

# How We Learned to Stop Worrying and love the SBOM

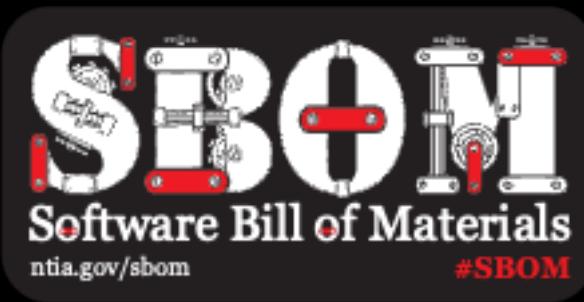
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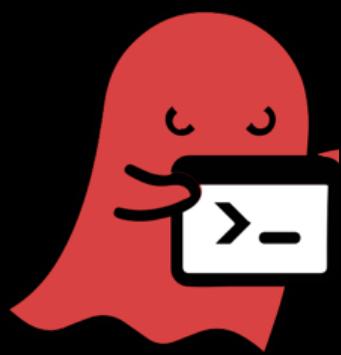
Or: How We Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the SBOM



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# How many organizations can answer:

**Am I potentially affected by  
\$vulnerability**



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# Should I pay attention or look at literally anything else on the Internet?

- Transparency helps markets across the supply chain
  - Some motivating examples
- Progress towards SBOM and transparency
  - The what, the why, and the how
  - Current, ongoing work
- How you can get involved
  - The need to integrate SBOM data into existing security flows
  - Join this international, cross-sector community
  - SBOM – ask for it by name!



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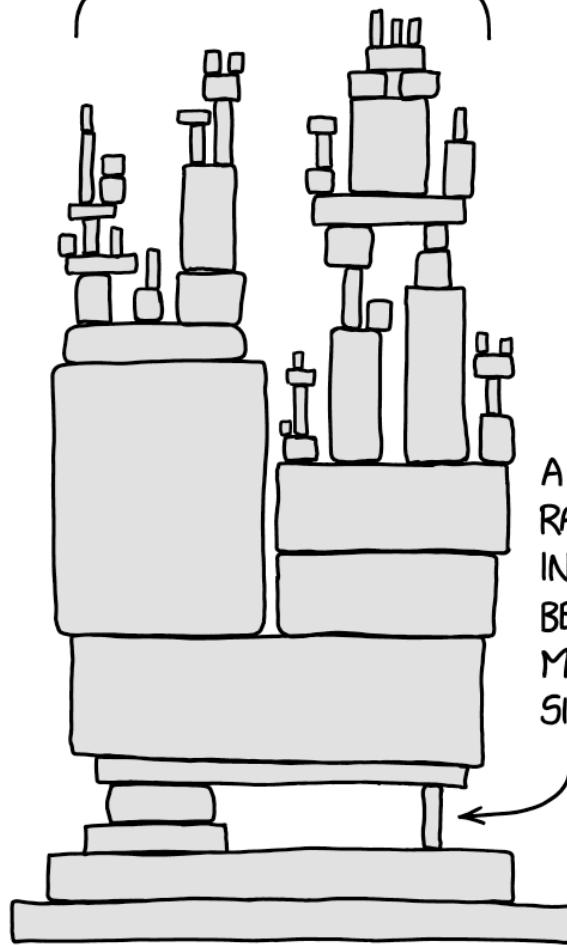


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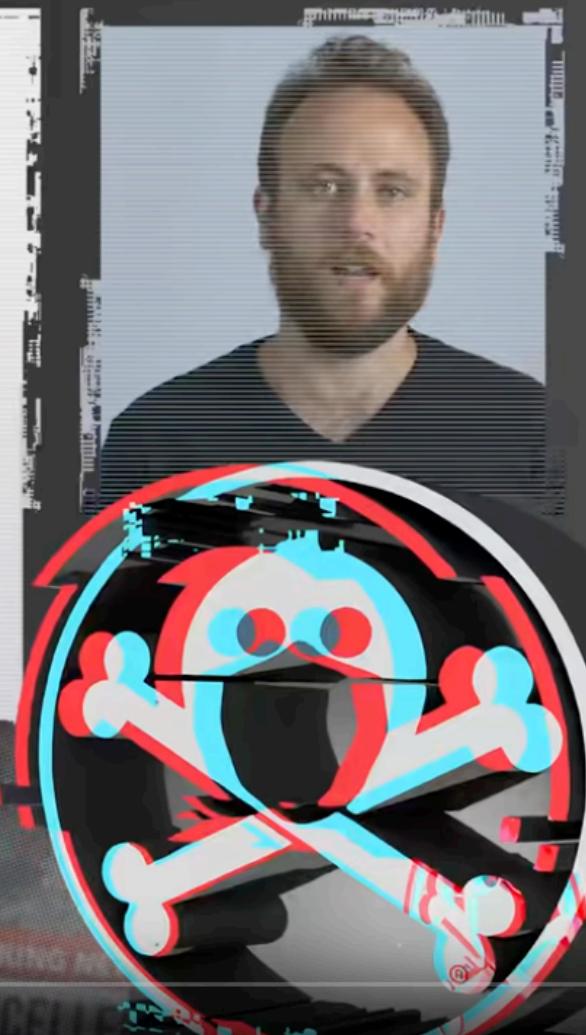


# Agenda

- Ripple20
- CVE-2020-11901
- Exploiting CVE-2020-11901

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# A Legion of Bugs Puts Hundreds of Millions of IoT Devices at Risk

The so-called Ripple20 vulnerabilities affect equipment found in data centers, power grids, and more.



