Identifying Open Source Insecurities Inside v1.0

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About…

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Lenovo — Data Center Group (DCG)

- Focused on Data Center Products: Servers, networking, storage, management, hyperconverged
- HQ’d in Morrisville, NC USA: ~5K staff across 50+ countries, ~1.4K in US
- Top 5 Global Server Manufacturer: Roots in Lenovo Server + IBM System x Divisions
- *Lots of firmware and software!*

Overview

- Open Source (In)Security: Is It Really a Problem?
- Software Composition Analysis Tools & Utilities
- Lenovo Data Center Group's Approach
- What Can I Do?

Open Source (In)Security

Is It Really a Problem?

Why Be Concerned?

2018 Open Source Security and Risk Analysis, Synopsys Center for Open Source Research & Innovation
https://www.blackducksoftware.com/open-source-security-risk-analysis-2018

Prevalence

Black Duck On-Demand audits found open source components in **96%** of the applications scanned, with an average **257** components per application.

Proportion

The average percentage of codebase that was open source was **57%** vs. **36%** last year. Many applications now contain more open source than proprietary code.

Vulnerabilities

78% of the codebases examined contained at least one vulnerability, with an average **64** vulnerabilities per codebase.

*On average, vulnerabilities identified in the audits were disclosed nearly **6** years ago.*

Prevalence of [known vulnerable components] is very widespread…

Some of the largest breaches to date have relied on exploiting known vulnerabilities in components.

…perhaps this risk should be at the top of the list.

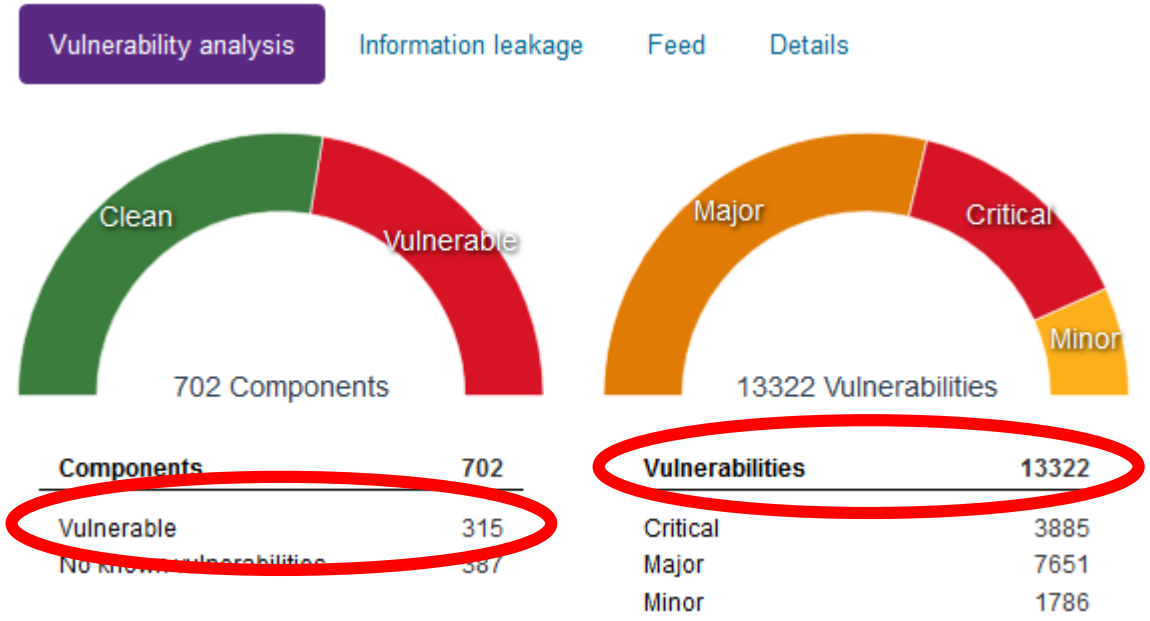
OWASP Top 10-2017
A9-Using Components with Known Vulnerabilities

