OWASP Dependency Check

A Primer

The Problem

In A Nutshell

- 1. Modern applications depend on open source,
- 2. they contain many 3rd party components **and their vulnerabilities**.

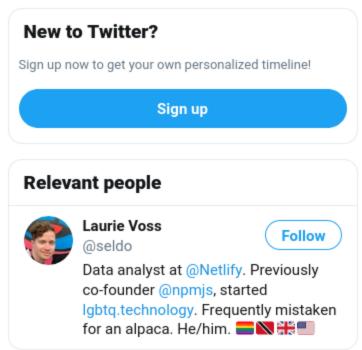
"Reinvent The Wheel" by xkcd: https://xkcd.com/2140/

WE DON'T WANT TO REINVENT THE WHEEL, SO EVERY DAY WE GOOGLE IMAGE SEARCH "WHEEL", AND WHATEVER OBJECT COMES UP. THAT'S WHAT WE ATTACH TO OUR VEHICLES. SURE, EXTERNAL DEPENDENCIES CARRY RISKS, BUT SO FAR THEY'VE ALL BEEN PRETTY GOOD WHEELS.

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The Problem





Vulnerabilities on NPM in 2018: https://twitter.com/seldo/status/1021865857813630976

The Problem

This problem has been recognized by the OWASP Top 10 Web Application Security Risks.

OWASP Top 10

"#9 Using Components with Known Vulnerabilities.

Components, such as libraries, frameworks, and other software modules, run with the same privileges as the application. If a vulnerable component is exploited, such an attack can facilitate serious data loss or server takeover. Applications and APIs using components with known vulnerabilities may undermine application defenses and enable various attacks and impacts." [owasp.org]



<u>Using Components with Known Vulnerabilities</u>



Enter OWASP Dependency Check

A tool for mitigating OWASP Top 10 #9.

Checks dependencies for **Known Vulnerabilities**.

Developed by OWASP / Jeremy Long.

Full support for Java and .NET applications.

Experimental support for Python, Ruby, PHP and JavaScript/Node.js applications.

References:

- Project site on owasp.org
- Online documentation on github.io



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Azure Pipeline Integration

Hosted Agents

Just add this tasks to your pipeline.

```
- task: dependency-check-build-task@5
  displayName: 'Dependency Check: Run'
 inputs:
   projectName: MyProject
                                 # name of the project
   scanPath: path/to/scanPath
                                # path of artifacts to scan
    failOnCVSS: 0
                                 # threshold when to fail build
   format: 'HTML'
                                 # output format
   enableExperimental: false
                                # use experimental analyzers
   enableRetired: false
                                 # use retired analyzers
    enableVerbose: false
                                 # run in verbose mode
```



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Azure Pipeline Integration

On-Premise Agents (1/2)

Dependency-Check requires JRE/JDK to run.

```
- task: JavaToolInstaller@0
  displayName: 'Dependency Check: Install OpenJDK'
  inputs:
    versionSpec: "13"
    jdkArchitectureOption: x64
    jdkSourceOption: LocalDirectory
    jdkFile: "path/to/openjdk-13.0.2_windows-x64_bin.zip"
    jdkDestinationDirectory: "DependencyCheck/Binaries/Externals"
    cleanDestinationDirectory: true
- task: dependency-check-build-task@5
    ...
```



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Azure Pipeline Integration

On-Premise Agents (2/2)

.NET Analyzers require .NET Core.

```
- task: UseDotNet@2
  displayName: 'Dependency Check: Install .NET Core sdk'
  inputs:
    packageType: sdk
    version: 2.x
    installationPath: $(Agent.ToolsDirectory)/dotnet

- task: JavaToolInstaller@0
    ...

- task: dependency-check-build-task@5
    ...
```



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Dependency Check Reports



Dependency-Deack is an open source tool performing a best effort analysis of 3rd party dependencies, false positives and false negatives may exist in the analysis performed by the tool. Use of the tool and the reporting provided is at the user's risk. In no event shall the copyright had

 $\underline{\text{How to read the report}} \ | \ \underline{\text{Suppressing false positives}} \ | \ \text{Getting Help:} \ \underline{\text{google group}} \ | \ \underline{\text{github issues}}$

Project: DependencyCheck

Scan Information (show all):

- dependency-check version: 1.4.4-SNAPSHOT
- Report Generated On: Oct 9, 2016 at 07:04:35 EDT
 Dependencies Scanned: 306 (289 unique)
- Vulnerable Dependencies: 36
- Vulnerabilities Found: 289
 Vulnerabilities Suppressed: 0
- ...