ILLUSTRATION: WIRED STAFF

SECURITY EXPERTS HAVE warned for years that the drive to connect every device imaginable to the internet would offer a bonanza for hackers. Now researchers have found that one chunk of software designed to enable those internet connections is itself riddled with hackable vulnerabilities. As a result, security flaws have ended up in hundreds of

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Background

 [REDACTED] Inc.  
11 yrs 11 mos

Engineering Specialist  
Jun 2016 - Present · 3 yrs 8 mos  
Chennai Area, India

Software Architect & Technical Manager

\* Integrated the 2-wire Ethernet Driver with the Treck IP stack to provide network APIs for the application layers.

Senior Engineer  
Mar 2015 - May 2016 · 1 yr 3 mos  
[REDACTED], Illinois Area

- Deputed to [REDACTED] Inc, [REDACTED] USA for design and development of BroadR-Reach( 2-Wire) Ethernet Driver.

- \* Involved in the Ethernet PHY and switch hardware pre build board validation
- \* Integrated the 2-wire Ethernet Driver with the Treck IP stack to provide network APIs for the application layers.
- \* Coordinated with different Hardware/Platform teams and Chip vendors( NXP and Broadcomm ) for bringing up the BroadComm and NXP PHY ethernet.
- \* Colloborated with the hardware team by supporting and providing Utility test application software for assembly line validation



