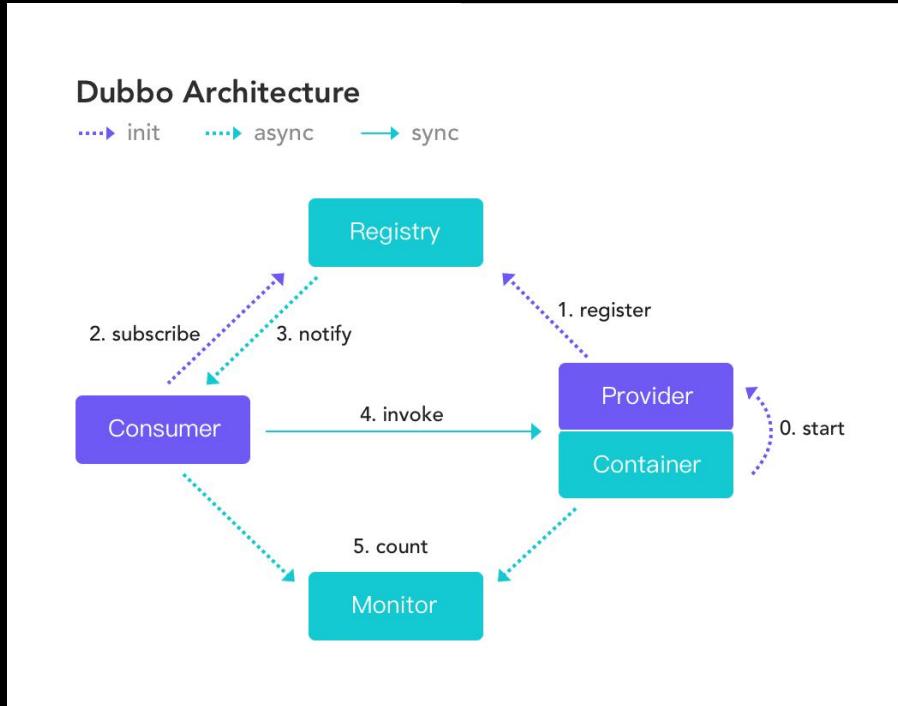
from RemoteFlowSource source
where
| not source.getLocation().getFile().getRelativePath().matches("%/src/test/%")
select source, source.getEnclosingCallable().getDeclaringType(), source.getSourceType()

```

#	source	[1]	[2]
1	getHostName(...)	NetUtils	reverse DNS lookup
2	getHostName(...)	NetUtils	reverse DNS lookup
3	getContent(...)	HttpClientConnection	external
4	getRequestURI(...)	HessianHandler	external
5	getHeaderNames(...)	HessianHandler	external
6	getHeader(...)	HessianHandler	external
7	getInputStream(...)	HessianHandler	external
8	getRequestURI(...)	InternalHandler	external
9	getInputStream(...)	InternalHandler	external
10	getRequestURI(...)	InternalHandler	external



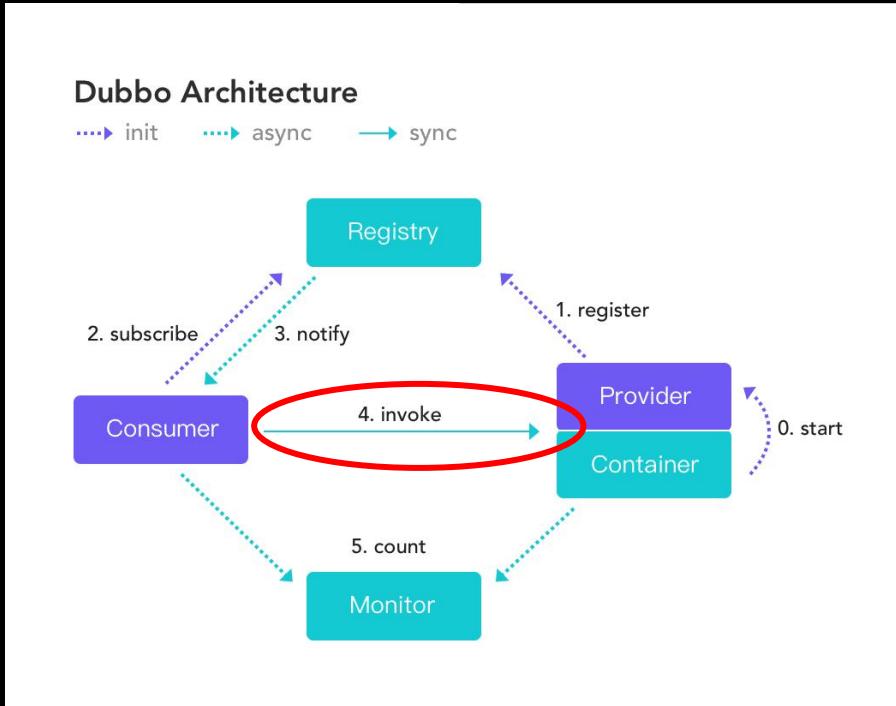
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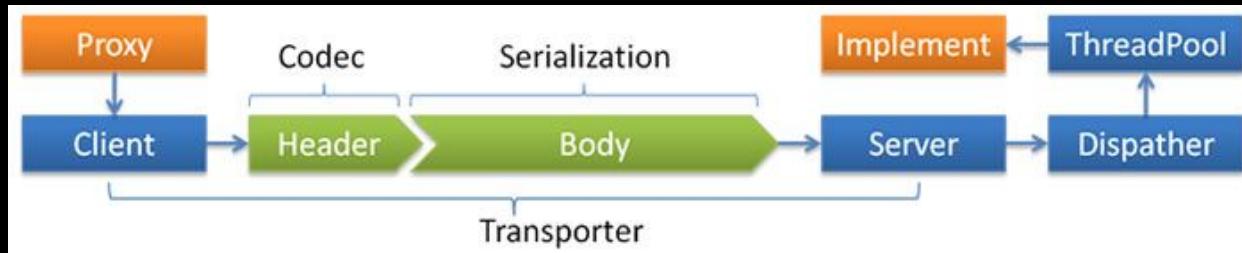
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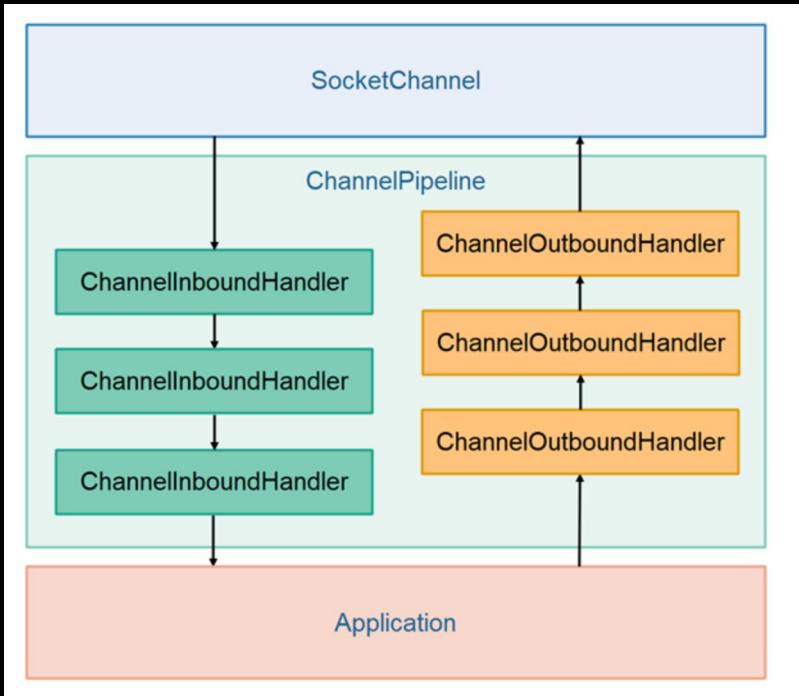
- Dubbo transporters

<https://dubbo.apache.org/docs/v2.7/dev/impls/remoting/>

- Netty (default one)
- Mina
- Grizzly



Netty 101



Package	io.netty.channel
Class	ChannelInboundHandler
Method	channelRead & channelRead0
Parameters	ChannelHandlerContext ctx Object msg
Package	io.netty.handler.codec
Class	ByteToMessageDecoder
Method	decode & decodeLast
Parameters	ChannelHandlerContext ctx ByteBuf in List<Object> out



Ex2: Model Netty sources

Model `channelRead` and `decode` sources. Eg:

```
import semmle.code.java.dataflow.FlowSources

class XXXXXX extends RemoteFlowSource {
    XXXXXX() {
        | none()
    }
    override string getSourceType() {
        | result = "<Source description>"
    }
}
```

```

/** The ChannelInboundHandler class */
class ChannelInboundHandler extends Class {
    ChannelInboundHandler() {
        this.getASourceSupertype*.hasQualifiedName("io.netty.channel", "ChannelInboundHandler")
    }
}

/** The ChannelInboundHandlerl.channelRead method */
class ChannelReadMethod extends Method {
    ChannelReadMethod() {
        this.getName() = ["channelRead", "channelRead0", "messageReceived"] and
        this.getDeclaringType() instanceof ChannelInboundHandler
    }
}

/** The ChannelInboundHandlerl.channelRead(1) source */
class ChannelReadSource extends RemoteFlowSource {
    ChannelReadSource() {
        exists(ChannelReadMethod m |
            this.asParameter() = m.getParameter(1)
        )
    }
}

override string getSourceType() { result = "Netty Handler Source" }

```

#select ▾ 6 results

#	source	[1]	[2]
1	msg	HttpProcessHandler	Netty Handler Source
2	in	QosProcessHandler	Netty Decoder Source
3	msg	TelnetProcessHandler	Netty Handler Source
4	msg	NettyClientHandler	Netty Handler Source
5	input	InternalDecoder	Netty Decoder Source
6	msg	NettyServerHandler	Netty Handler Source



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Day 2



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Where we left?

User data

```
private class InternalDecoder extends ByteToMessageDecoder {  
  
    @Override  
    protected void decode(ChannelHandlerContext ctx, ByteBuf input, List<Object> out) throws Exception {  
  