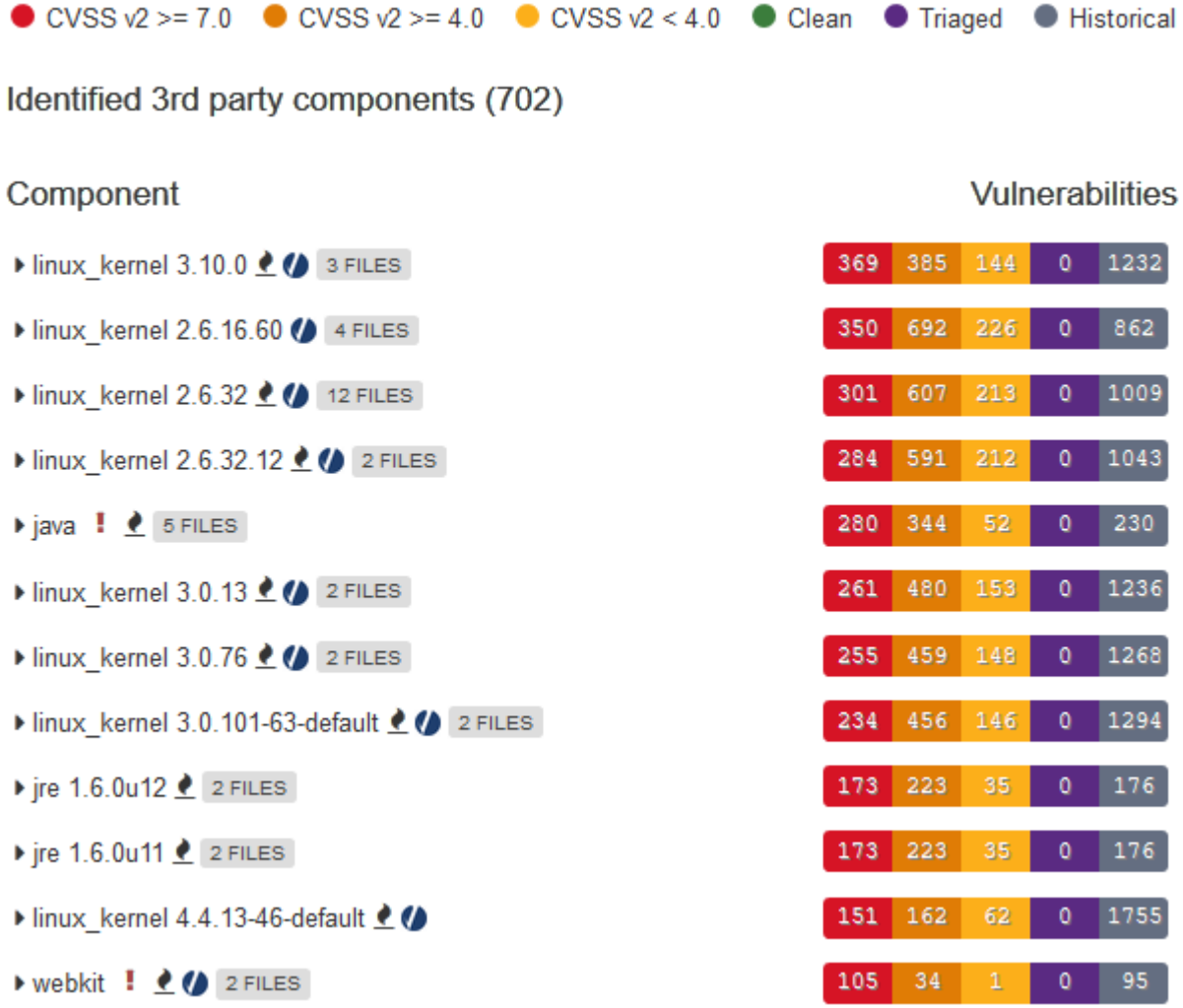
The Solution?

https://www.gocomics.com/ziggy/2012/04/17

Ongoing Open Source Hygiene is Essential

Insecurities Accrue with Technical Debt





315 Vulnerable Components
13,322 Vulnerabilities

CVEs dating back 10+ years!

Software doesn't age like wine.

It ages like milk.

Chris Eng
VP of Research
Veracode

How Did We Get Here?