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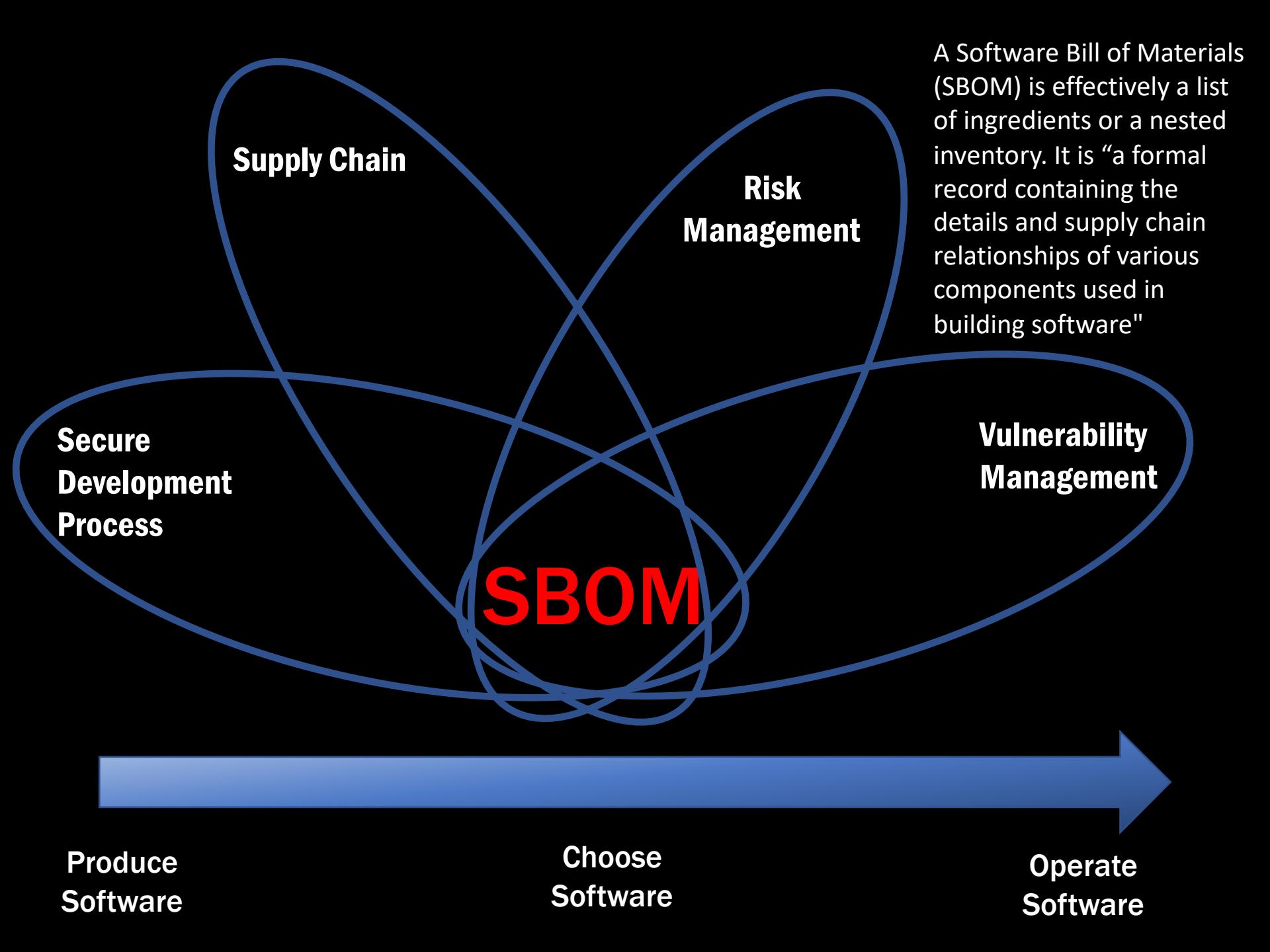
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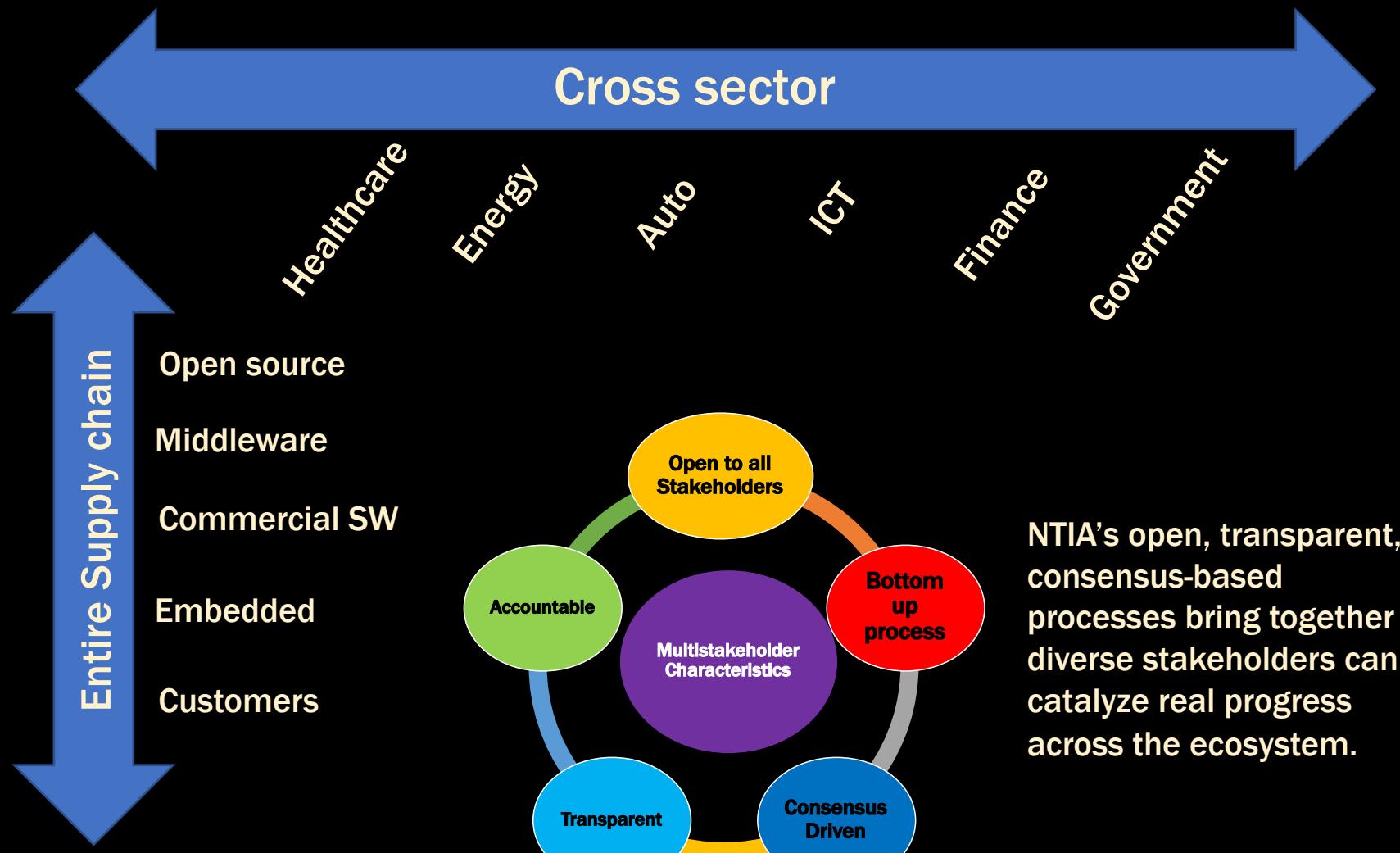