        ChannelBuffer message = new NettyBackedChannelBuffer(input);  
  
        NettyChannel channel = NettyChannel.getOrAddChannel(ctx.channel(), url, handler);  
  
        // decode object.  
        do {  
            int saveReaderIndex = message.readerIndex();  
            Object msg = codec.decode(channel, message);  
            if (msg == Codec2.DecodeResult.NEED_MORE_INPUT) {  
                message.readerIndex(saveReaderIndex);  
                break;  
            } else {  
                //is it possible to go here ?  
                if (saveReaderIndex == message.readerIndex()) {  
                    throw new IOException("Decode without read data.");  
                }  
                if (msg != null) {  
                    out.add(msg);  
                }  
            }  
        } while (message.readable());  
    }  
}
```

Used here



Dubbo Protocol

Offsets Octet		0								1								2								3																
Octet	Bit	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31									
0	0	Magic High								Magic Low								R e q / R e s	2	E v e n t	Serialization ID				Status																	
4	32	RPC Request ID																																								
8	64																																									
12	96	Data Length																																								
16	128	Variable length part, in turn, is:																																								
...	...	dubbo version, service name, service version, method name, parameter types, arguments, attachments																																								



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Dubbo abstractions

- Transport layer abstraction.
 - Netty, Mina and Grizzly call:
 - `DubboCodec.decode()`
 - `DubboCodec.decodeBody(Channel c, InputStream is, byte[] hdrs)`
- Serializer abstraction:
 - `Serialization` class is initialized for a given serialization type
 - `Serialization.deserialize()` wraps an input stream with a concrete `ObjectInput` type
 - Eg: `JavaObjectInput`, `KryoObjectInput`, etc.
 - Note: It **does not** perform any deserializations
 - `ObjectInput.readXXX` methods perform the actual deserialization