Development Process

- Developers adopt Open Source to speed development, solve a problem, or play with a shiny new technology
- Legal performs an initial license review and approves
- Developers develop, testers test
- Code works, is stable, and ships
- Repeat…

Reasons for Poor Code Hygiene

- Developers don’t know that code has vulnerabilities
- Developers don’t appreciate that vulnerabilities can be exploited
- The code works and is stable
- “We’ll update if someone complains”
- “Open Source is defect-free”
- “It’s been sooooo long since the last update that updating now is too difficult”

Software Composition Analysis Tools & Utilities

Divination Through Software Composition Analysis

(noun) The practice of seeking knowledge of the unknown by supernatural means

Benefits

- Provide visibility into otherwise opaque software
- Generate invaluable insights into software characteristics and development practices
- Component inventory generation as business enabler
- Proactive vulnerability identification and notification
- Far faster than manual review

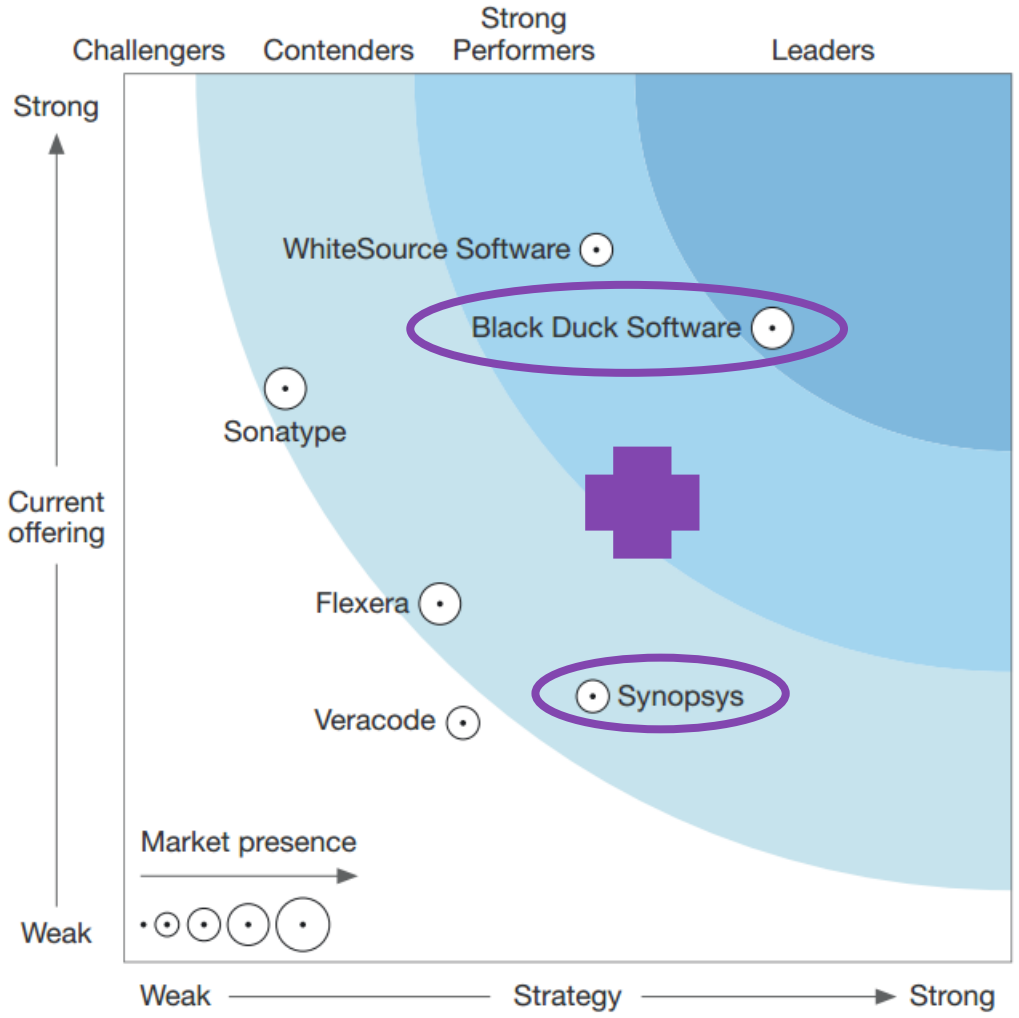
Challenges

- Imperfect identification of components, versions
- Decomposition limitations
- False positives
- Information overload
- Vulnerability overload
- Manual effort required to work through quirks, bridge gaps
- Slower than desired