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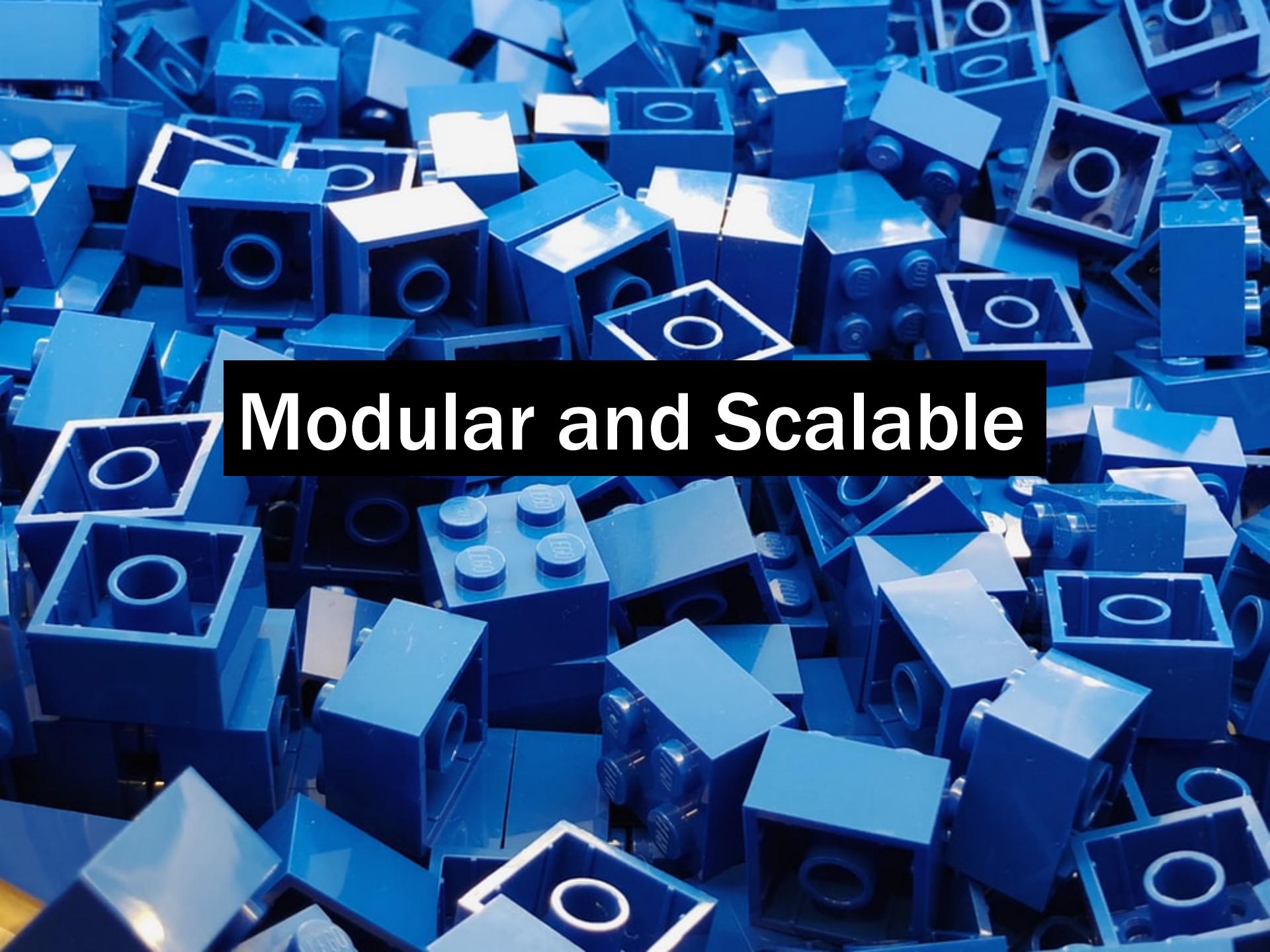
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# NTIA's Process on Software Component Transparency