Display: Showing Vulnerable Dependencies (click to show all)

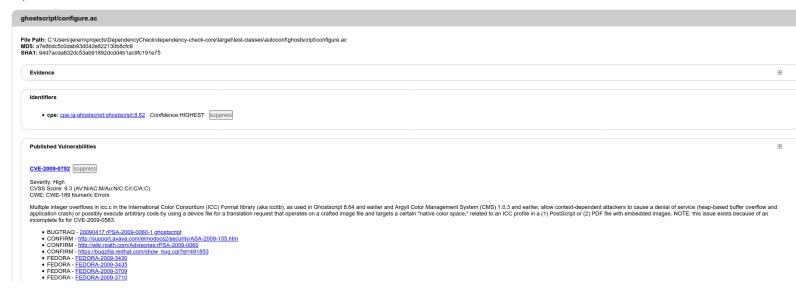
Dependency	CPE	GAV	Highest Severity	CVE Count	CPE Confidence	Evidence Count
ghostscript/configure.ac	cpe:/a:ghostscript:ghostscript:8.62		High	5	HIGHEST	4
axis-1.4.jar	cpe:/a:apache:axis:1.4	axis:axis:1.4	Medium	2	HIGHEST	17
axis2-kernel-1.4.1.jar	cpe:/a:apache:axis2:1.4.1	org.apache.axis2:axis2-kernel:1.4.1	High	6	HIGHEST	16
ffmpeg\ffmpeg_version.cmake	cpe:/a:ffmpeg:ffmpeg:55.18.102		High	3	LOW	3
cmake\OpenCVDetectPython.cmake	cpe:/a:python:python:-		High	11	LOW	1
commons-fileupload-1.2.1.jar	cpe:/a:apache:commons_fileupload:1.2.1	commons-fileupload:commons-fileupload:1.2.1	High	3	HIGHEST	23
commons-httpclient-3.1.jar	cpe:/a:apache:commons-httpclient:3.1 cpe:/a:apache:httpclient:3.1	commons-httpclient:commons-httpclient:3.1	Medium	2	LOW	20
daytrader-ear-2.1.7.ear: dt-ejb.jar	cpe:/a:apache:geronimo:2.1.7	org.apache.geronimo.daytrader:daytrader-ejb:2.1.7	High	2	HIGHEST	15
daytrader-ear-2.1.7.ear: streamer.jar	cpe:/a:apache:apache_test:2.1.7 cpe:/a:apache:geronimo:2.1.7	org.apache.geronimo.daytrader:daytrader-streamer:2.1.7	High	2	HIGHEST	17
daytrader-ear-2.1.7.ear: wsappclient.jar	cpe:/a:apache:geronimo:2.1.7	org.apache.geronimo.daytrader:daytrader-wsappclient:2.1.7	High	2	HIGHEST	17



Report header with a list of found vulnerabilities.

Dependency Check Reports

Dependencies





Where do the links go?

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Dependency Check Reports

Identifiers

• cpe: cpe:/a:ghostscript:ghostscript:8.62 Confidence:HIGHEST suppress

Published Vulnerabilities

CVE-2009-0792 suppress

Severity: High

CVSS Score: 9.3 (AV:N/AC:M/Au:N/C:C/I:C/A:C)

CWE: CWE-189 Numeric Errors

What is CVE, CWE, CVSS, CPE?



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National Vulnerability Database

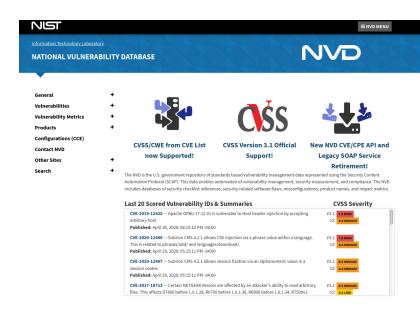
The main source for understanding reports of Dependency Check.

The US Government repository for *Security Content Automation Protocol* (SCAP) content.