Commercial Software Composition Analysis Tools

The Forrester Wave™: Software Composition Analysis, Q1 2017 – Top 6 Providers
https://www.blackducksoftware.com/sites/default/files/images/Downloads/Reports/USA/ForresterWave-Rpt.pdf

- Most SCA products analyze source code
- Some analyze easily decompiled binaries (e.g., Java, .NET)



- Synopsys' Black Duck Binary Analysis* analyzes binaries
- "Binary X-ray" capability provides insights into opaque code received from the supply chain

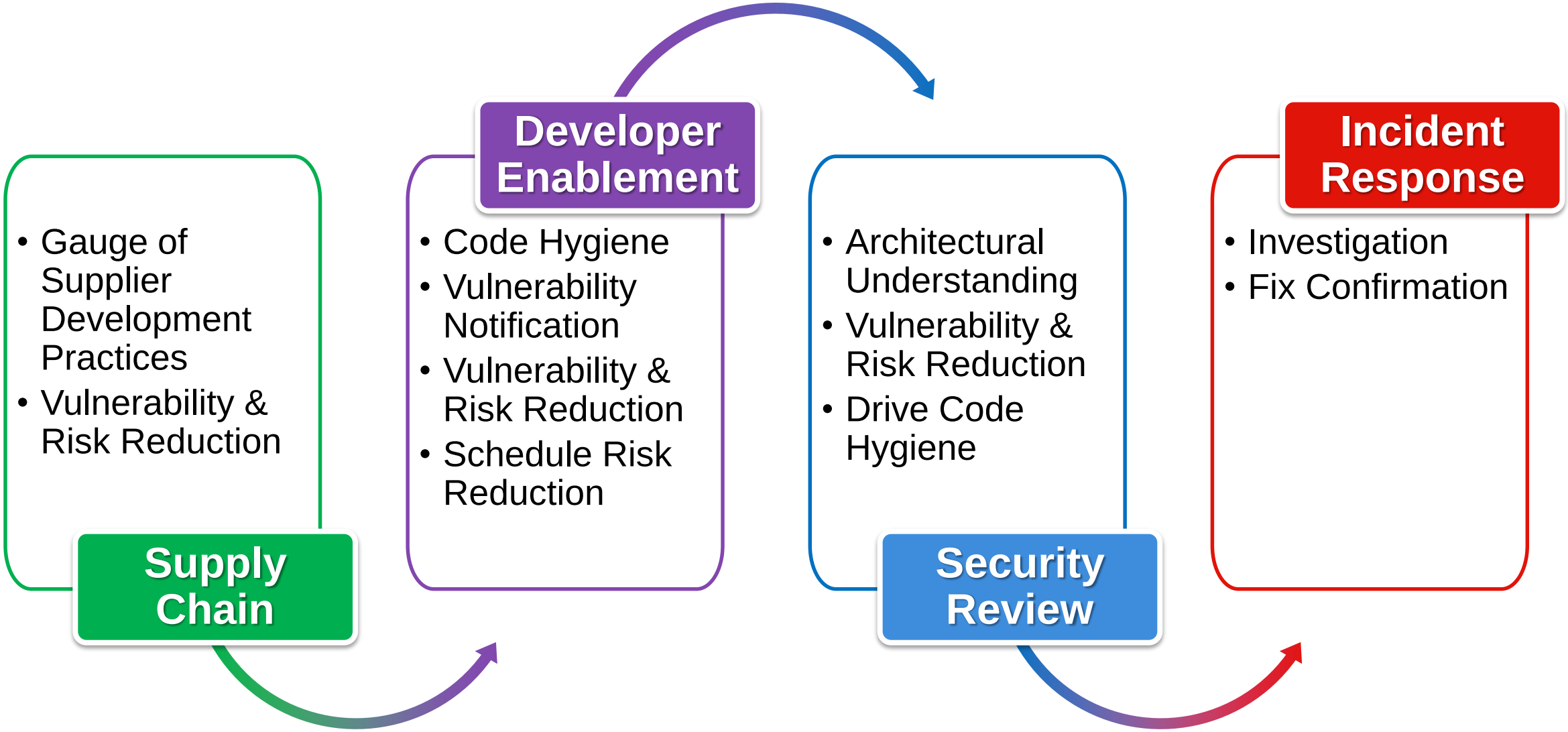
* = formerly Protecode SC

Free Software Composition Analysis Tools & Utilities

- **OWASP dependency-track**
  - SCA platform that identifies and helps reduce risk from the use of third-party and open source components
  - https://dependencytrack.org
- **OWASP DependencyCheck**