```
Serialization serialization = CodecSupport.getSerialization(channel.getUrl(), serializationType)
ObjectInput in = serialization.deserialize(channel.getUrl(), inputStream);
in.readObject();
```

Dubbo abstractions

- Transport layer abstraction.
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Our sources

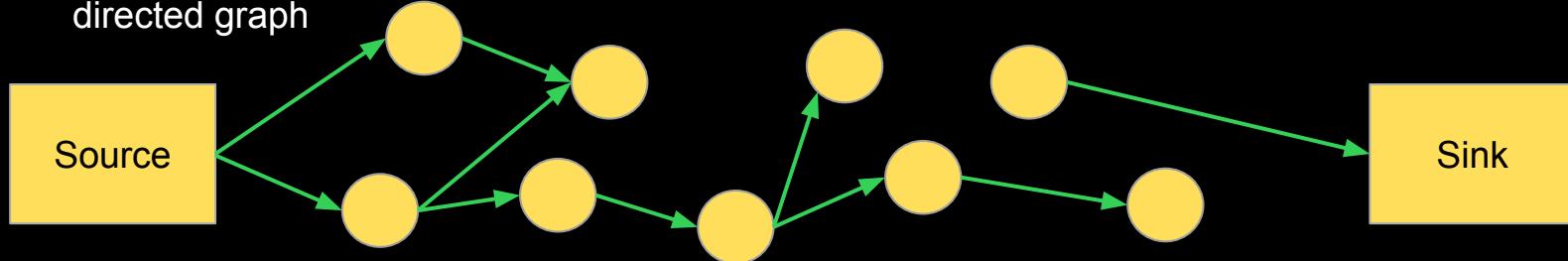
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Our sink
(qualifier)

A taint step from
2nd arg to return

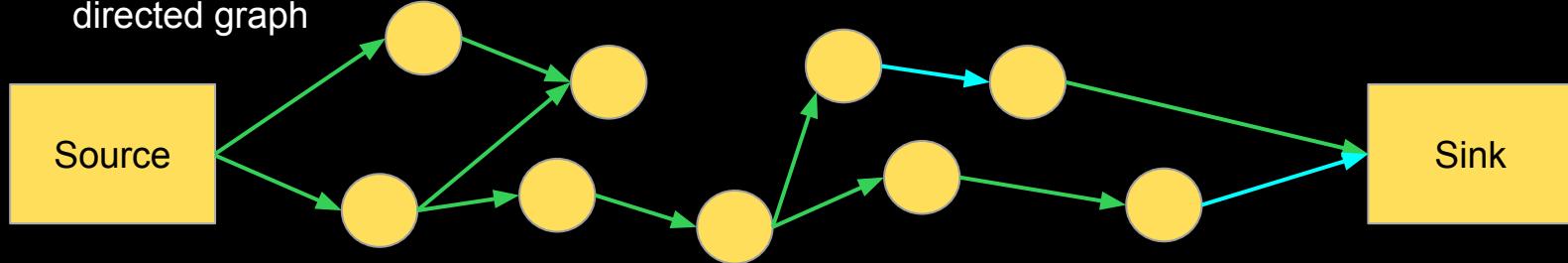
Taint Tracking analysis

- Emulate program run and track data from an origin (source) to a destination (sink)
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 - Sources (nodes)
 - Sinks (nodes)
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- Dataflow nodes are an abstraction of AST nodes (expressions or parameters) and form a directed graph



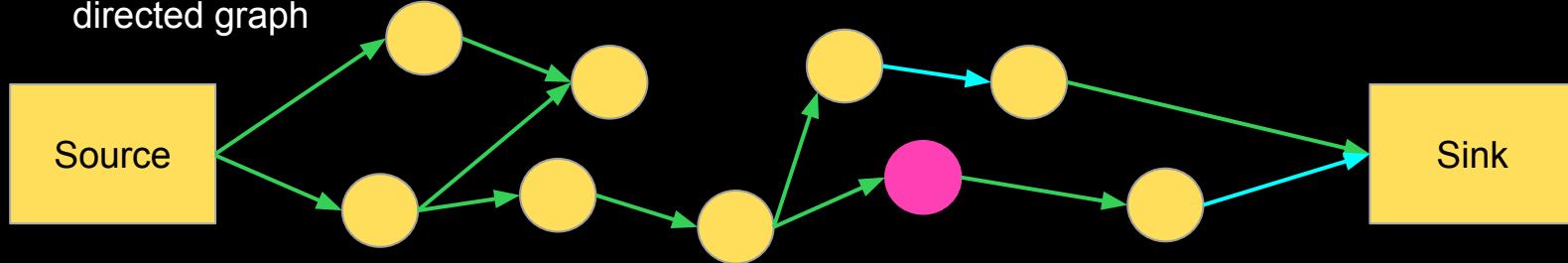
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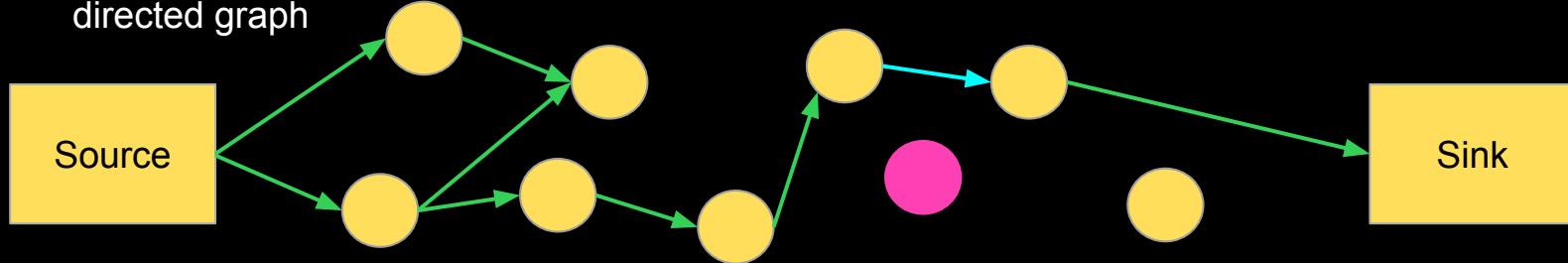
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```
/**  
 * @kind path-problem  
 */  
  
import java  
import semmle.code.java.dataflow.TaintTracking  
import DataFlow::PathGraph  
  
class MyConfig extends TaintTracking::Configuration {  
    MyConfig() { this = "MyConfig" }  
  
    override predicate isSource(DataFlow::Node source) {  
        Source  
    }  
  
    override predicate isAdditionalTaintStep(DataFlow::Node n1, DataFlow::Node n2) {  
        Taint Steps  
    }  
  
    override predicate isSink(DataFlow::Node sink) {  
        Sink  
    }  
}  
  
from MyConfig conf, DataFlow::PathNode source, DataFlow::PathNode sink  
where conf.hasFlowPath(source, sink)  
select sink, source, sink, "source flows into sink"
```

Ex3: Variant analysis

Source:

```
org.apache.dubbo.rpc.protocol.dubbo.DubboCodec.decodeBody (param 1,2)
```

TaintStep:

```
org.apache.dubbo.common.serialize.Serialization.deserialize (arg 1 -> return)
```

Sink:

```
org.apache.dubbo.common.serialize.ObjectInput.read* (qualifier)
```

10 mins



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alerts ▾

8 results

Message

- > unsafe deserialization

CVE-2020-11995
CVE-2020-1948

CVE-2021-25641

ExchangeCodec.java:400:20

DecodeableRpcInvocation.java:153:39

DecodeableRpcInvocation.java:143:35

DecodeableRpcResult.java:141:25

DecodeableRpcResult.java:143:25

DecodeableRpcResult.java:145:25

DecodeableRpcResult.java:155:26

DecodeableRpcResult.java:163:34

GHSL-2021-036 variants
No CVE :(



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Ex4: Semantic matches

- Taint tracking analysis requires modelling of all APIs involved in the taint propagation. Out of the shelf libraries may not model all required APIs 😞
 - As part of a **manual code review** we want to verify dangerous ops regardless of user control evidences
1. Find all calls to `ObjectInput.read*`() methods semantically
 2. Exclude calls to `read*` within the `ObjectInput` class itself
 3. Exclude calls on files with a path matching `*/src/test/*`
 4. Output the call, the enclosing method and the enclosing class

