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A (software) *supply chain attack* is the nefarious alteration of trusted software before delivery.

(tweaking a definition by Kim Zetter)

## CIA

This article is more than 3 years old

# CIA controlled global encryption company for decades, says report

Swiss government orders inquiry after revelations Crypto AG was owned and operated by US and German intelligence

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# Novel Malware XcodeGhost Modifies Xcode, Infects Apple iOS Apps and Hits App Store

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Tags: Apple, Baidu, iOS, KeyRaider, OS X, Weibo, Xcode, XcodeGhost

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*UPDATE: Since this report's original posting on September 17, three additional XCodeGhost updates have been published, available [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#).*

On Wednesday, Chinese iOS developers [disclosed a new OS X and iOS malware](#) on Sina Weibo. Alibaba researchers then posted an analysis report on the malware, giving it the name XcodeGhost. We have investigated the malware to identify how it spreads, the techniques it uses and its impact.

XcodeGhost is the first compiler malware in OS X. Its malicious code is located in a Mach-O object file that was repackaged into some versions of Xcode installers. These malicious installers were then uploaded to Baidu's cloud

## RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

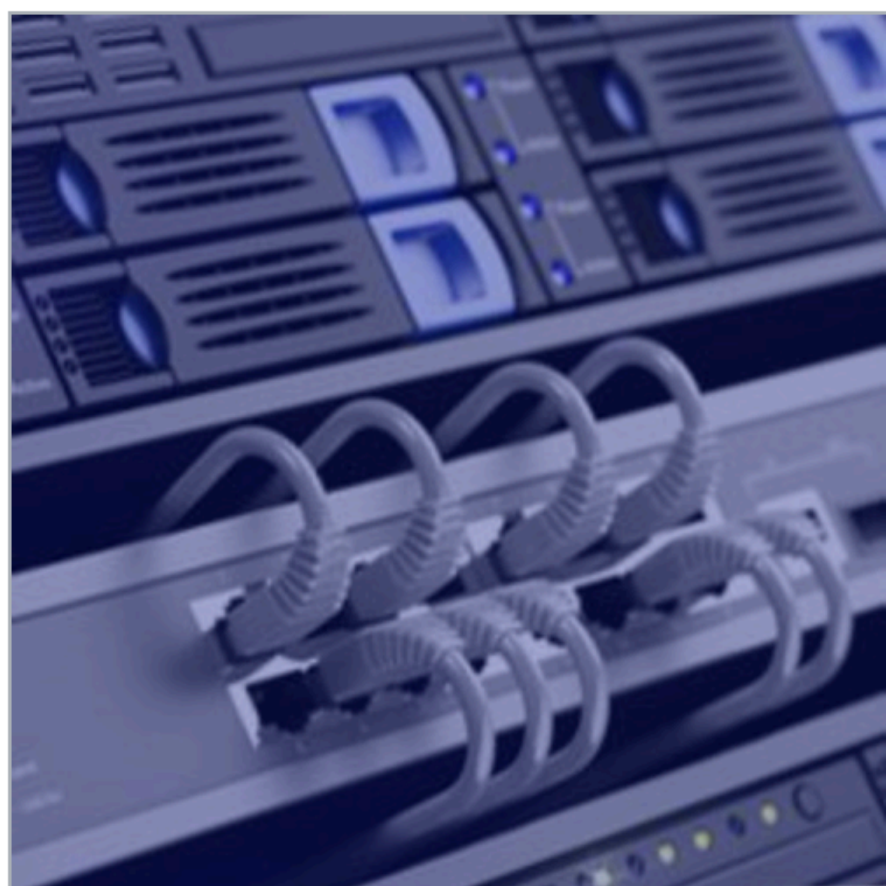
## Where Did I Leave My Keys?: Lessons from the Juniper Dual EC Incident

By Stephen Checkoway, Jacob Maskiewicz, Christina Garman, Joshua Fried, Shaanan Cohney, Matthew Green, Nadia Heninger, Ralf-Philipp Weinmann, Eric Rescorla, Hovav Shacham

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Credit: Hacker News

In December 2015, Juniper Networks announced multiple security vulnerabilities stemming from unauthorized code in ScreenOS, the operating system for their NetScreen Virtual Private Network (VPN) routers. The more sophisticated of these vulnerabilities was a passive VPN decryption capability, enabled by a change to one of the parameters used by the Dual Elliptic Curve (EC) pseudorandom number generator.

