

Open source, Check, Security, Check:

A checklist for securing open source projects



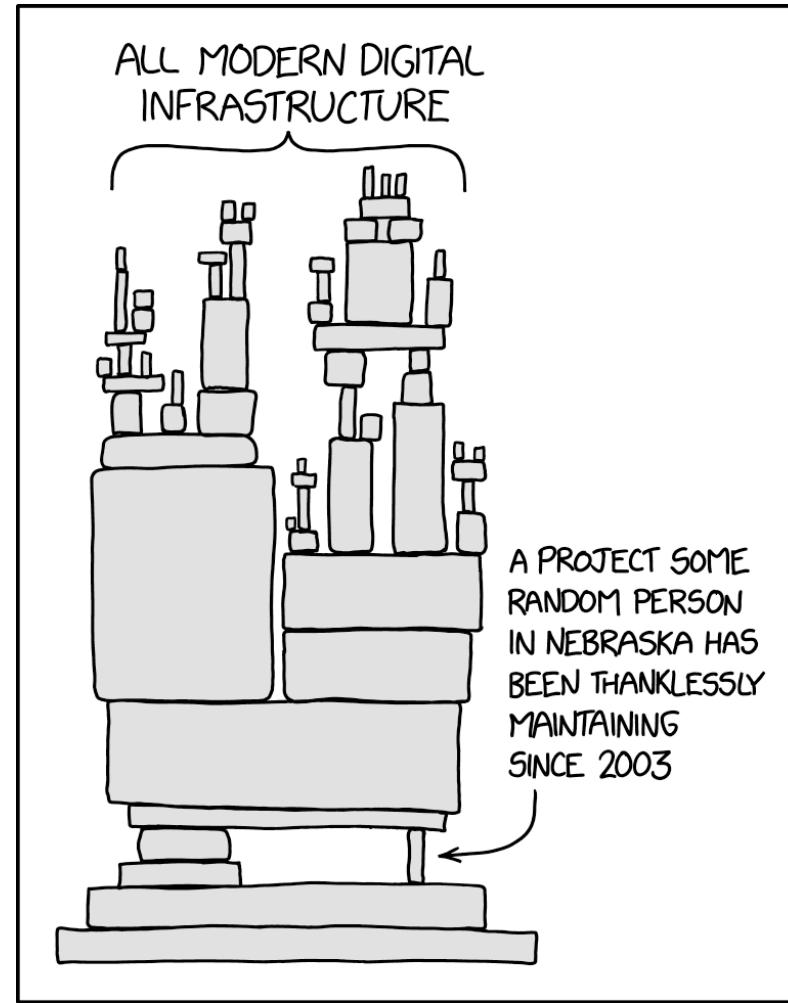






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YES,

- Large scale use in:
 - Profitable companies
 - Critical infrastructures
- Permissive licences
- Publicly reviewable code

BUT

- Unpaid maintainers
- Unmaintained, vulnerable projects
- Lack of ethical security testing
- Low-hanging fruits for threat actors