5 mins



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#select ▾

14 results

#	call	[1] ▲	[2]
1	readObject(...)	decode	DecodeableRpcInvocation
2	readAttachments(...)	decode	DecodeableRpcInvocation
3	GHSL-2021-036 variants	decodeData	TransportCodec
4		decodeEventData	ExchangeCodec
5	readObject(...)	decoderequestData	ExchangeCodec
6	readObject(...)	decoderesponseData	ExchangeCodec
7	readObject(...)	dolInvoke	new AbstractInvoker<T>(...){ ... }
8	readAttachments(...)	handleAttachment	DecodeableRpcResult
9	GHSL-2021-036 variants	handleException	DecodeableRpcResult
10		handleValue	DecodeableRpcResult
11	readObject(...)	handleValue	DecodeableRpcResult
12	readObject(...)	handleValue	DecodeableRpcResult
13	readObject(...)	invoke	GenericFilter
14	readObject(...)	invoke	GenericFilter



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CVE-2020-11995
CVE-2020-1948

Potential RCE via Redis protocol but disabled

CVE-2021-30179

Ex5: Scaling manual findings

- `GenericFilter` was also vulnerable to arbitrary setter calls via `PojoUtils` and `JavaBeanSerializeUtil`
- Are they used anywhere else?
- Find (semantically) all uses of:
 - `PojoUtil.realize()`
 - `JavaBeanSerializeUtil.deserialize()`
- As usual exclude results on test files

5 mins



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#select ▾

9 results

#	ma	[1]
1	realize(...)	InvokeTelnetHandler
2	realize(...)	CompatibleFilter
3	realize(...)	CompatibleFilter
4	realize(...)	GenericFilter
5	deserialize(...)	GenericFilter
6	deserialize(...)	GenericImplFilter
7	realize(...)	GenericImplFilter
8	realize(...)	MockInvoker
9	realize(...)	GsonJsonObjectInput

Outbound filter
Non-controlled data

Used for testing

CVE-2021-32824

CVE-2021-30179

CVE-2021-32824



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Ex6: Semantic sinks heatmap

- A best practice is to look for semantic (non-dataflow) matches of the most important taint tracking sinks
 - This will give us a heatmap of where dangerous operations take place and therefore a map of files to audit more carefully
1. Find all calls to an unsafe deserialization sinks known to CodeQL
Reuse `UnsafeDeserializationSink` class
From `semmele.code.java.security.UnsafeDeserializationQuery`
 2. Select sink class, method and call enclosing class

10 mins



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#select ▼

23 results

#	[0]	[1] ▾	[2]
1	Kryo	readObjectOrNull(...)	KryoObjectInput2
2	Kryo	readObjectOrNull(...)	KryoObjectInput2
3	Kryo	readObjectOrNull(...)	KryoObjectInput2
4	Hessian2Input	readObject(...)	Hessian2ObjectInput
5	Hessian2Input	readObject(...)	Hessian2ObjectInput
6	ObjectInputStream	readObject(...)	NativeJavaObjectInput
7	ObjectInputStream	readObject(...)	JavaObjectInput
8	Hessian2Input	readObject(...)	Hessian2ObjectInput
9	Hessian2Input	readObject(...)	Hessian2ObjectInput
10	Kryo	readClassAndObject(...)	KryoObjectInput2
11	Kryo	readClassAndObject(...)	KryoObjectInput
12	JSON	parseObject(...)	FastJsonObjectInput
13	JSON	parseObject(...)	FastJsonObjectInput
14	JSON	parseObject(...)	MockInvoker
15	JSON	parseObject(...)	MockInvoker
16	JSON	parseObject(...)	new Function<String,DefaultServiceInstance>(...) { ... }
17	JSON	parseObject(...)	NacosDynamicConfiguration
18	JSON	parse(...)	FastJsonObjectInput
19	JSON	parse(...)	MockInvoker
20	JSON	parse(...)	ServiceInstanceMetadataUtils
21	Yaml	load(...)	TagRuleParser
22	Yaml	load(...)	ConditionRuleParser
23	Yaml	load(...)	ConfigParser