In this paper, we described the results of a full independent analysis of the ScreenOS randomness and VPN key establishment protocol subsystems, which we carried out in response to this incident. While Dual EC is known to be insecure against an attacker who can choose the elliptic curve parameters, Juniper had claimed in 2013 that ScreenOS included countermeasures against this type of attack. We find that, contrary to Juniper's public statements, the ScreenOS VPN implementation has been vulnerable to passive exploitation by an attacker who selects

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BY KIM ZETTER BACKCHANNEL MAY 2, 2023 6:00 AM

# The Untold Story of the Boldest Supply-Chain Hack Ever

The attackers were in thousands of corporate and government networks. They might still be there now. Behind the scenes of the SolarWinds investigation.

ILLUSTRATION: TAMEEM SANKARI

**STEVEN ADAIR WASN'T** too rattled at first.

It was late 2019, and Adair, the president of the security firm Volexity, was investigating a digital security breach at an American think tank. The intrusion

# **“Open-source software supply chain attack”**

An *open-source software supply chain attack* is the nefarious alteration of a trusted open-source component ~~before delivery~~ used later in a trusted program.

POISONING THE WELL —

# Widely used open source software contained bitcoin-stealing backdoor

Malicious code that crept into event-stream JavaScript library went undetected for weeks.

DAN GOODIN - 11/26/2018, 5:55 PM



Jeremy Brooks / Flickr

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A hacker or hackers sneaked a backdoor into a widely used open source code library with the aim of surreptitiously stealing funds stored in bitcoin wallets, software developers said Monday.

The malicious code was inserted in two stages into [event-stream](#), a code library with 2 million downloads that's used by Fortune 500 companies and small startups alike. In stage one, version 3.3.6, published on September 8, included a benign module known as flatmap-stream. Stage two was implemented on October 5 when flatmap-stream was updated to include malicious code that attempted to steal bitcoin wallets and transfer their balances to a server located in Kuala Lumpur. The backdoor came to light last Tuesday with

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## A deep dive into an NSO zero-click iMessage exploit: Remote Code Execution

Posted by Ian Beer & Samuel Groß of Google Project Zero

*We want to thank Citizen Lab for sharing a sample of the FORCEDENTRY exploit with us, and Apple's Security Engineering and Architecture (SEAR) group for collaborating with us on the technical analysis. The editorial opinions reflected below are solely Project Zero's and do not necessarily reflect those of the organizations we collaborated with during this research.*

Earlier this year, Citizen Lab managed to capture an NSO iMessage-based zero-click exploit being used to target a Saudi activist. In this two-part blog post series we will describe for the first time how an in-the-wild zero-click iMessage exploit works.

Based on our research and findings, we assess this to be one of the most technically sophisticated exploits we've ever seen, further demonstrating that the capabilities NSO provides rival those previously thought to be accessible to only a handful of nation states.

The vulnerability discussed in this blog post was fixed on September 13, 2021 in [iOS 14.8](#) as CVE-2021-30860



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**Written By**  
Staff

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## IMPORTANT MESSAGE: SECURITY VULNERABILITY IN JAVA EDITION

Follow these steps to secure your game

Hello everyone! Earlier today, we identified a vulnerability in the form of an exploit within Log4j – a common Java logging library. This exploit affects many services – including Minecraft Java Edition.

This vulnerability poses a potential risk of your computer being compromised, and while this exploit has been addressed with all versions of the game client patched, you still need to take the following steps to secure your game and your servers.

# “Open-source supply chain vulnerability”

*An open source supply chain vulnerability is an exploitable weakness in trusted software caused by an open source component.*



# “Open-source software supply chain vulnerability”

*An open source supply chain vulnerability is an exploitable weakness in a trusted software package caused by one of that package’s open source components.*

- ▶ Trusted software need not be open-source (Minecraft is not).

# “Open-source supply chain security”

Earlier draft:

*Supply chain security* is the engineering of defenses against supply chain attacks.

*Open source supply chain security* is the engineering of defenses against open source supply chain *attacks* and open source supply chain *vulnerabilities*.

# Open-Source Supply Chain Security at Google

## Disclaimers

- Not exhaustive about efforts at Google.
- No intent to discount work being done elsewhere.  
Just reporting about Google.