  - SCA utility that detects publicly disclosed vulnerabilities in application dependencies
  - https://github.com/jeremylong/DependencyCheck
- **retire.js**
  - Scan web and node applications for known vulnerable JavaScript libraries and/or node modules
  - http://retirejs.github.io/retire.js
- **7-Zip**
  - File archiver/extractor supporting many compressed file formats
  - https://www.7-zip.org
- **Binwalk**
  - Tool for extracting and analyzing firmware
  - https://github.com/ReFirmLabs/binwalk
- **Coverity Scan**
  - Browse open source project activity and static code analysis defects
  - https://scan.coverity.com/projects
- **CVEDetails**
  - Browse CVE details and statistics for vendors, products, and versions
  - https://www.cvedetails.com

Lenovo Data Center Group's Approach

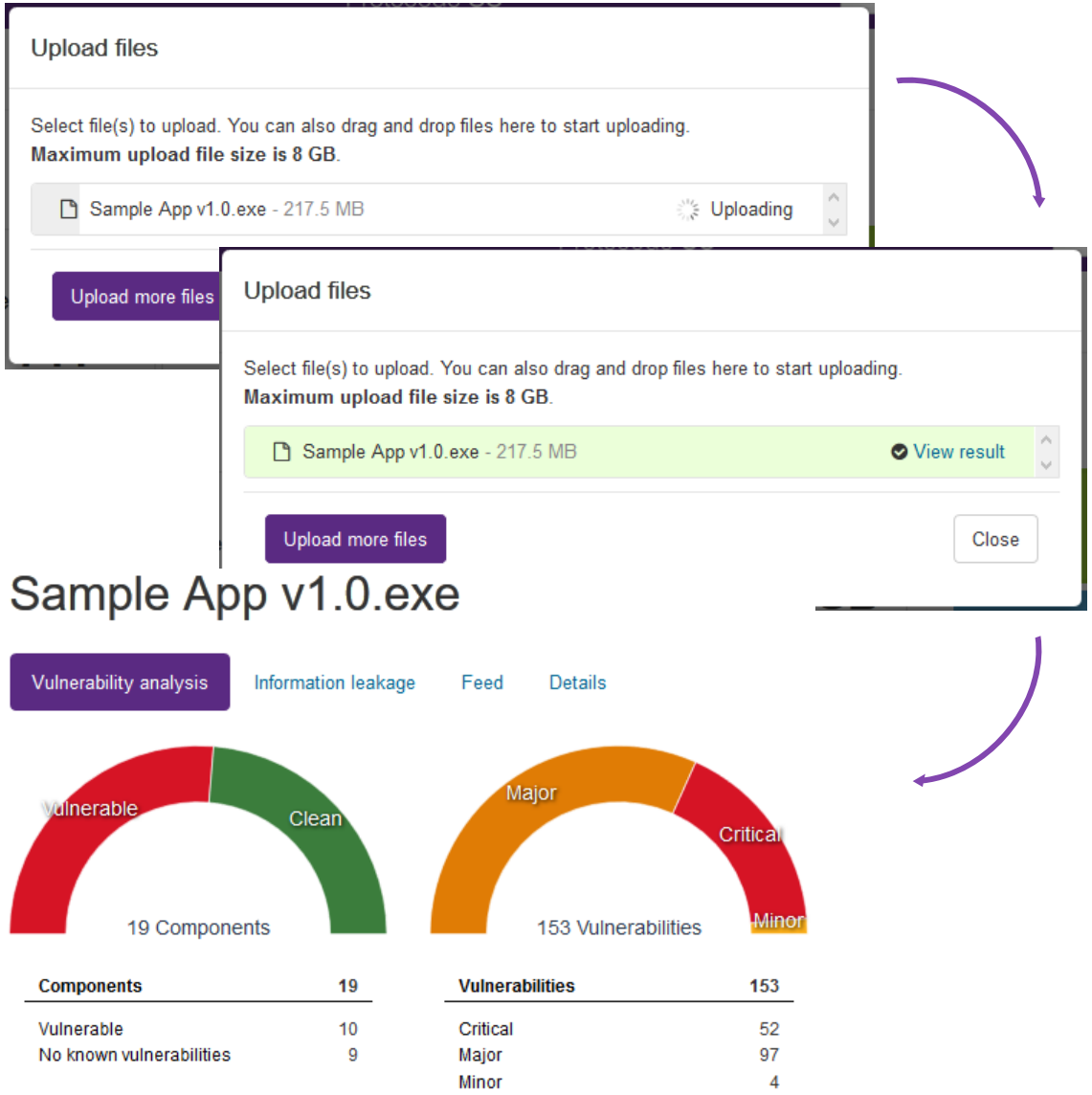
Software Composition Analysis Integral to Process