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Bonus track: reverse flow

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}
```

```
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    baz(str);  
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```

```
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- We can consider the followings as sinks:

- `foo()`
- `bar()`
- `baz()`



Bonus track: reverse flow

- Hoist the `Yaml.load()` method to see where its coming from

#select ▾ 12 results

#	dist	[1]	[2]	n ▲
1	3	NacosConfigListener	innerReceive	configInfo
2	3	ConfigChangedEvent	ConfigChangedEvent	content
3	3	ConfigChangedEvent	ConfigChangedEvent	content
4	1	ListenableRouter	process	event [content]
5	1	TagRouter	process	event [content]
6	3	AbstractConfiguratorListener	process	event [content]
7	3	Optional	orElse	p0
8	1	ConfigParser	parseConfigurators	rawConfig
9	2	AbstractConfiguratorListener	genConfiguratorsFromRawRule	rawConfig
10	5	AppResponse	AppResponse	result
11	3	new Consumer<String>(...) { ... }	accept	v
12	3	CacheListener	dataChanged	value



Configuration Centers

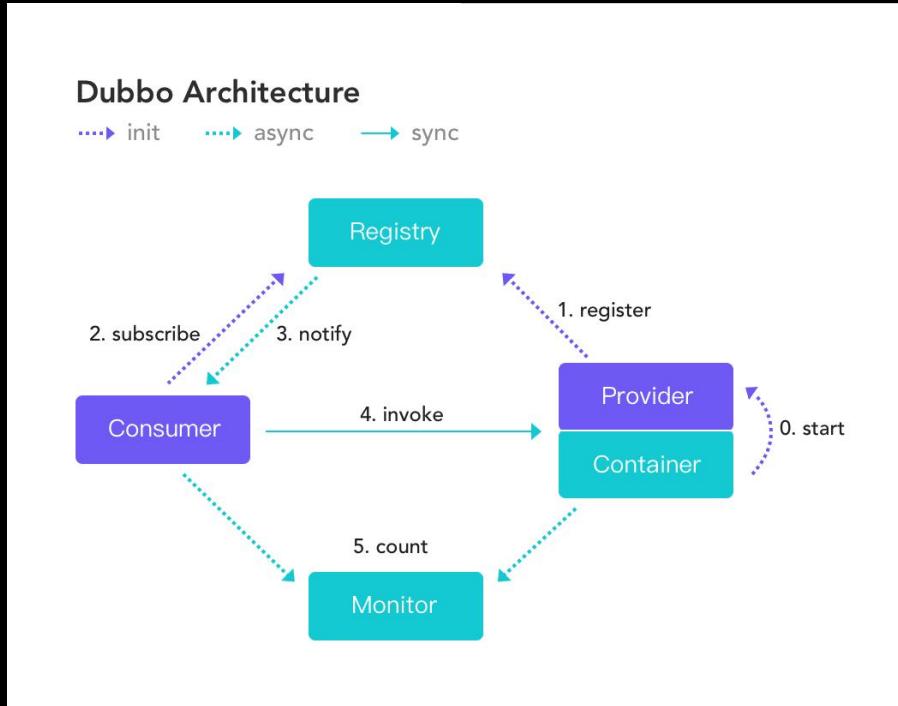
- Dataflows to the insecure `YAML.load()` are originated from Configuration Centers (CC) listeners.
- Dubbo CC currently supports ZooKeeper, Nacos, Etcd, Consul and Apollo
- An attacker being able to modify arbitrary configuration objects on the CC may trigger unsafe deserialization ops.
- Hint:
 - Nacos authentication was bypassable (CVE-2021-29441)
 - https://securitylab.github.com/advisories/GHSL-2020-325_326-nacos/
 - Many ZooKeeper instances run with no authentication



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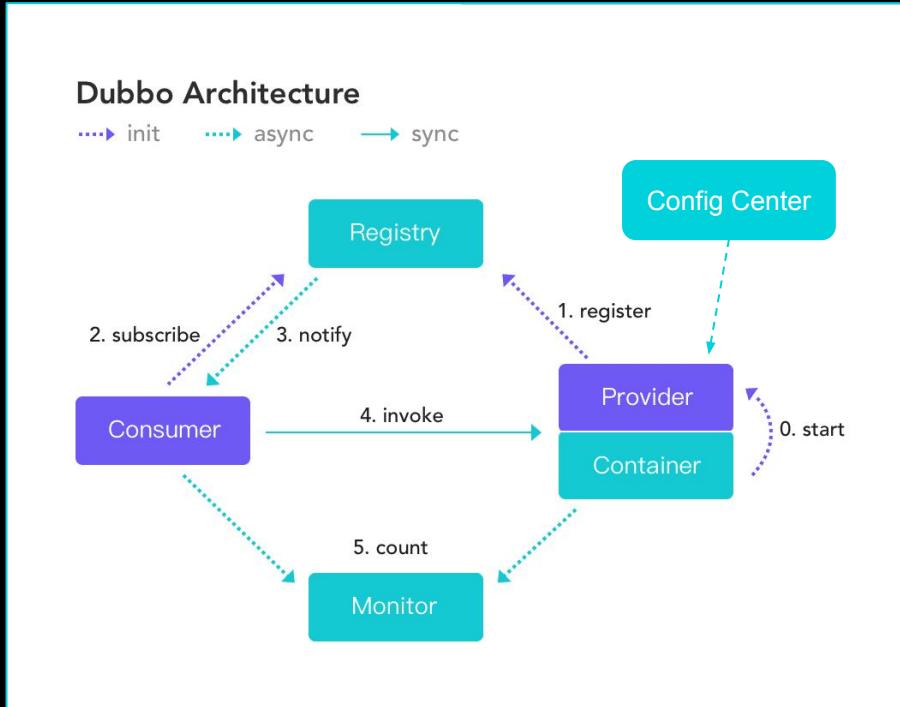
Identifying attack surface



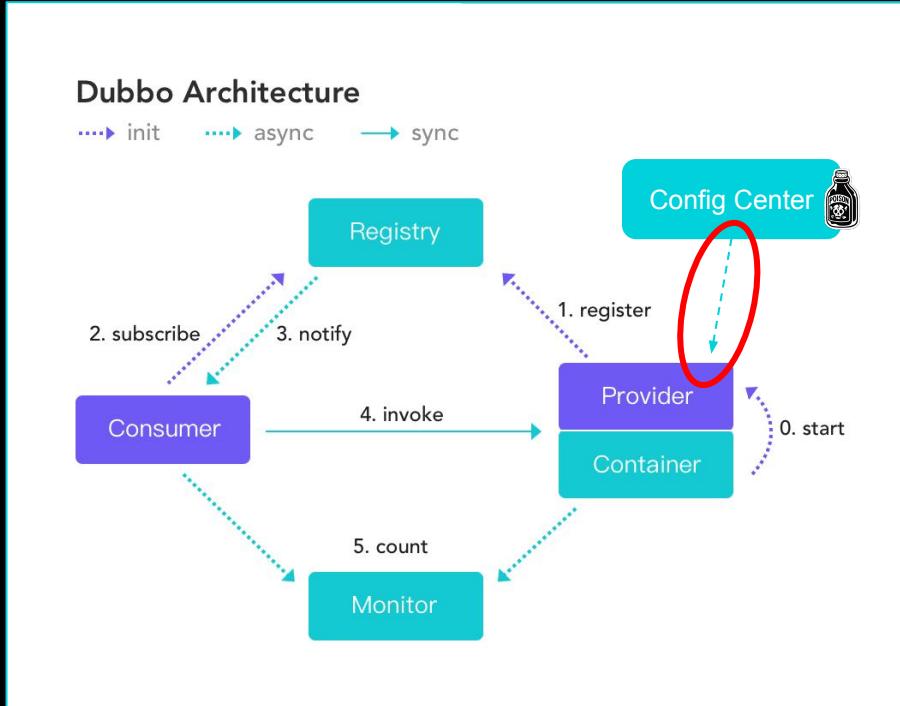
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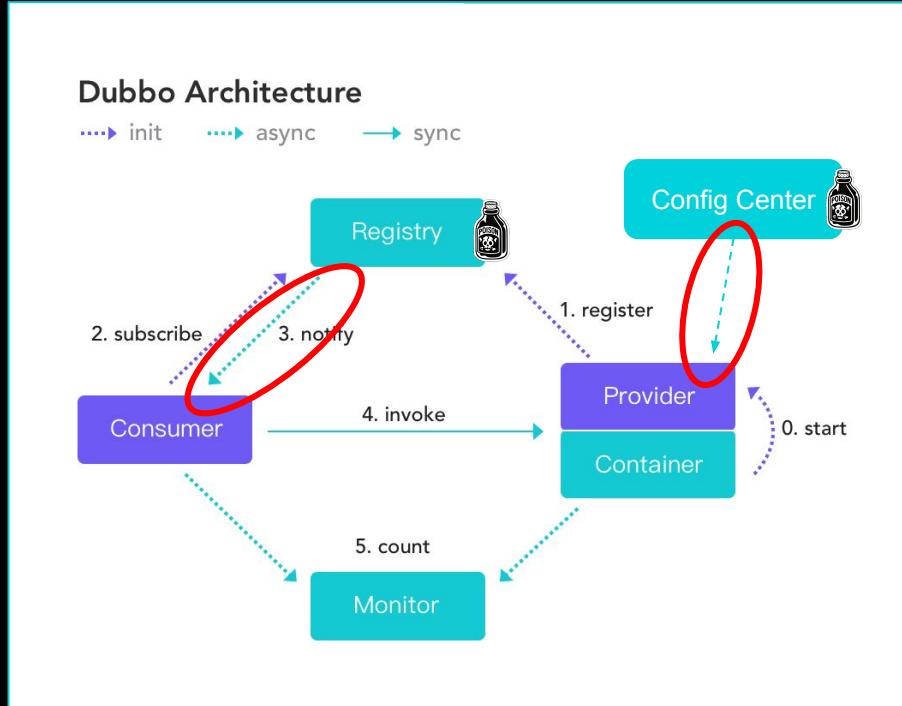
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Ex7: Configuration Centers

- Dubbo uses one more abstraction for CCs and another for the Registry
- Model Dubbo **CC** abstraction as a new source

Package	org.apache.dubbo.common.config.configcenter
Class	ConfigurationListener
Method	process
Parameters	ConfigChangedEvent

- Model Dubbo **Registry** abstraction as a new source

Package	org.apache.dubbo.registry
Class	NotifyListener