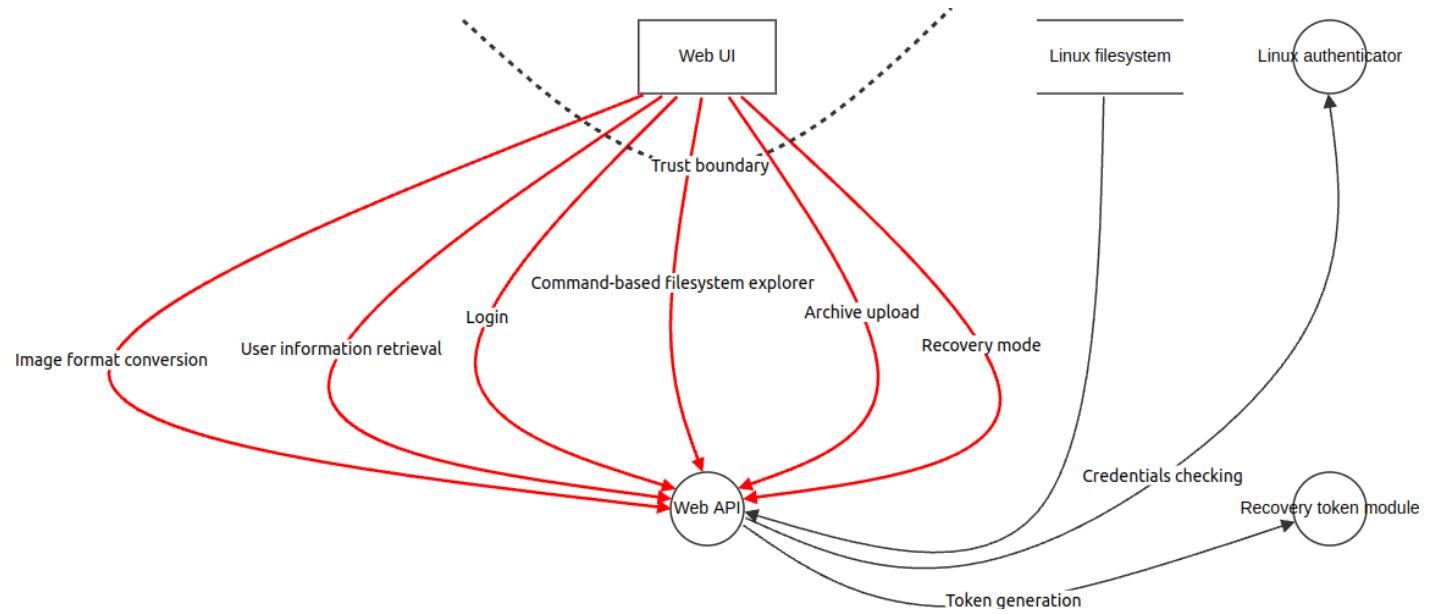
~~Notations~~ Emoji time!

- ✓ for (wanna-be) one-time activities
- ⟳ for recurrent activities
- 📦 for closed source friendly activities