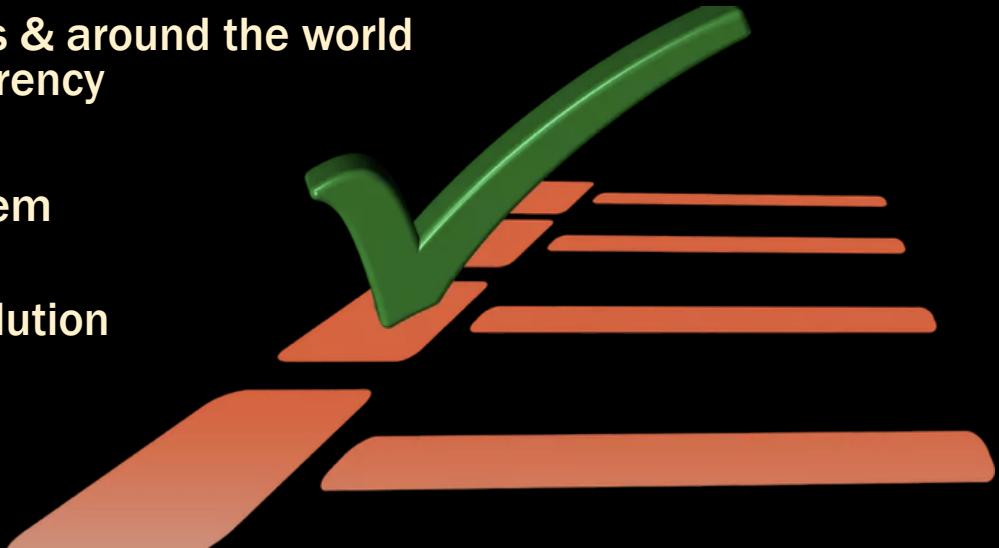




Modular and Scalable

# Making progress

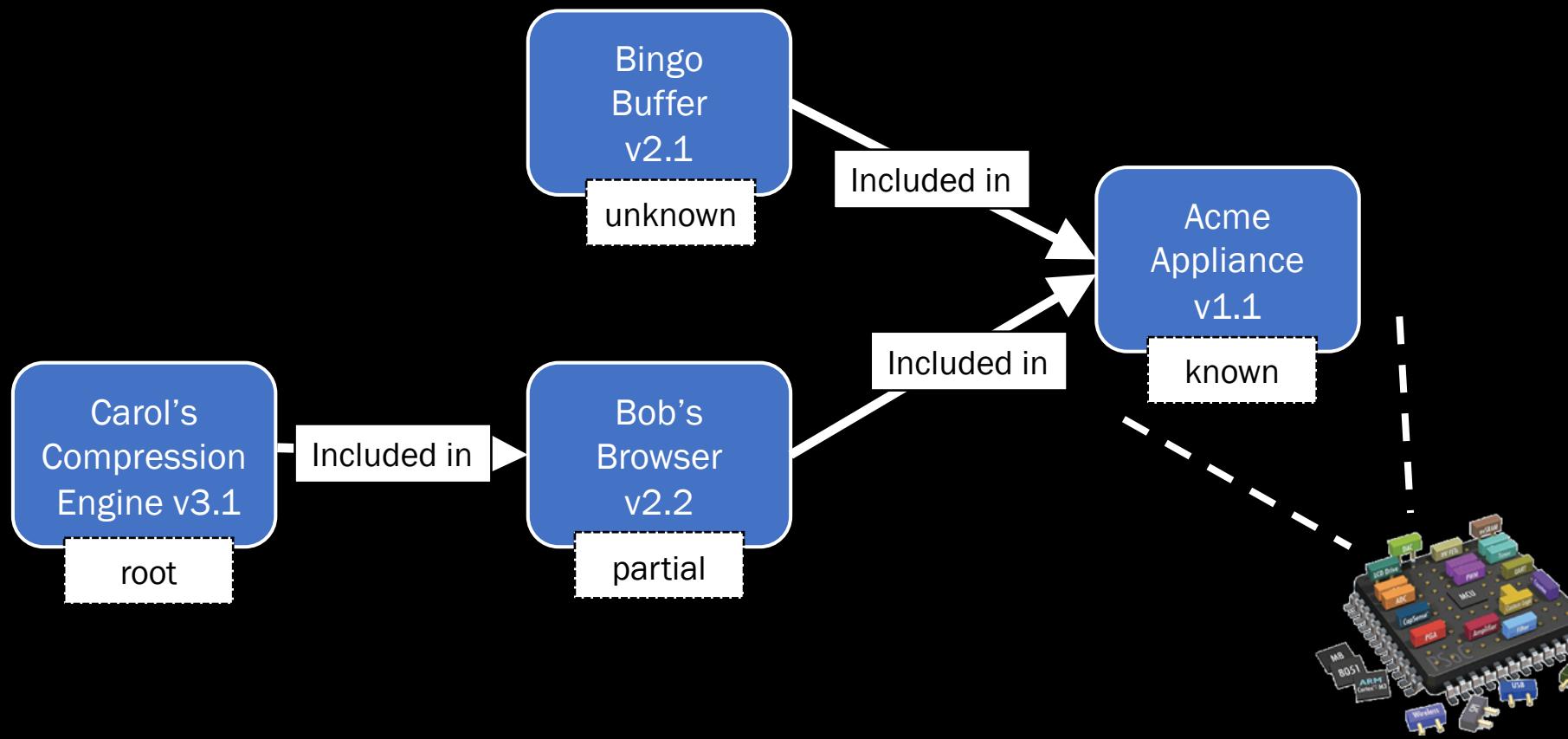
- Clear appreciation across sectors & around the world on the potential value of transparency
  - Consensus on
    - The broad scope of the problem
    - Focus on a baseline SBOM
    - Machine-readability of the solution
    - Modularity and Scalability
  - Resources: [ntia.gov/SBOM](http://ntia.gov/SBOM)
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- ✓ What is an SBOM
  - ✓ Why should we SBOM
  - ✓ How do we SBOM
  - ✓ Can we SBOM today?



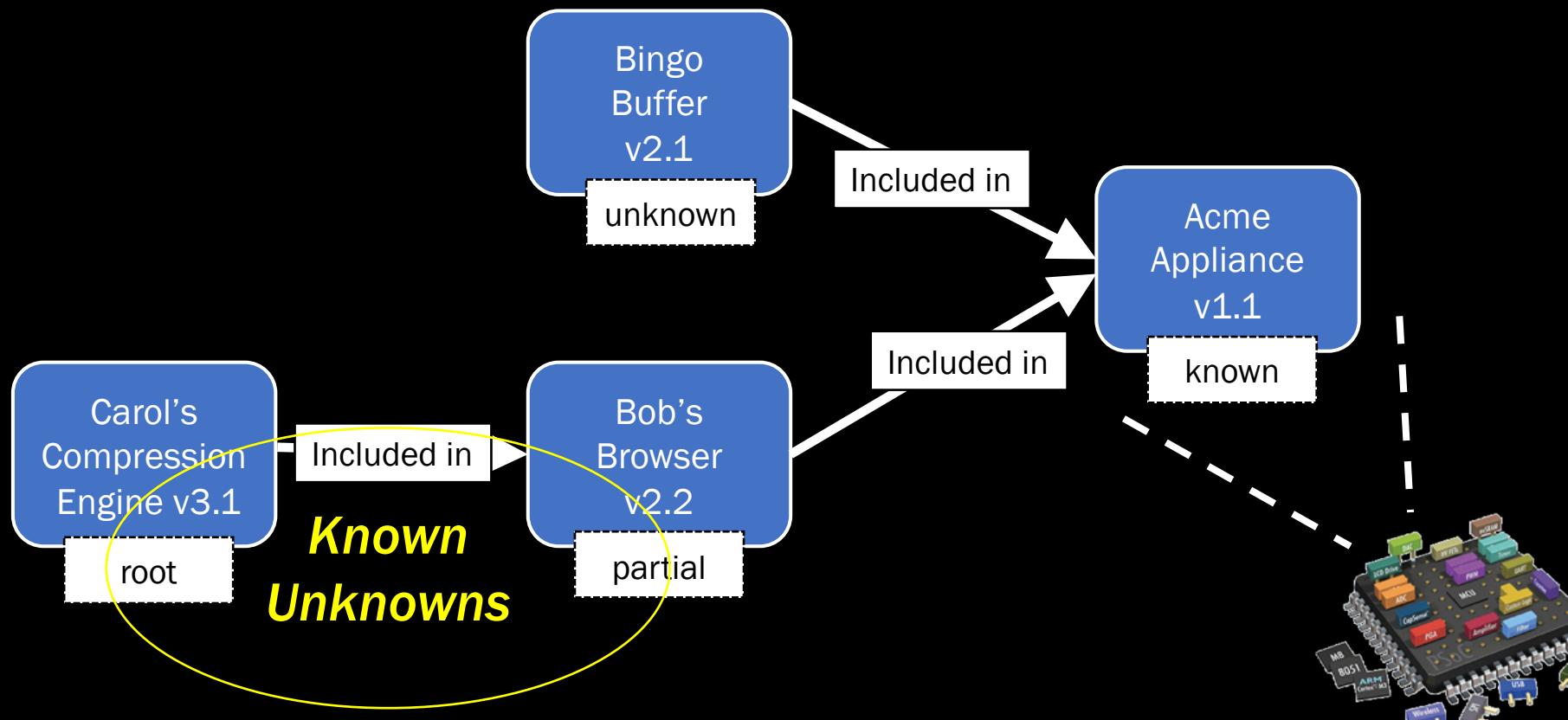
Current work: focus on deployment and SBOMs in the real world