Method	notify
Parameters	List<URL>



#		[1] ▲	[2]
1	urls	notify	ReverseCompatibleNotifyListener
2	urls	notify	RegistryDirectory
3	urls	notify	OverrideListener
4	arg0	notify	new NotifyListener(...) { ... }
5	urls	notify	MultipleNotifyListenerWrapper
6	urls	notify	SingleNotifyListener
7	event	process	ListenableRouter
8	event	process	TagRouter
9	event	process	new ConfigurationListener(...) { ... }
10	event	process	AbstractConfiguratorListener



Ex8: Script Injection

- Does the new attack surface lead to new issues?
- You may want to run a scan with the complete (default + experimental) set of CodeQL queries and add the new sources and taint steps you developed during the workshop
- Copy the `ScriptInjection` query
 - <https://github.com/github/codeql/blob/main/java/ql/src/experimental/Security/CWE/CWE-094/ScriptInjection.ql>
- Import sources from Exercise 7
 - `import dubbo`
- Import few JDK models not yet merged to CodeQL repo
 - `import models`

10 mins



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Message		
Java Script Engine evaluate user input.		ScriptRouter.java:73:24
└ Path		
1 urls : List		RegistryDirectory.java:229:37
2 categoryUrls : Map		RegistryDirectory.java:239:32
3 getDefault(...) : Object		RegistryDirectory.java:239:32
4 routerURLs : Object		RegistryDirectory.java:240:19
5 urls : Object		RegistryDirectory.java:371:46
6 url : URL		RegistryDirectory.java:386:58
7 url : URL		ScriptRouterFactory.java:41:29
8 url : URL		ScriptRouterFactory.java:42:33
9 url : URL		ScriptRouter.java:65:25
10 url : URL		ScriptRouter.java:70:24
11 getRule(...) : String		ScriptRouter.java:70:16
12 rule		ScriptRouter.java:73:43
└ Path		
Java Script Engine evaluate user input.		ScriptRouter.java:73:24



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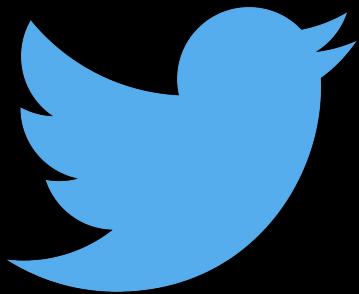
Contribute your own queries and make some 💰

<https://securitylab.github.com/get-involved>



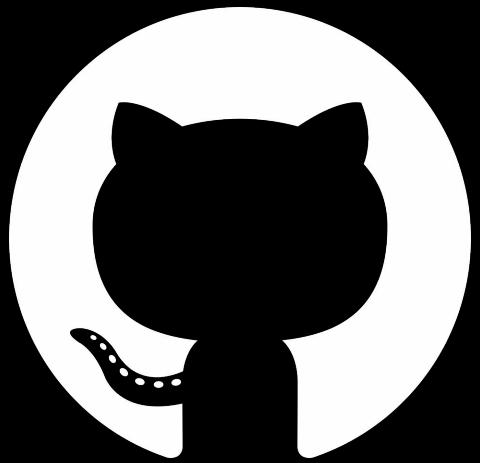
\$184.000 bounties so far 🎉

Thank you!



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Tips & Tricks



Start small

- If you have a great idea test it first in a small synthetic example.
- This will avoid you a lot of head-scratching.
- Complex queries can take hours to finish.
 - Make sure your query finds what you are looking for in an example database.