SCAP Components

- Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures (CVE)
- Common Vulnerability Scoring System (CVSS)
- Common Platform Enumeration (CPE)
- and <u>more</u>.

NOTE: (1.) SCAP contains other components which are not important for now. (2.) CVE content includes Common Weakness Enumeration (CWE) content which is not part of SCAP, AFAIK.



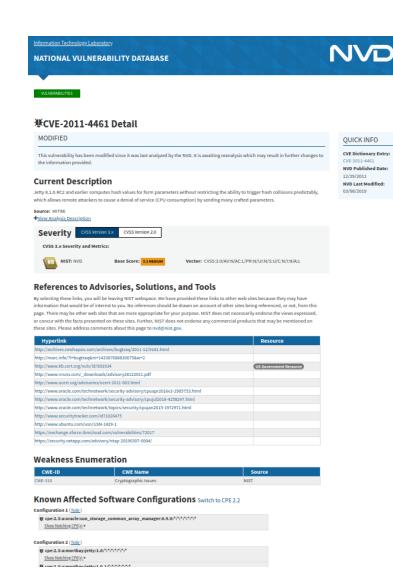
National Vulnerability Database

NVD Entry Sections

- Title
 - → Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures (CVE)
- Quick Info
- Current Description
- Serverity
 - → Common Vulnerability Scoring System (CVSS)
- References to Advisories, Solutions, and Tools
- Weakness Enumeration
 - → Common Weakness Enumeration (CWE)
- Known Affected Software Configurations
 - → Common Platform Enumeration (CPE)
- Change History

Example

https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln/detail/CVE-2011-4461



Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures

Project Site: https://cve.mitre.org/

A system to identify publicly known vulnerabilities and exposures.

- CVE Number
 identifies publicly known vulnerabilities and exposures
- CVE Numbering Authority (CNA)
 assigns CVE Numbers
 e.g. The MITRE Corporation, Microsoft, Red Hat and <u>others</u>
- CVE Number Syntax

 CVE prefix + Year + Arbitrary Digits
- CVE Number Example
 CVE-2020-11022 (a jQuery XSS vulnerability)



Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures

CVE Numbers are only assigned to flaws which satisfy the following criteria.

A flaw must be:

- 1. **Independently Fixable**The flaw can be fixed independently of any other bugs.
- 2. **Acknowledged by the affected vendor** or **Documented**The flaw is either confirmed by the vendor or has a recorded prove.
- 3. Affecting one codebase

The flaw may impact many products, e.g white-labeling, but resides in a single codebase.

For further information see:

https://www.redhat.com/en/topics/security/what-is-cve



Common Weakness Enumeration

Project Site: https://cwe.mitre.org/

A category system for software weaknesses and vulnerabilities.

The CWE system is a community project which aims to understand, identify, fix and prevent common security flaws in software and to create automated tools helping with these objectives.



- CWE Number identifies a category of known weaknesses or a concrete known weakness in software
- **CWE Number Syntax**CWE prefix + Arbitrary Digits
- CWE Number Examples
 - CWE Category: <u>CWE-1211</u> Authentication Errors
 - CWE Weakness: <u>CWE-295</u> Imporper Certificate Validation

The MITRE Corporation

The CVE and CWE systems are maintained and sponsored by The MITRE Corporation:

- Project Site: https://www.mitre.org/
- Non-Profit Organization
- Primary CNA
- Funded by various US Government institutions:
 - Dpt. of Homeland Security
 - Dpt. of Defense
 - Federal Aviation Administration
 - Internal Revenue Service
 - Department of Veterans Affairs.
 - National Institute of Standards and Technology
 - Administrative Office of the United States Courts
 - Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

FYI: "MITRE" has no meaning, although it originated around the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)



Common Vulnerability Scoring System

Project Site: https://www.first.org/cvss/

A system for calculating the serverity of vulnerabilities.