# Open-source software supply chain security at Google

Three main approaches:

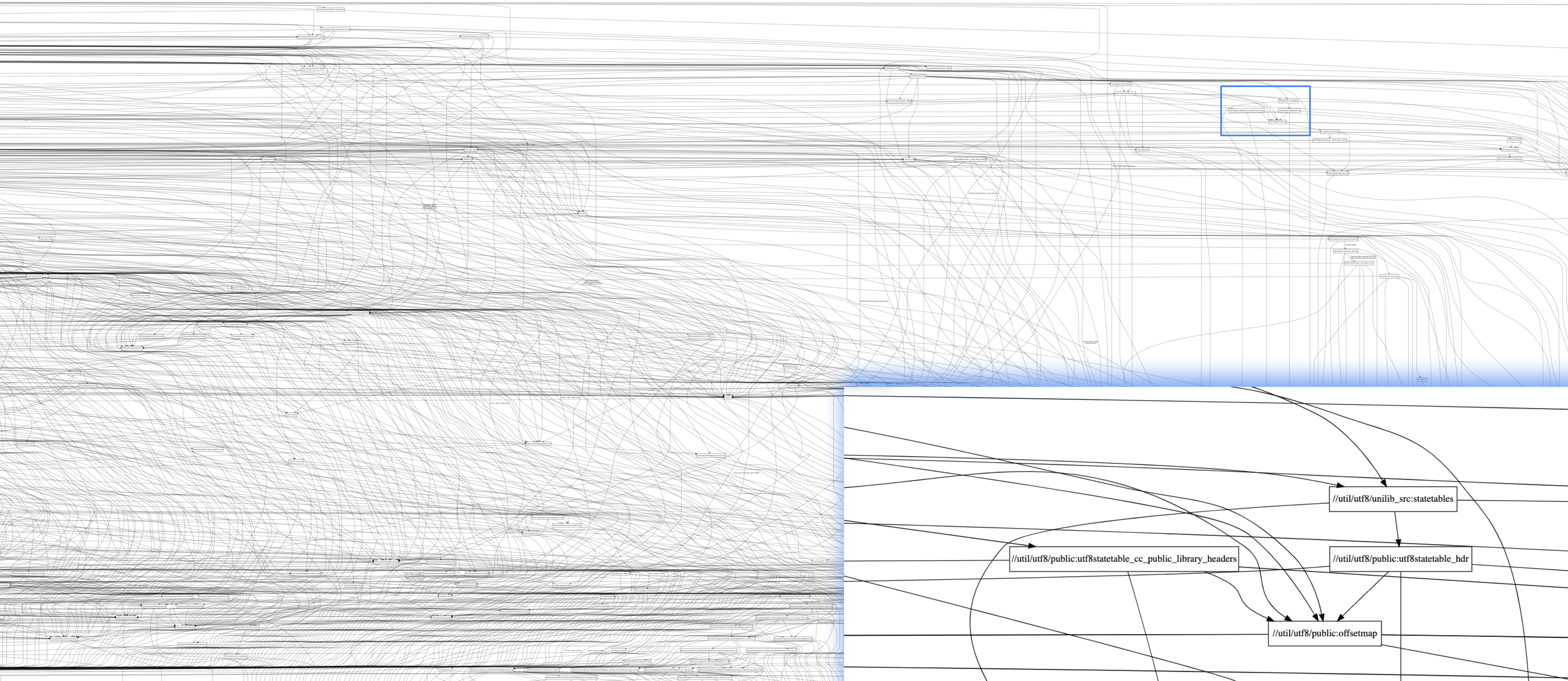
- ▶ **Understanding** the supply chain
- ▶ **Strengthening** the supply chain
- ▶ **Monitoring** the supply chain

# **Understanding the software supply chain**

(The software supply chain is all the places where a supply chain attack might happen.)

