

# Trust Graph for NPM

**Enhancing Supply Chain Security with Community Trust** 

### **Our Goal**

Create a distributed network of trust for sharing and consuming opinions on npm packages and their vulnerabilities.

- bootstrapped on the existing ecosystem
- possible to use "by the way" and trivial to adopt
- eliminate the need for an institution to take responsibility for the content

### **Trust Graph Explained**

- Social graph of trust built on npm
- Users publish @username/i\_trust packages
- Trust spreads proportionally through dependencies
- Simple and resistant to Sybil attacks

#### **Trust Scores**

- Derived from the user's position in the trust graph
- Range from 0 to 1
- Used to weigh assertions in the network
- Enables personalized, community-driven vulnerability assessments

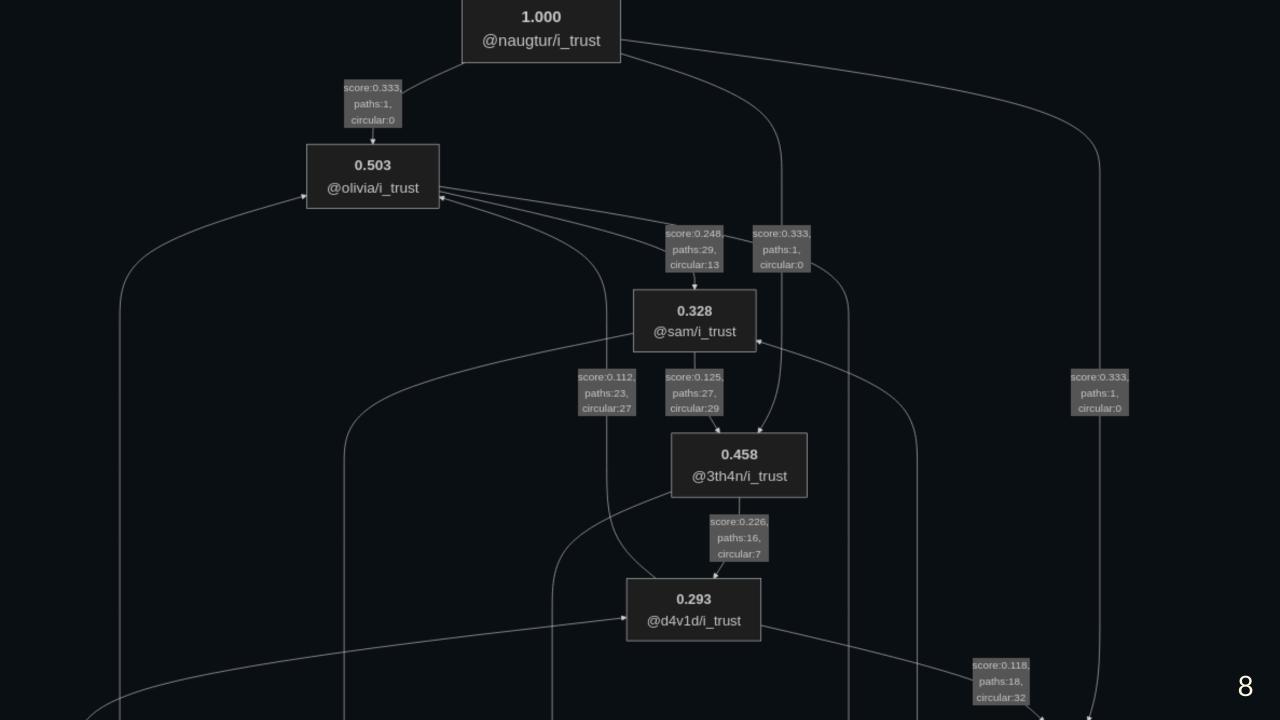
#### Assertions

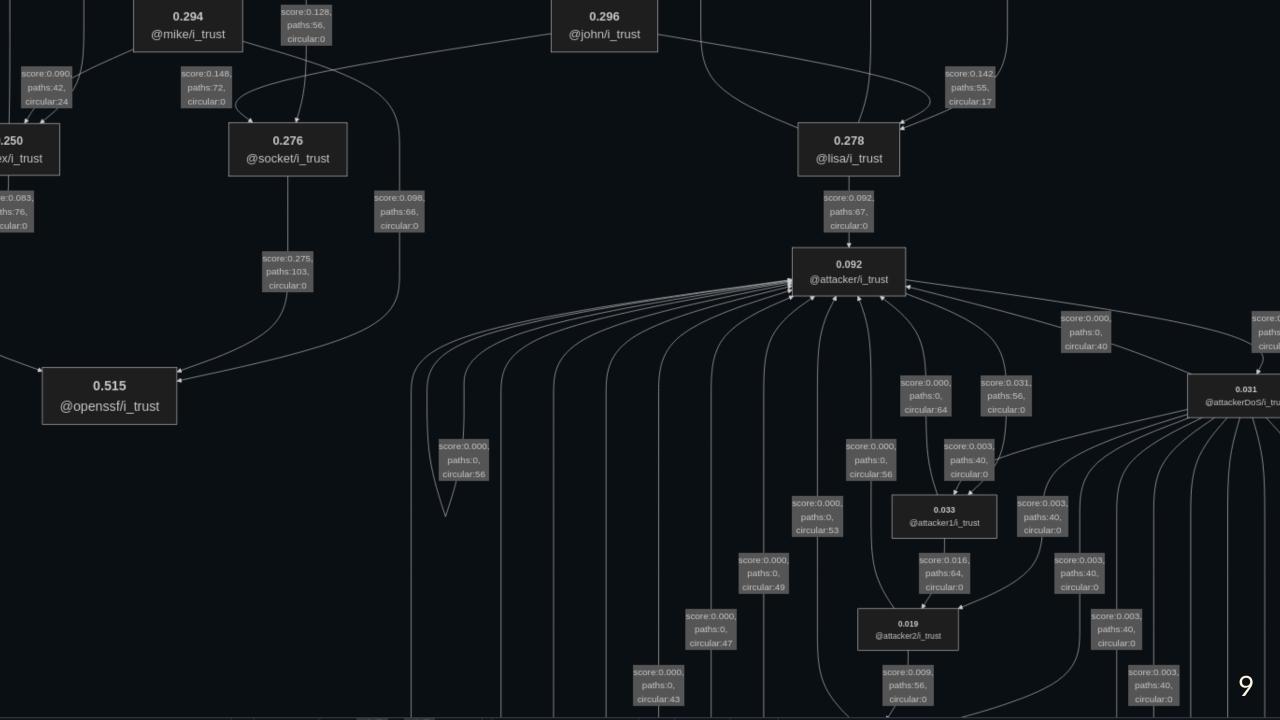
- Stored in JSON files or endpoints
