

Threat model report for GitHub Repo Actions/OIDC Threat Model

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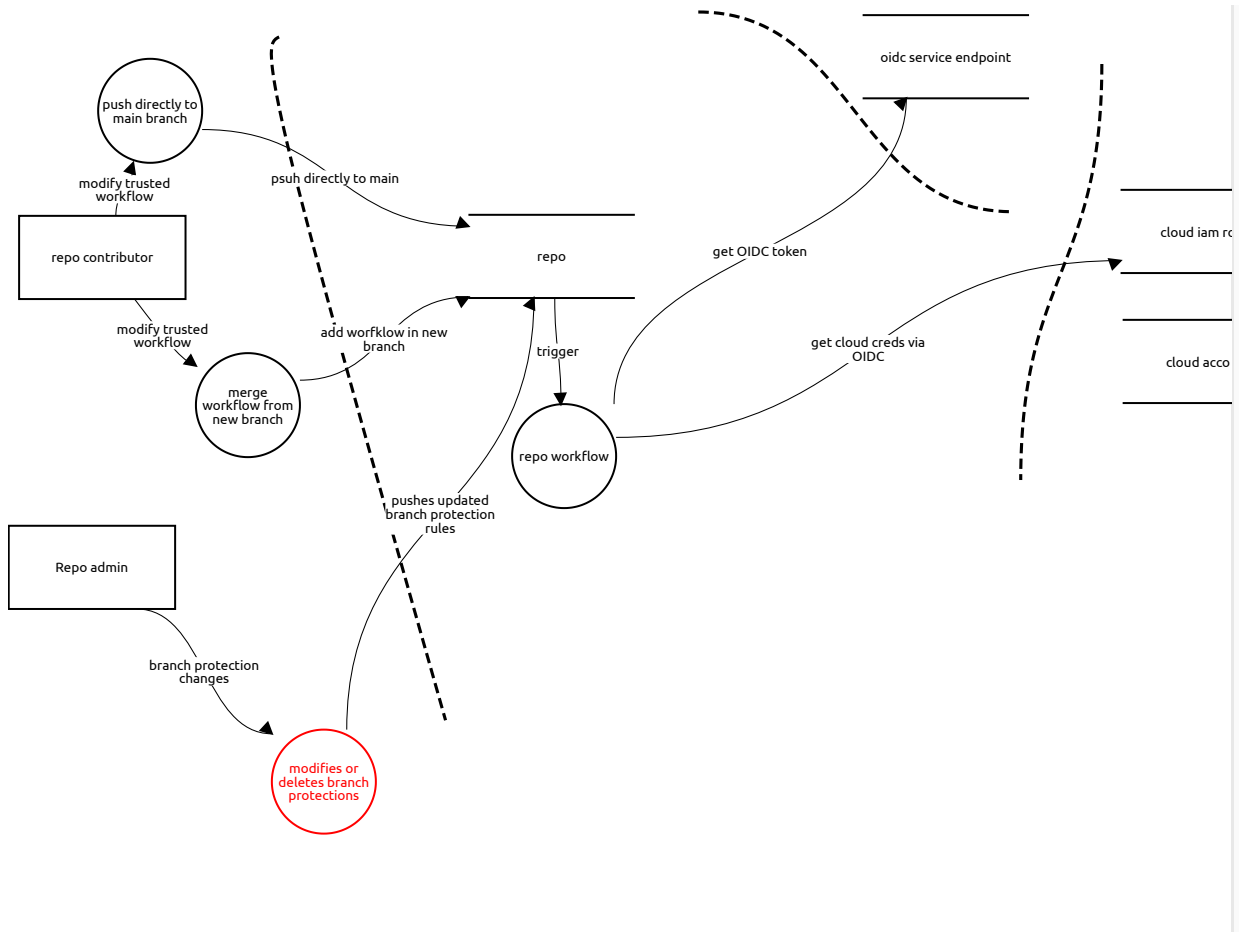
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Reviewer:

Contributors:

High level system description

Data Flow Diagram



cloud iam role (Data Store)

Description:

Cloud credentials issued to unauthorized workflows

Elevation of privilege, Mitigated, High Priority

Description:

Only designated Actions workflows should be allowed to acquire third party credentials via OIDC

Mitigation:

1. Configure the subject claim at the repo or org level to include `job_workflow_ref` as part of the subject claim. The `job_workflow_ref` field includes the repo, file path, and branch of the the workflow that initiated the OIDC request.
2. Configure the relying party (e.g. the cloud provider) to only allow credential issuance to the `job_workflow_refs` that are authorized to acquire credentials (e.g. `"job_workflow_ref:octo-org/octo-automation/.github/workflows/oidc.yml@refs/heads/main"`)

cloud accoun (Data Store)

Description:

No threats listed.

repo (Data Store)

Description:

No threats listed.

repo workflow (Process)

Description:

No threats listed.

trigger (Data Flow)

Description:

pr, issue, merge, pull, etc

No threats listed.

oidc service endpoint (Data Store)

Description:

where the repo gets an OIDC token from

No threats listed.

get OIDC token (Data Flow)

Description:

No threats listed.

get cloud creds via OIDC (Data Flow)

Description:

No threats listed.

repo contributor (External Actor)

Description:

an authorized repo contributor with write access

No threats listed.

merge workflow from new branch (Process)

Description:

Update protected workflow without approval

Tampering, Mitigated, High Priority

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1. Require a PR with at least one reviewer before merging.
2. Dismiss stale pull request approvals when new commits are pushed
3. If code owners is configured, require a review from code owners
4. Disallow bypass of pull requests
5. Require approval of the most recent push
6. (Unsure given #2) - Ignore approving reviews from pull request contributors
7. Do not allow bypassing the above settings
8. Disallow force pushes

modify trusted workflow (Data Flow)

Description:

No threats listed.

add workflow in new branch (Data Flow)

Description:

No threats listed.

push directly to main branch (Process)

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Description:

No threats listed.

Repo admin (External Actor)

Description:

No threats listed.

modifies or deletes branch protections (Process)

Description:

Rogue admin deletes branch protection rules

Tampering, Open, High Priority

Description:

A rogue admin could delete branch protection rules, thus removing 2 party review requirements for workflows

Mitigation:

None

pushes updated branch protection rules (Data Flow)

Description:

No threats listed.

branch protection changes (Data Flow)

Description:

No threats listed.