Software Composition Analysis in Action: Scan

Scan | Review | Resolve | Monitor

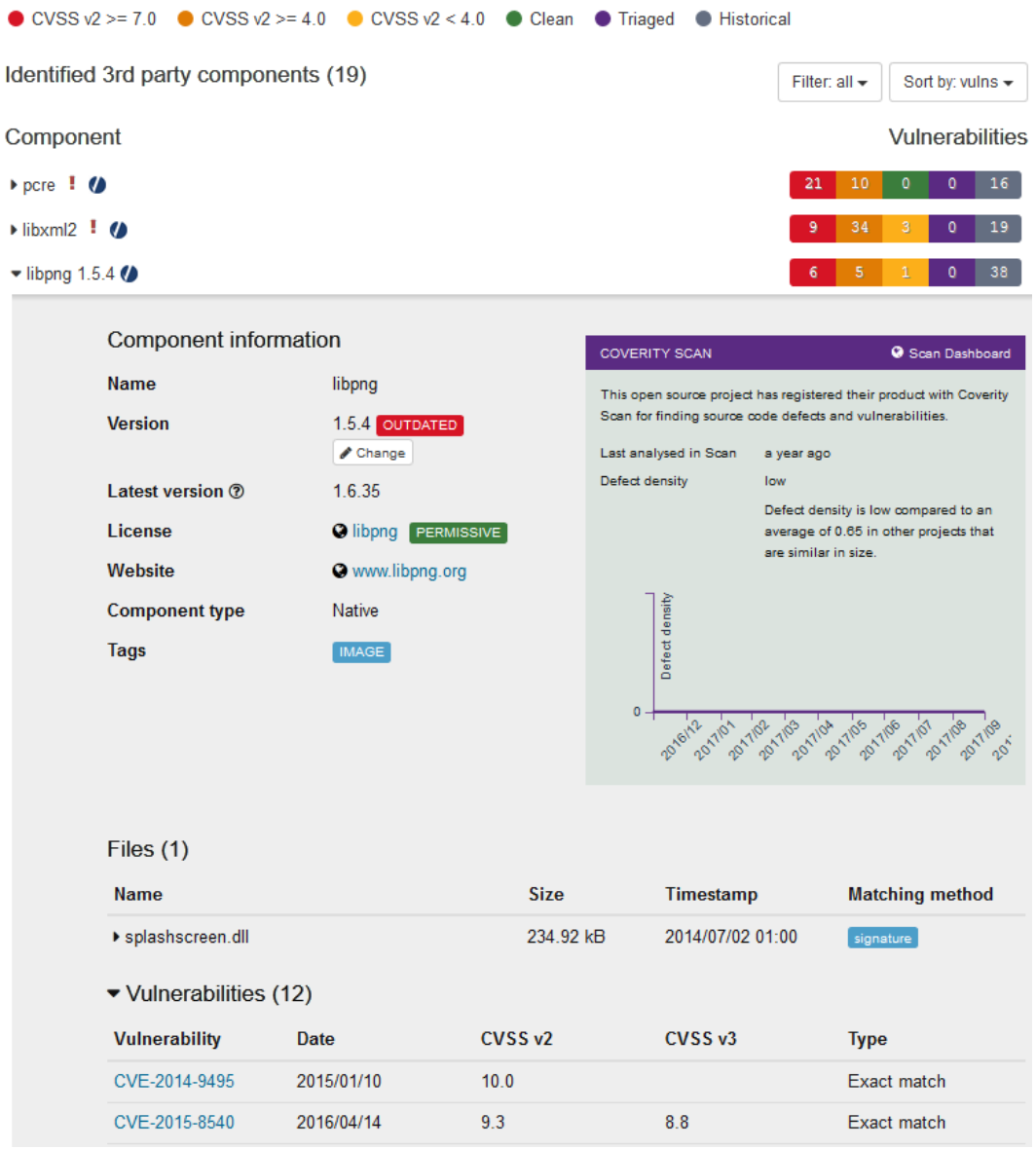
- **Upload Binary** to be analyzed
  - Via Web UI or REST API
- **Automatic Analysis** happens upon upload completion