# What is an SBoM?

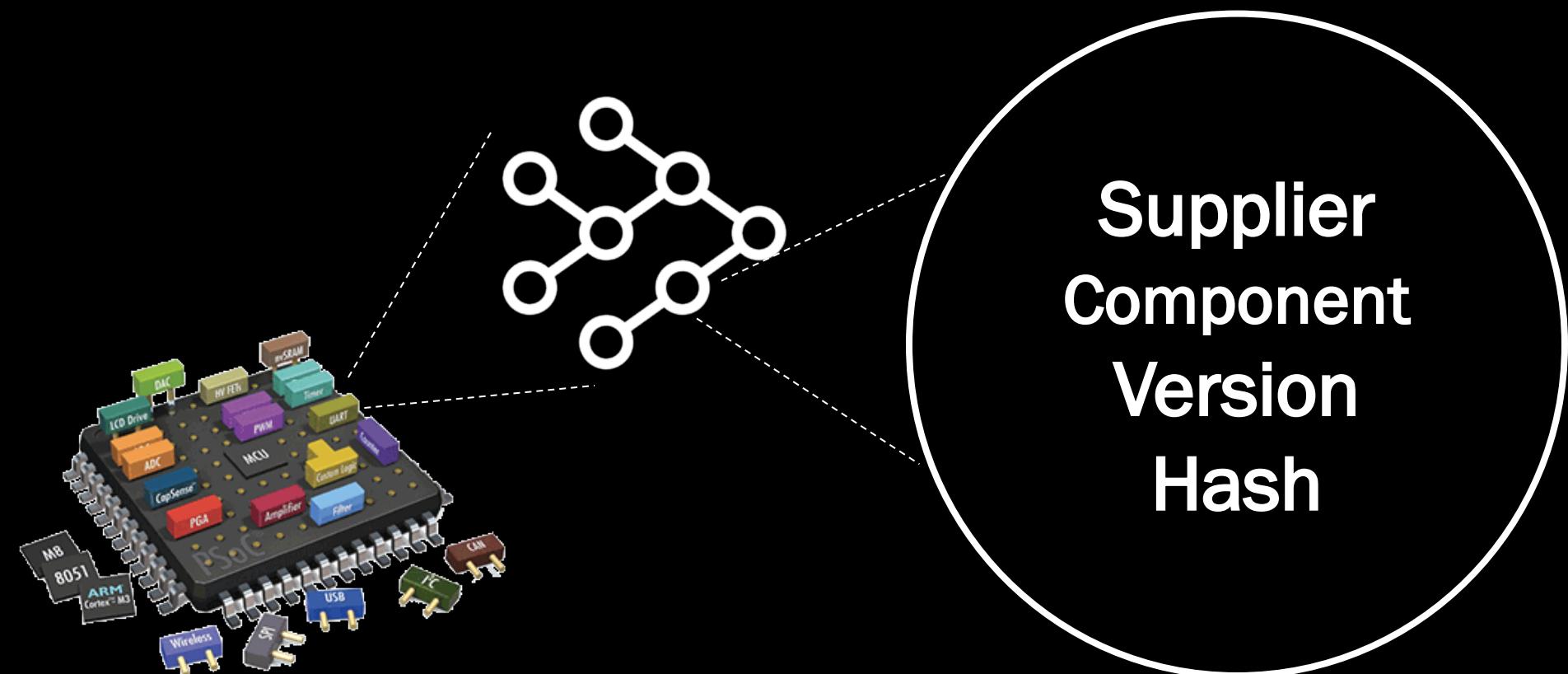
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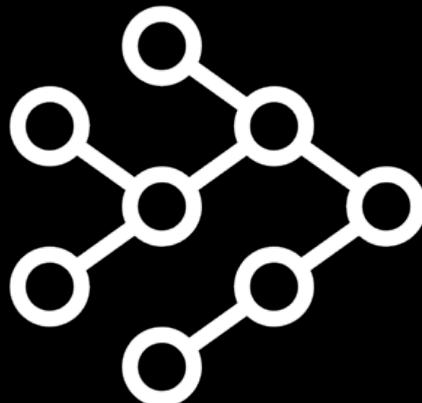
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# Software Components



# How many levels deep?



Must include all top-level includes.

Should ask for includes' SBOMs.

Ideally makes a best-effort for all known components.