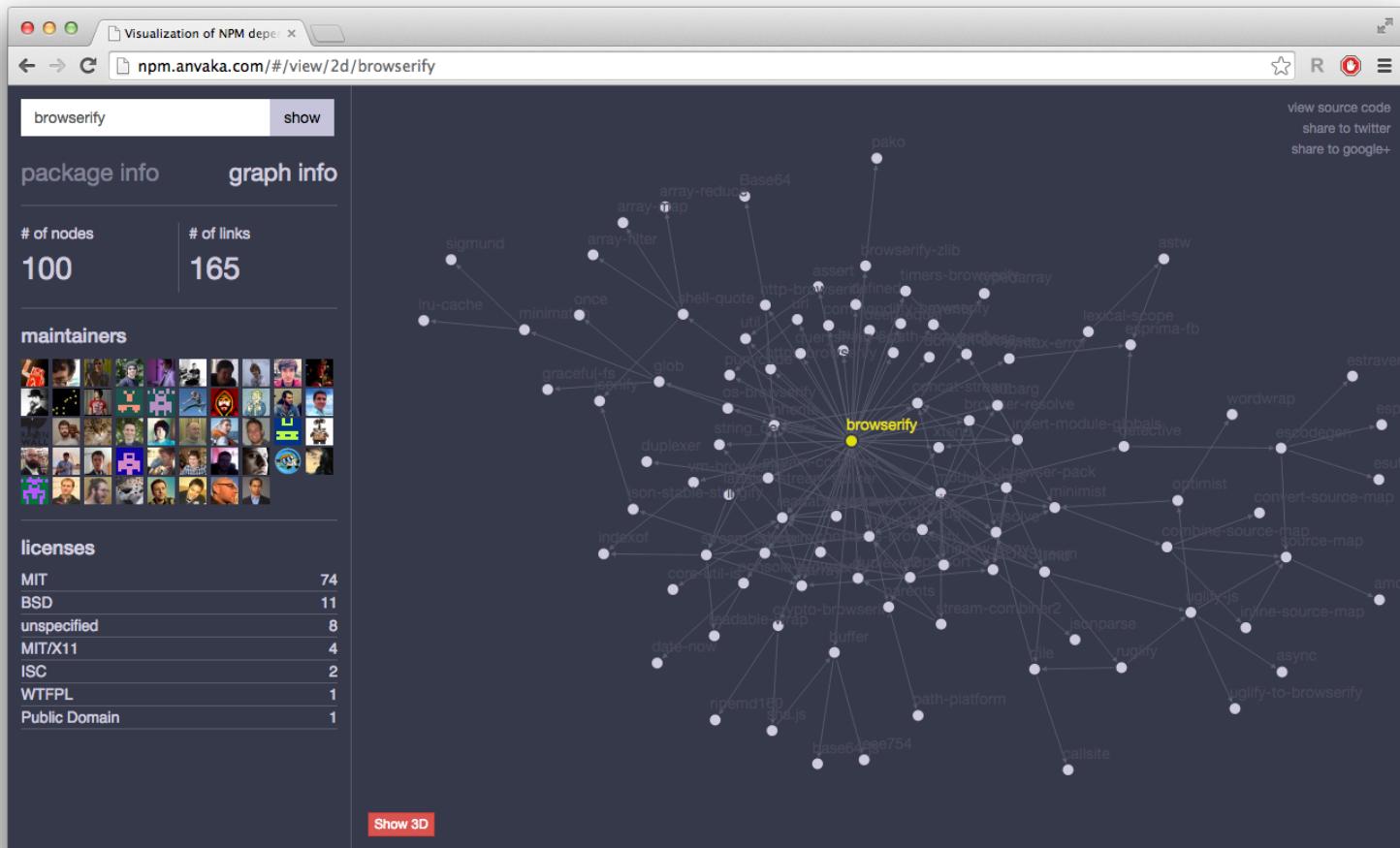
I. Proactively find vulnerabilities

1. Create and maintain a threat model