- Can endorse (+1) or dispute (-1) claims about packages
- Include subject, claim, and trust score
- Easily queried and consumed by tools

### Trust graph

- computed scores and the trickle-down effect on the whole graph
- attack resistance
- " Fragments of the trust graph computation visualized below

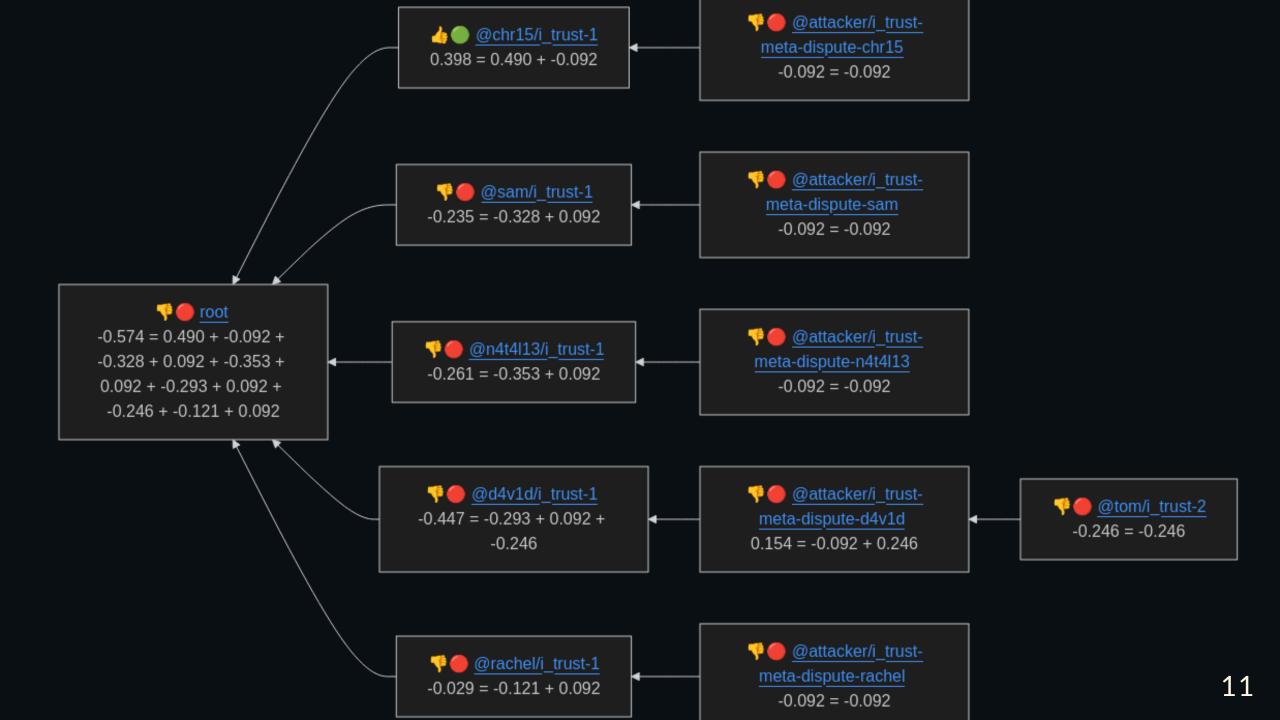
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### Assertions matching and weight

- query for assertions about a subject
- weight to represent how much you trust the peers listed
- summarize to one sentiment score



## **Applications and Impact**

- 1. Filter npm audit results based on trusted opinions
- 2. Reduce noise from unnecessary vulnerability reports
- 3. Empower the community to collaboratively dismiss bogus CVEs
- 4. Avoid creating a centralized mess with no authority willing to moderate it

#### Resources

project: github.com/naugtur/trust-graph

<u>trust graph example</u> <u>sentiment visualized</u>