# Why should we SBoM?

# SBOM Roles and Benefits

## Produce Software

Understand component and code dependencies  
Monitoring/reviewing for vulnerabilities  
Awareness of component EOL, orphan, etc.  
Enable allow- and deny-lists  
Less unplanned maintenance work  
Transparency for customers

## Choose Software

Identify vulnerable components  
Compliance with policies  
Awareness of component EOL, orphan, etc.  
Show best practices by supplier  
Know and comply with licensing

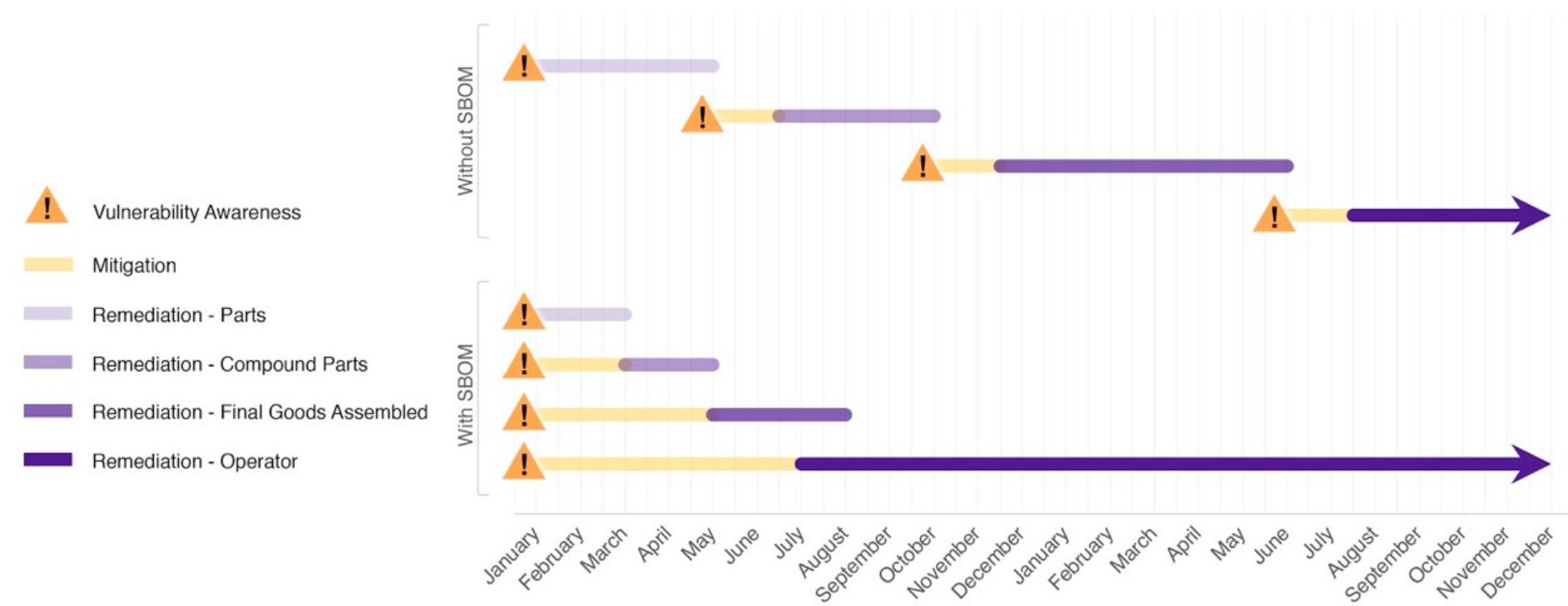
## Operate Software

Easily ID vulnerabilities  
Better risk analysis - “Roadmap for the defender”  
Streamline administration  
Drive independent mitigations



# Time to Remediation Case Studies

Without and With SBOM



# Natural Selection in the SW ecosystem



# How do we SBoM?

# Three formats to implement SBOM

SPDX is an open standard for communicating software bill of material information (including components, licenses, copyrights, and security references). The SPDX specification is developed by the SPDX workgroup, which is hosted by The Linux Foundation. The grassroots effort includes representatives from more than 20 organizations—software, systems and tool vendors, foundations and systems integrators.

SWID tags record unique information about an installed software application, including its name, edition, version, whether it is part of a bundle and more. SWID tags support software inventory and asset management initiatives. The structure of SWID tags is specified in international standard ISO/IEC 19770-2:2015.

CycloneDX is a lightweight software bill of materials (SBOM) specification originally concieved for use with the OWASP Dependency-Track platform. It is designed for use in application security contexts and supply chain component analysis.