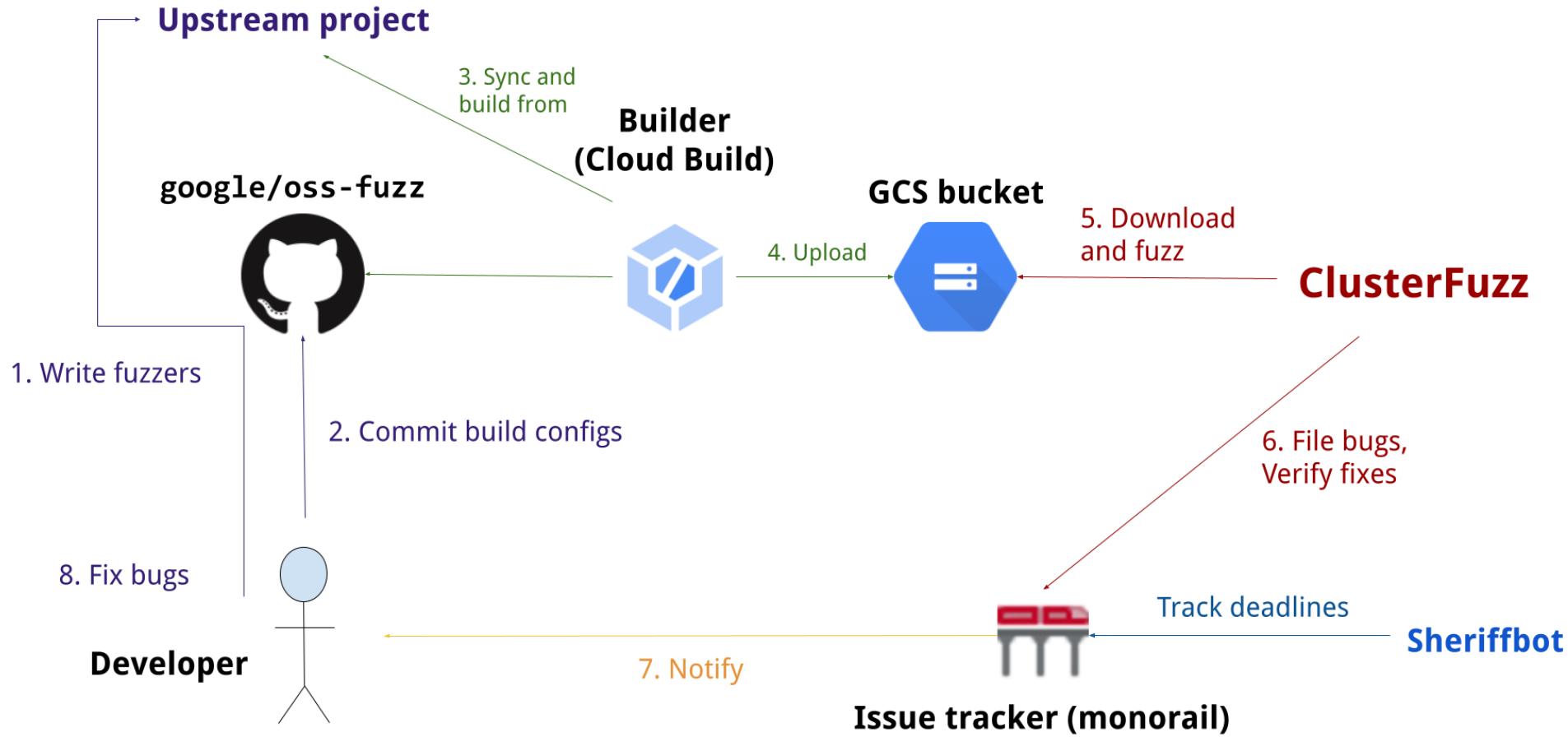
2. Check for vulnerabilities in your dependencies  