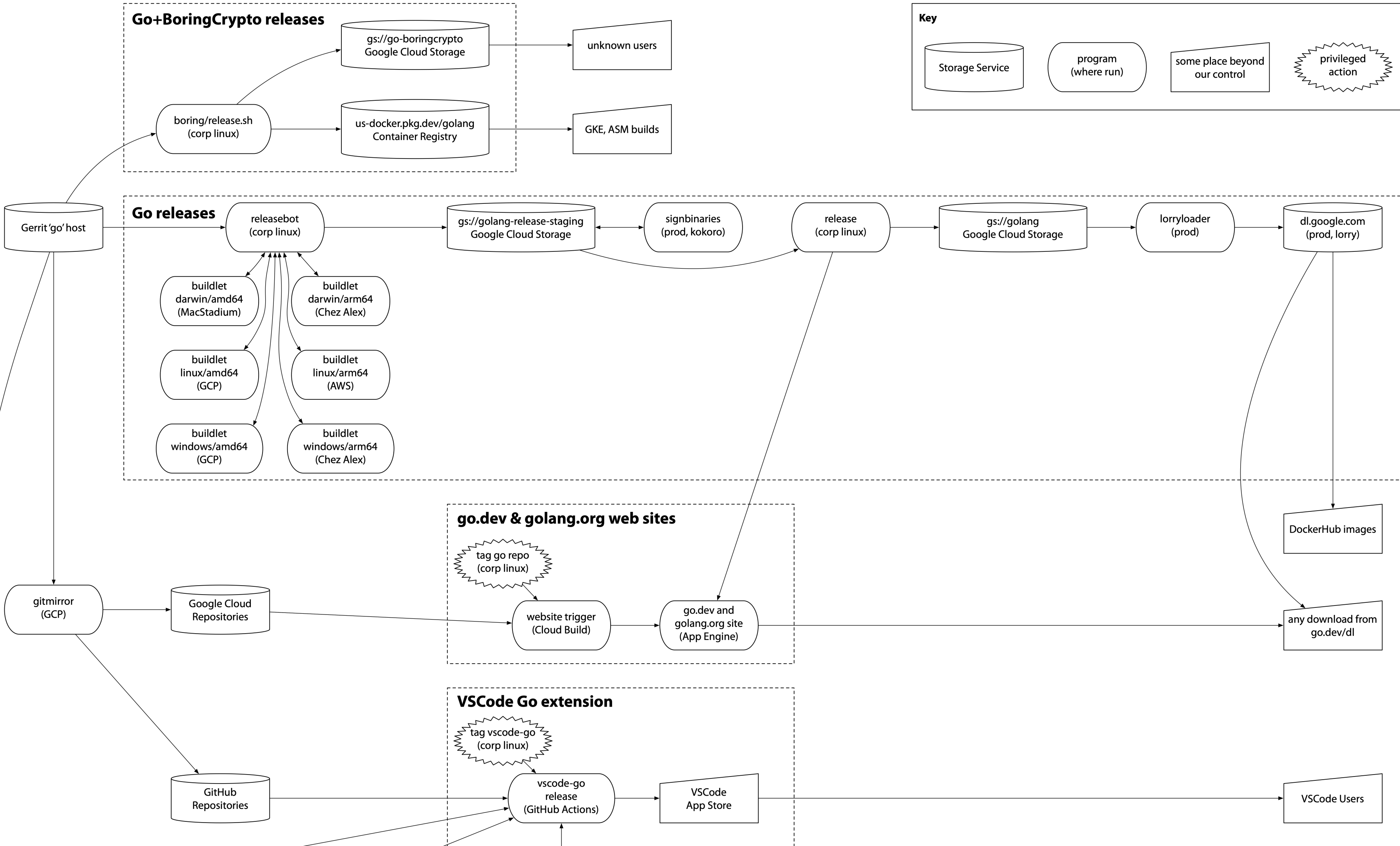
# Understanding the software supply chain

# Build Graph



# Understanding the software supply chain

## Server Graph (~2020, outdated)



# Understanding the software supply chain

## Dependency Graph

open / source / insights

Search for open source packages, advisories and projects

Go

Go module

k8s.io/kubernetes v1.28.4

Overview Dependencies Dependents Compare Versions

Filter dependencies by name, license, security advisory and more

Table

**Graph**





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DEPENDENCY LICENSES

- Apache-2.0
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- CC-BY-SA-4.0
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### Security Advisories

IN THE DEPENDENCIES

- github.com/cyphar/filepath-securejoin v0.2.3  
GHSAs: GHSAs-6xv5-86q9-7xr8 (SecureJoin: on windows, paths outside of the rootfs could be inadvertently produced), GO-2023-2048 (Paths outside of the rootfs could be produced on Windows)
- go.opentelemetry.io/contrib/instrumentation/github.com/emicklei/go-restful/otelrestful v0.35.0  
GHSAs: GHSAs-rcjv-mgp8-qvmr (OpenTelemetry-Go Contrib vulnerable to denial of service in otelhttp due to unbound cardinality metrics), GO-2023-2113 (Memory exhaustion in github.com/opentelemetry/opentelemetry-go-contrib)

go.opentelemetry.io/contrib/instrumentation/google.golang.org/grpc/otelgrpc v0.42.0  
GHSAs: GHSAs-8pgv-569h-w5rw (otelgrpc DoS vulnerability due to unbound cardinality metrics)

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# **Understanding the software supply chain**

# **Strengthening the software supply chain**

- > Defend against attacks**  
**Find vulnerabilities**

# Strengthening the software supply chain > Attacks

## Cryptographic Signatures

Cryptographic signatures make it impossible to nefariously alter code between signing and verifying.

Removes download infrastructure, hosting, network middleboxes as potential attack sites.

Introduces key distribution problems.