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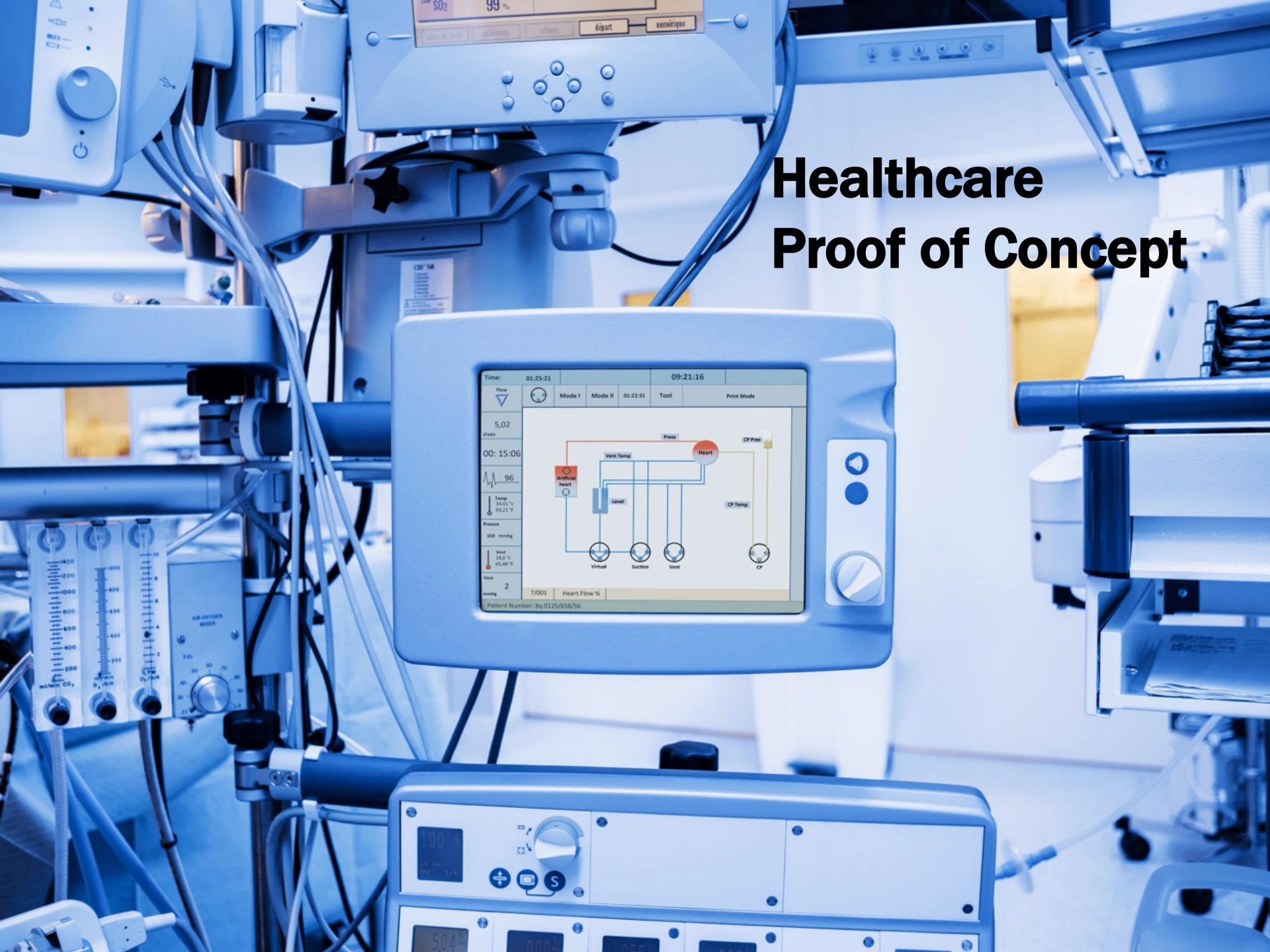
## Translation between formats

- We have identified the common elements.
- A ‘multilingual’ ecosystem does not offer too many challenges
- Rather than pick a winner, we will build out guidance to support both formats with effective interoperability.

# Implementing core SBOM fields

| <u>Field</u>             | <u>SPDX</u>                        | <u>SWID</u>  | <u>CycloneDX</u>  |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
| <b>Supplier</b>          | (3.5)<br>PackageSupplier:          | <Entity> @role<br>(softwareCreator/<br>publisher), @name | publisher   |
| <b>Component</b>         | (3.1)<br>PackageName:              | <softwareIdentity><br>@name                              | name  |
| <b>Unique Identifier</b> | (3.2) SPDXID:                      | <softwareIdentity><br>@tagID                             | bom/serialNumber and<br>component/bom-ref                 |
| <b>Version</b>           | (3.3)<br>PackageVersion:           | <softwareIdentity><br>@version                           | version   |
| <b>Component Hash</b>    | (3.10)<br>PackageChecksum:         | <Payload>/../<File><br>@[hash-algorithm]:hash            | hash  |
| <b>Relationship</b>      | (7.1)<br>Relationship:<br>CONTAINS | <Link>@rel, @href  | (Nested assembly/subassembly<br>and/or dependency graphs) |
| <b>SBOM Author</b>       | (2.8) Creator:                     | <Entity> @role<br>(tagCreator), @name                    | bom-descriptor:<br>metadata/manufacture/<br>contact       |

# Healthcare Proof of Concept



# *Next steps: What we're working on now!*

- Refining and extending the model
  - Software namespace
  - Mechanism for sharing SBOM data
  - Vulnerability vs Exploitability
  - High assurance: integrity, pedigree, provenance
  - Cloud & containers
  - Dock with other efforts around supply chain
- Tooling for automation
  - What tools exist today?
  - What tools do we need?
- Awareness and adoption
  - Get the message to the community
  - Draft contract language
  - Further demonstrations in different sectors
- Playbooks and how-to guides



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# Integrating SBOM Data

# Challenge: Software Naming



# Challenge: Sharing SBOM data



# Challenge: Vulnerability vs. Exploitability



# Transparency



# To recap...

- Tracking third party components can help understand and address a wide range of risks across the entire ecosystem
- Cross-sector supply-chain driven approach
  - What a Software Bill of Materials is
  - Why it can help across the supply chain
  - How we can implement it
- Sectors and orgs can shape their own future through Proof-of-Concept exercises
- Ongoing work needs your help to build and use SBOM data

***Get involved in the NTIA process!***

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