Logic issues

- A good amount of issues come from trying to express what we want in logical terms.
- Doing this can be confusing.
- Make sure to undust your logic book and properly understand quantifiers, etc.



Debugging

- There is no “gdb” for codeql.
- Best tool you have is to break complex queries into small pieces.
- Each small piece can be executed in isolation.



AST Viewer

- The AST viewer allows you to see how codeql represents your code.
- This allows you to quickly identify the components involved in the pattern you are trying to query.
- Once you know the type in the AST you can import it in your CodeQL query.
- Support is limited to a handful of languages but soon it will work across all the supported languages.



AST Viewer

The screenshot shows the AST Viewer interface with the title 'AST for TcpDiscoverySpi.java'. The left pane displays the tree structure of the Java code, and the right pane shows the corresponding Java code with annotations and highlights.

Tree Structure:

- Method [Method] getSpiContext Line 1499
 - Javadoc
 - Annotations
 - TypeAccess IgniteSpiContext Line 1499
- BlockStmt [BlockStmt] stmt Line 1499
 - IfStmt [IfStmt] stmt Line 1500
 - GTEExpr ... > ... Line 1500
 - BlockStmt [BlockStmt] stmt Line 1500
 - IfStmt [IfStmt] stmt Line 1501
 - TryStmt [TryStmt] stmt Line 1504
 - ReturnStmt [ReturnStmt] stmt Line 1515
 - MethodAccess getSpiContext(...) Line 1515
 - SuperAccess super Line 1515
- Method [Method] getLocalNode Line 1519
- Method [Method] setListener Line 1524
- Method [Method] setDataExchange Line 1529
- Method [Method] setMetricsProvider Line 1534

Java Code (Right Pane):

```
1497
1498     /** {@inheritDoc} */
1499     @Override public IgniteSpiContext getSpiContext() {
1500         if (ctxInitLatch.getCount() > 0) {
1501             if (log.isDebugEnabled())
1502                 log.debug("Waiting for context initialization.");
1503
1504             try {
1505                 U.await(ctxInitLatch);
1506
1507                 if (log.isDebugEnabled())
1508                     log.debug("Context has been initialized.");
1509             }
1510             catch (IgniteInterruptedCheckedException e) {
1511                 U.warn(log, "Thread has been interrupted while wait");
1512             }
1513         }
1514     }
```