Software Composition Analysis in Action: Review

Scan → Review → Resolve → Monitor

- **Sanity Check Results**
  - Verify valid processing; manually pre-process and re-scan, if needed
  - Assess for imperfect identification, tuning scan results for accuracy as applicable
- **Analyze Results**
  - Start with focus on vulnerable components, not individual vulnerabilities
  - Dive into individual vulnerabilities only to the extent necessary
  - Manual reconciliation may be needed for patched code, statically compiled code, or where version information is missing



Software Composition Analysis in Action: Resolve

Scan → Review → Resolve → Monitor

- **Remove** components if not used
  - Eliminate legacy baggage to reduce attack surface
  - Why maintain what isn't needed?
- **Upgrade** components
  - The latest LTS release is preferred
- **Patch** components where upgrade is not feasible or available
- **Mitigate** where upgrade or patch is not available or feasible

Software Composition Analysis in Action: Monitor

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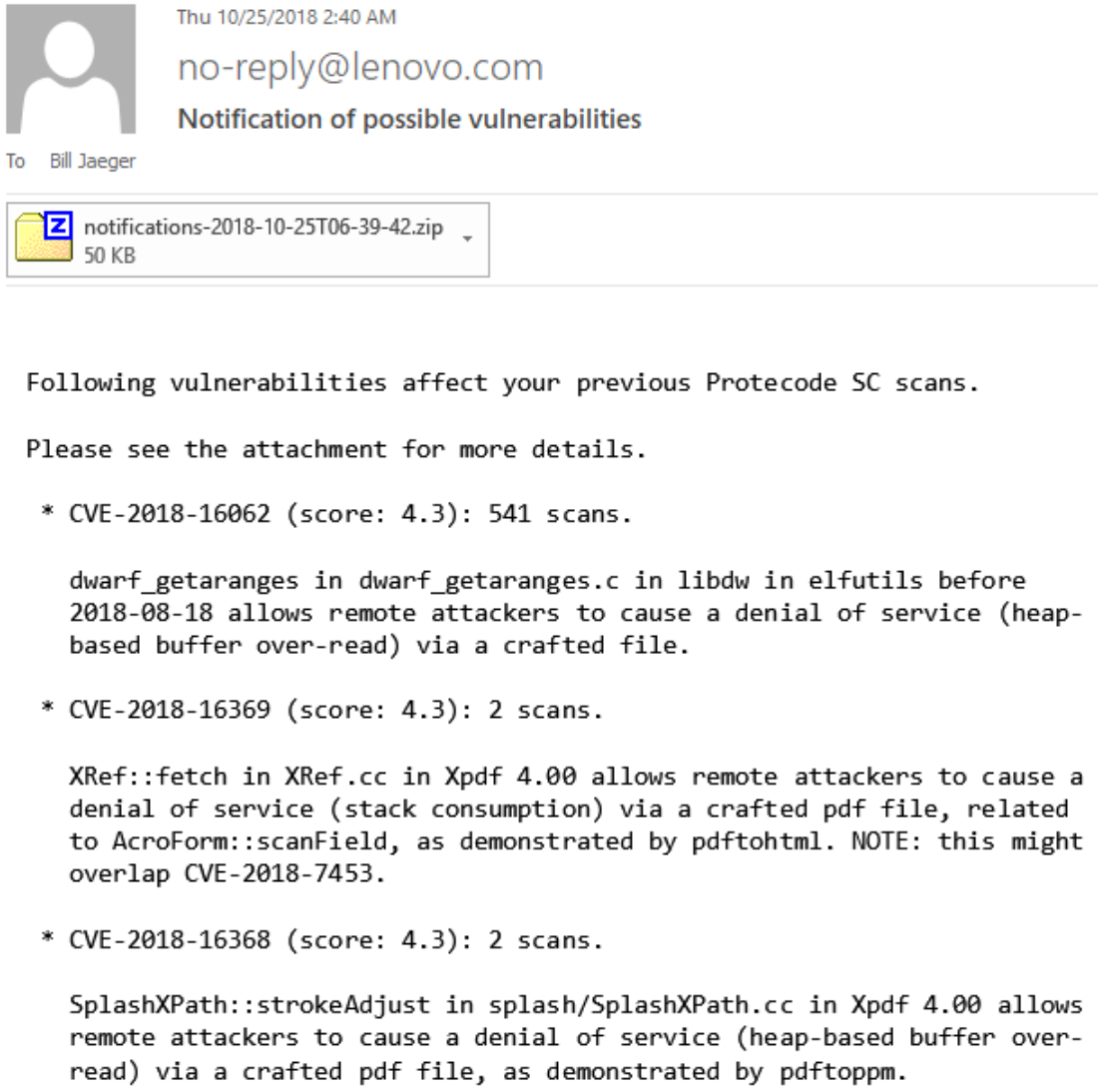
- **New Vulnerabilities** discovered daily
  - E-mail alerts
  - REST API for notifications
  - Manual dashboard review
  - Periodic scanning
- **Use Public Resources**
  - Component mailing lists and forums
  - CVEDetails (https://www.cvedetails.com)
- **Leverage Threat Intelligence** service or other commercial providers your organization may subscribe to