3. Run security tools and constantly validate the warnings   

1. Run multiple tools
2. Aggregate the results (e.g., with the [SARIF](#) format)
3. Review the results
4. Suppress the false positives
5. Create automation for development environments and CI workflows

4. Integrate your project in OSS-Fuzz ✓



II. Secure your users

1. Design your software to be secure by default   



Chromium Blog

News and developments from the open source browser project

A safer default for navigation: HTTPS

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

Starting in version 90, Chrome's address bar will use *https://* by default, improving privacy and even loading speed for users visiting websites that support HTTPS. Chrome users who navigate to websites by manually typing a URL often don't include "http://" or "https://". For example, users often type "example.com" instead of "https://example.com" in the address bar. In this case, if it was a user's first visit to a website, Chrome would previously choose *http://* as the default protocol¹. This was a practical default in the past, when much of the web did not support HTTPS.

2. Have security recommendations for users ✓ ↕ 📦



Docs

v20.9.0 API LTS

v21.2.0 API

ES6 and beyond

Guides ARCHIVED

Dependencies

Node.js Security Best Practices

Intent

This document intends to extend the current [threat model](#) and provide extensive guidelines on how to secure a Node.js application.

Document Content

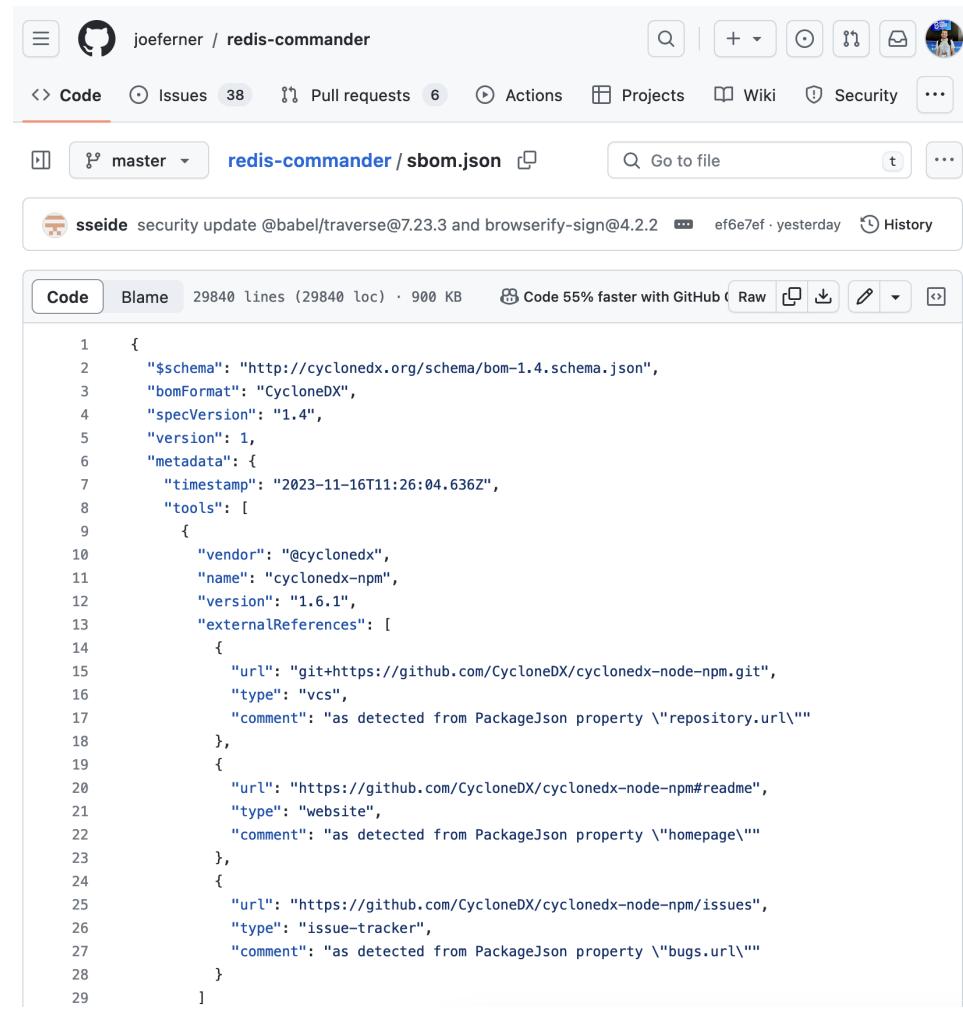
- Best practices: A simplified condensed way to see the best practices. We can use [this issue](#) or [this guideline](#) as the starting point. It is important to note that this document is specific to Node.js, if you are looking for something broad, consider [OSSF Best Practices](#).
- Attacks explained: illustrate and document in plain English with some code example (if possible) the attacks that we are mentioning in the threat model.
- Third-Party Libraries: define threats (typosquatting attacks, malicious packages...) and best practices regarding node modules dependencies, etc...

Threat List

Denial of Service of HTTP server (CWE-400)

This is an attack where the application becomes unavailable for the purpose it was designed due to the way it processes incoming HTTP requests. These requests need not be deliberately crafted by a malicious actor: a misconfigured or buggy client can also send a pattern of requests to the server that result in a denial of service.

3. Create SBOMs



A screenshot of a GitHub repository page for `joeferner / redis-commander`. The user is viewing the `redis-commander / sbom.json` file from the `master` branch. The commit was made by `sseide` yesterday at `ef6e7ef`, with the message: "security update @babel/traverse@7.23.3 and browserify-sign@4.2.2". The code editor shows the following JSON content:

```
1  {
2    "$schema": "http://cyclonedx.org/schema/bom-1.4.schema.json",
3    "bomFormat": "CycloneDX",
4    "specVersion": "1.4",
5    "version": 1,
6    "metadata": {
7      "timestamp": "2023-11-16T11:26:04.636Z",
8      "tools": [
9        {
10          "vendor": "@cyclonedx",
11          "name": "cyclonedx-npm",
12          "version": "1.6.1",
13          "externalReferences": [
14            {
15              "url": "git+https://github.com/CycloneDX/cyclonedx-node-npm.git",
16              "type": "vcs",
17              "comment": "as detected from PackageJson property \"repository.url\""
18            },
19            {
20              "url": "https://github.com/CycloneDX/cyclonedx-node-npm#readme",
21              "type": "website",
22              "comment": "as detected from PackageJson property \"homepage\""
23            },
24            {
25              "url": "https://github.com/CycloneDX/cyclonedx-node-npm/issues",
26              "type": "issue-tracker",
27              "comment": "as detected from PackageJson property \"bugs.url\""
28            }
29          ]
29      ]
29    }
29  }
```