- CVSS Vector describes exploitability and impact of a vulnerability
 - Example CVSS:3.1/AV:N/AC:H/PR:N/UI:R/S:C/C:H/I:L/A:N
- CVSS Score
 describes the approximate serverity of a vulnerability
 floating point value between 0 (good) and 10 (bad)
 - Example
 Base Score 6.9 (medium serverity)



Common Vulnerability Scoring System

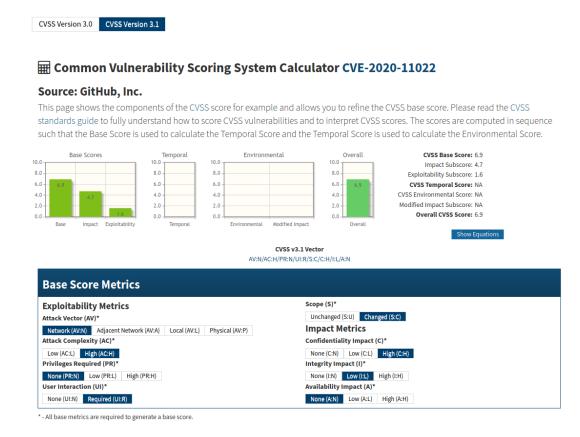
CVSS Vector: CVSS:3.1/AV:N/AC:H/PR:N/UI:R/S:C/C:H/I:L/A:N

CVSS Version: 3.1

Metric	Value	Category
Attack Vector (AV)	Network (N), Adjacent Network (A), Local (L), Physical (P)	Exploitability
Access Complexity (AC)	Low (L), High (H)	Exploitability
Privileges Required (PR)	None (N), Low (L), High (H)	Exploitability
User Interaction (UI)	None (N), Required (R)	Exploitability
(Authorization) Scope (S)	Unchanged (U), Changed (C)	Exploitability
Confidentiality Impact (C)	None (N), Low (L), High (H)	Impact
Integrity Impact (I)	None (N), Low (L), High (H)	Impact
Availability Impact (A)	None (N), Low (L), High (H)	Impact



Common Vulnerability Scoring System



This example of a CVSS calculation for CVE-2020-11022 can be found on NVD.



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Common Platform Enumeration

Project Site: https://nvd.nist.gov/products/cpe

A naming system to uniquely identify information technology systems (hardware and software).

Originally developed be MITRE (https://cpe.mitre.org/), now part of the Security Content Automation Protocol (SCAP) maintained by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).



- CPE Well-Formed Name (WFN)
 uniquely identifies an information technology system (hardware or software)
- CPE URI represents a CPE WFN

NOTE: CPE WFNs are not really important for working with Dependency Check.

Common Platform Enumeration

CPE URI Syntax

```
■ CPE 2.2:
```

```
cpe:/{part}:{vendor}:{product}:{version}:
{update}:{edition}:{language}
```

• CPE 2.3:

```
cpe:2.3:{part}:{vendor}:{product}:{version}:
{update}:{edition}:{language}:{sw_edition}:
{target_sw}:{target_hw}:{other}
```

CPE URI Examples

■ CPE 2.2:

```
cpe:/a:jquery:jquery:1.0.1
```

• CPE 2.3:

```
cpe:2.3:a:jquery:jquery:1.0.1:*:*:*:*:*:*:*
```

THE CPE Naming Specification Version 2.3 can be found here.



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Common Platform Enumeration

Important CPE Sections

CPE 2.2:

```
cpe:/{part}:{vendor}:{product}:{version}
cpe:/a:jquery:jquery:1.0.1
```

CPE 2.3:

```
cpe:2.3:{part}:{vendor}:{product}:{version}
cpe:2.3:a:jquery:jquery:1.0.1:*:*:*:*:*:*
```



URI Section Value Description

part	a	applications (a), operating systems (o), hardware (h)
vendor	jquery	name of the vendor
product	jquery	name of the product
version	1.0.1	version of the product

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How It Works

Reading Reports

False Positives

```
- task: dependency-check-build-task@5
displayName: 'Dependency Check: Run'
inputs:
...
suppressionPath: 'path/to/DependencyCheck/Supressions.xml' # add a supression file
...
```

False Positives



Suppressions can be generated from HTML reports.

Suppressions can be configured for SHA1 Hashes, CVE Numbers, CPE URIs and more, see <u>Suppressing False Positives</u> for more information.

Suppression can also be configured with an expiration date.

False Negatives

```
- task: dependency-check-build-task@5
    displayName: 'Dependency Check: Run'
    inputs:
        ...
        additionalArguments: '--hints "$(Build.SourcesDirectory)/path/to/DependencyCheck/Hints.xml"' # add a hints file
        ...
```

For further information see <u>Resolving False Negatives</u>.

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Thanks!

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