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Notification of possible vulnerabilities

To Bill Jaeger

notifications-2018-10-25T06-39-42.zip
50 KB

Following vulnerabilities affect your previous Protecode SC scans.

Please see the attachment for more details.

* CVE-2018-16062 (score: 4.3): 541 scans.

  dwarf_getaranges in dwarf_getaranges.c in libdw in elfutils before 2018-08-18 allows remote attackers to cause a denial of service (heap-based buffer over-read) via a crafted file.

* CVE-2018-16369 (score: 4.3): 2 scans.

  XRef::fetch in XRef.cc in Xpdf 4.00 allows remote attackers to cause a denial of service (stack consumption) via a crafted pdf file, related to AcroForm::scanField, as demonstrated by pdftohtml. NOTE: this might overlap CVE-2018-7453.

* CVE-2018-16368 (score: 4.3): 2 scans.

  SplashXPath::strokeAdjust in splash/SplashXPath.cc in Xpdf 4.00 allows remote attackers to cause a denial of service (heap-based buffer over-read) via a crafted pdf file, as demonstrated by pdftoppm.

Tips & Tricks

Good Hygiene Indicators

- No / few vulnerabilities
- Vulnerabilities published post-release
- No / few duplicate components

Install and Re-Package What Won't Scan

- Some installers are encrypted
- Deep-nesting of archives sometimes problematic

Encourage Development to Know Their Code

- Account for what's been patched
- Articulate patch and mitigation strategies

Re-package Live Systems

- Some installers include the kitchen sink, which can distract from analyzing what is installed
- Some installers are stubs that download installed code

What Can I Do?

What Can I Do to Reduce Open Source Insecurities?

As a Buyer

- Require secure software from suppliers
- Proactively monitor for vulnerabilities
- Hold suppliers accountable for vulnerability fixes

As a Developer

- Use only active / supported projects
- Opt for long-term support releases
- Review project security track record
- Proactively resolve vulnerabilities
- Hygiene – embrace continuous updates

As a Security Team

- Drive adoption of Software Composition Analysis tools and techniques
- Proactively monitor for vulnerabilities
- Provide governance and guidance to Buyers and Developers

thanks.

Different is better

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