III. Establish a security reporting process

1. Have a standardised, documented process for responding to vulnerabilities  



About

Project Governance

Previous Releases

Security Reporting

Disclosure policy

Here is the security disclosure policy for Node.js

- The security report is received and is assigned a primary handler. This person will coordinate the fix and release process. The problem is confirmed and a list of all affected versions is determined. Code is audited to find any potential similar problems. Fixes are prepared for all releases which are still under maintenance. These fixes are not committed to the public repository but rather held locally pending the announcement.
- A suggested embargo date for this vulnerability is chosen and a CVE (Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures (CVE®)) is requested for the vulnerability.
- On the embargo date, the Node.js security mailing list is sent a copy of the announcement. The changes are pushed to the public repository and new builds are deployed to nodejs.org. Within 6 hours of the mailing list being notified, a copy of the advisory will be published on the Node.js blog.
- Typically the embargo date will be set 72 hours from the time the CVE is issued. However, this may vary depending on the severity of the bug or difficulty in applying a fix.
- This process can take some time, especially when coordination is required with maintainers of other projects. Every effort will be made to handle the bug in as timely a manner as possible; however, it's important that we follow the release process above to ensure that the disclosure is handled in a consistent manner.

2. Create a security policy

The screenshot shows the GitHub interface for the `ansible / ansible` repository. The top navigation bar includes links for Code, Issues (549), Pull requests (318), Projects (7), Security (highlighted with a red underline), and Insights. On the far right, there are icons for search, code, issues, pull requests, projects, security, insights, and a user profile.

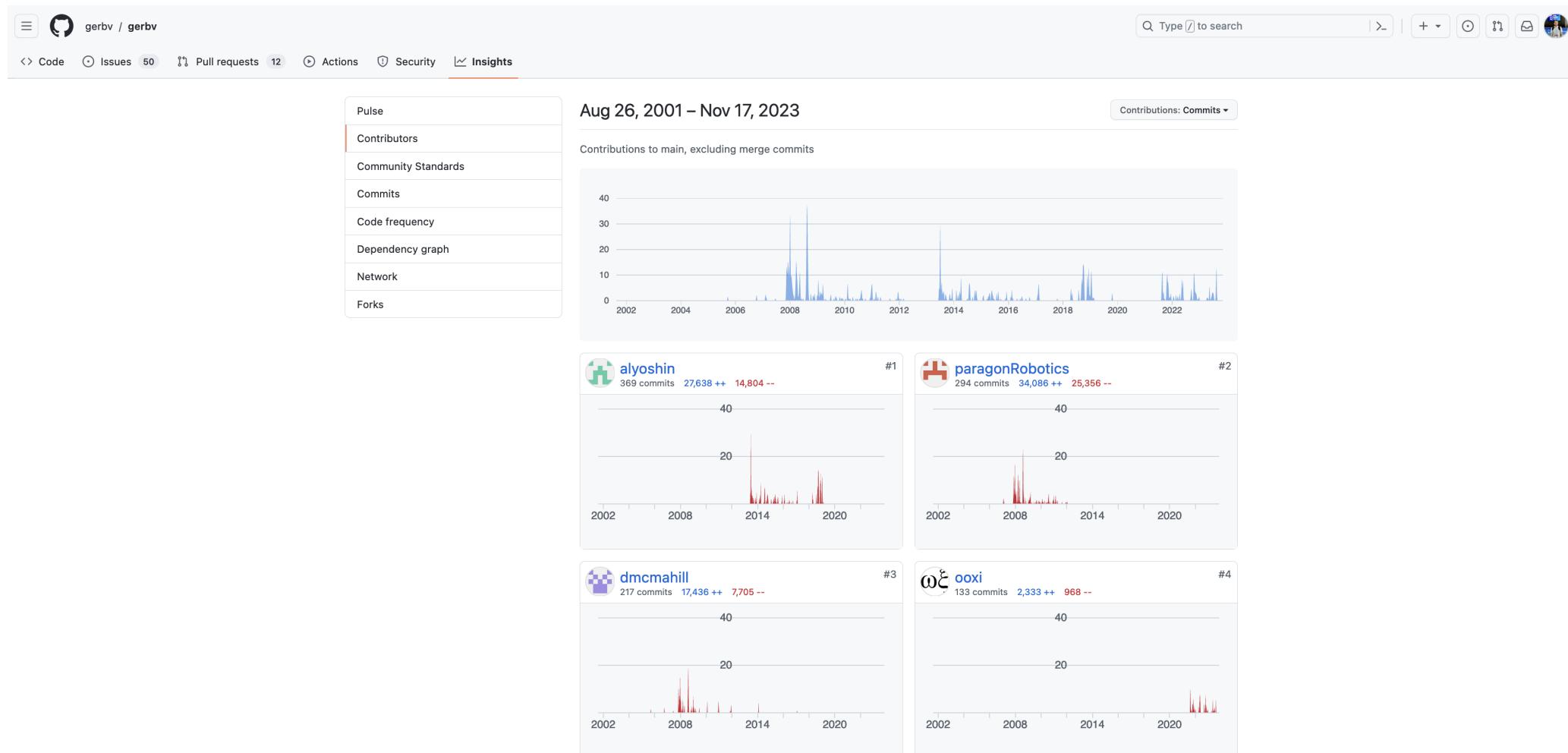
The left sidebar features tabs for Overview, Reporting, Policy (selected), and Advisories. The main content area is titled `.github/SECURITY.md` and contains the following sections:

- # Security Policy
- ## Supported Versions

Ansible applies security fixes according to the 3-versions-back support policy. Please find more information in [our docs](#).
- ## Reporting a Vulnerability

We encourage responsible disclosure practices for security vulnerabilities. Please read our [policies for reporting bugs](#) if you want to report a security issue that might affect Ansible.

3. Find backup security responders  



4. Be transparent and verbose with the reported vulnerabilities  

References to Advisories, Solutions, and Tools

By selecting these links, you will be leaving NIST webspace. We have provided these links to other web sites because they may have information that would be of interest to you. No inferences should be drawn on account of other sites being referenced, or not, from this page. There may be other web sites that are more appropriate for your purpose. NIST does not necessarily endorse the views expressed, or concur with the facts presented on these sites. Further, NIST does not endorse any commercial products that may be mentioned on these sites. Please address comments about this page to nvd@nist.gov.

Hyperlink	Resource
https://cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2023-4508	Third Party Advisory
https://github.com/gerbv/gerbv/commit/dfb5aac533a3f9e8cccd93ca217a753258cba4fe5	Patch
https://github.com/gerbv/gerbv/issues/191	Exploit Issue Tracking Third Party Advisory
https://lists.debian.org/debian-lts-announce/2023/09/msg00040.html	

Known Affected Software Configurations

Switch to CPE 2.2

Configuration 1 ([hide](#))

 cpe:2.3:a:gerbv_project:gerbv:**:**:**:* Show Matching CPE(s) ▾	From (including) 2.4.0	Up to (including) 2.10.0
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The OSS Fortress

- Workshop for finding software vulnerabilities using open source tools
- Vulnerable-by-default Python and C web application
- Tasks (and solutions) for linting, code querying, secret scanning, dependency scanning, fuzzing, and symbolic execution
- [iosifache/oss_fortress](https://github.com/iosifache/oss_fortress) on GitHub
- ossfortress.io as a wiki



ping @iosifache

- Website: iosifache.me
- GitHub: [@iosifache](https://github.com/iosifache)
- X: [@iosifache](https://twitter.com/iosifache)
- LinkedIn: [@iosifache](https://www.linkedin.com/in/iosifache)