# Strengthening the software supply chain > Attacks

## Go Checksum Database

Map from (module, version) -> SHA256 of file tree

Signed by private key; public key hard-coded in Go distribution

Every download of public module

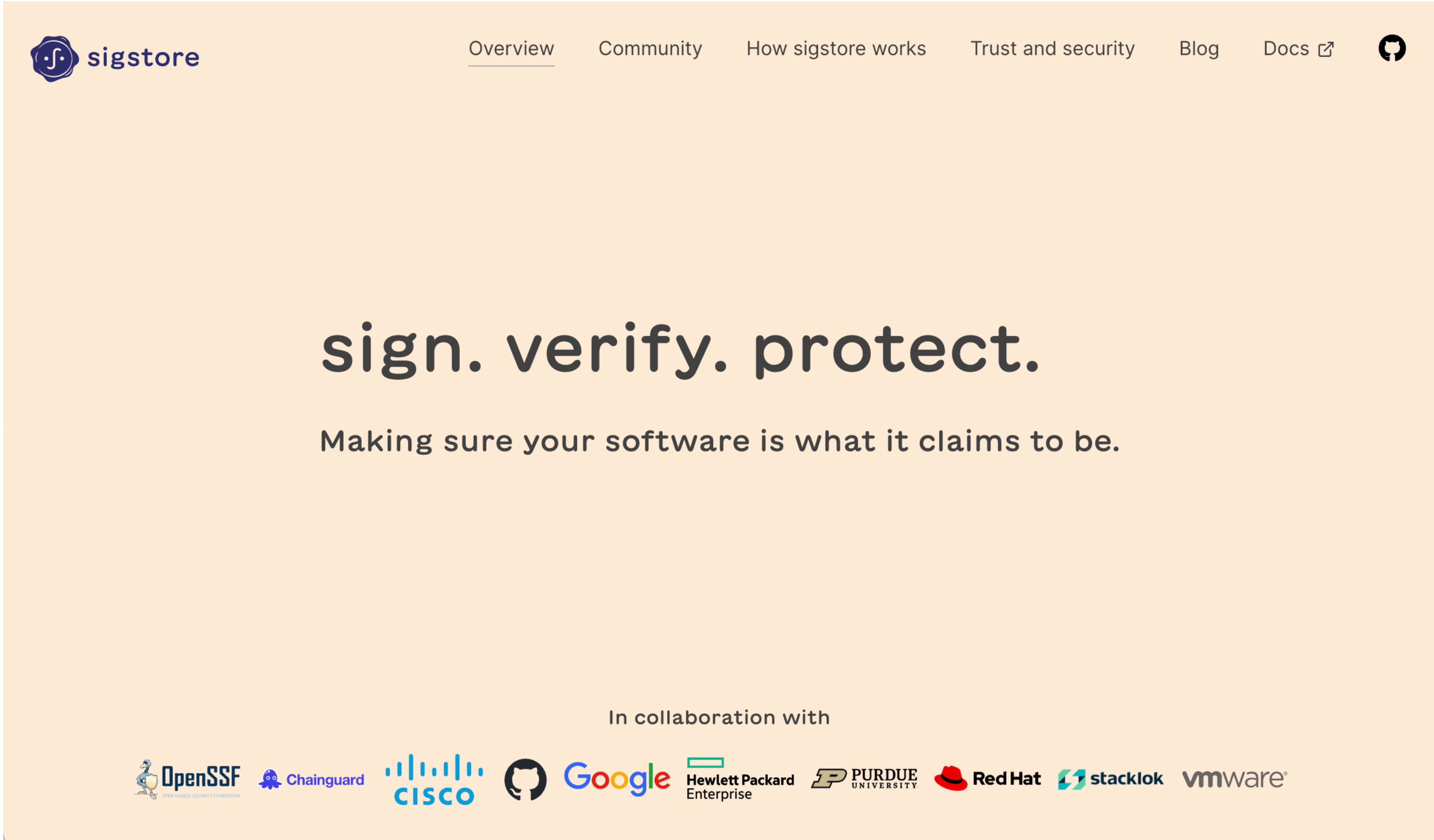
checks (possibly cached) checksum database entry.

Checksum database assumes first observed copy of code is “correct”.



Makes (module, version) -> code mapping immutable.

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# Sigstore













The screenshot shows the Sigstore website homepage with a light orange background. At the top left is the Sigstore logo. The navigation menu includes links for Overview, Community, How sigstore works, Trust and security, Blog, and Docs. The main content area features the slogan 'sign. verify. protect.' and the tagline 'Making sure your software is what it claims to be.' At the bottom, it lists collaborative partners: OpenSSF, Chainguard, Cisco, GitHub, Google, Hewlett Packard Enterprise, Purdue University, Red Hat, Stacklok, and VMware.

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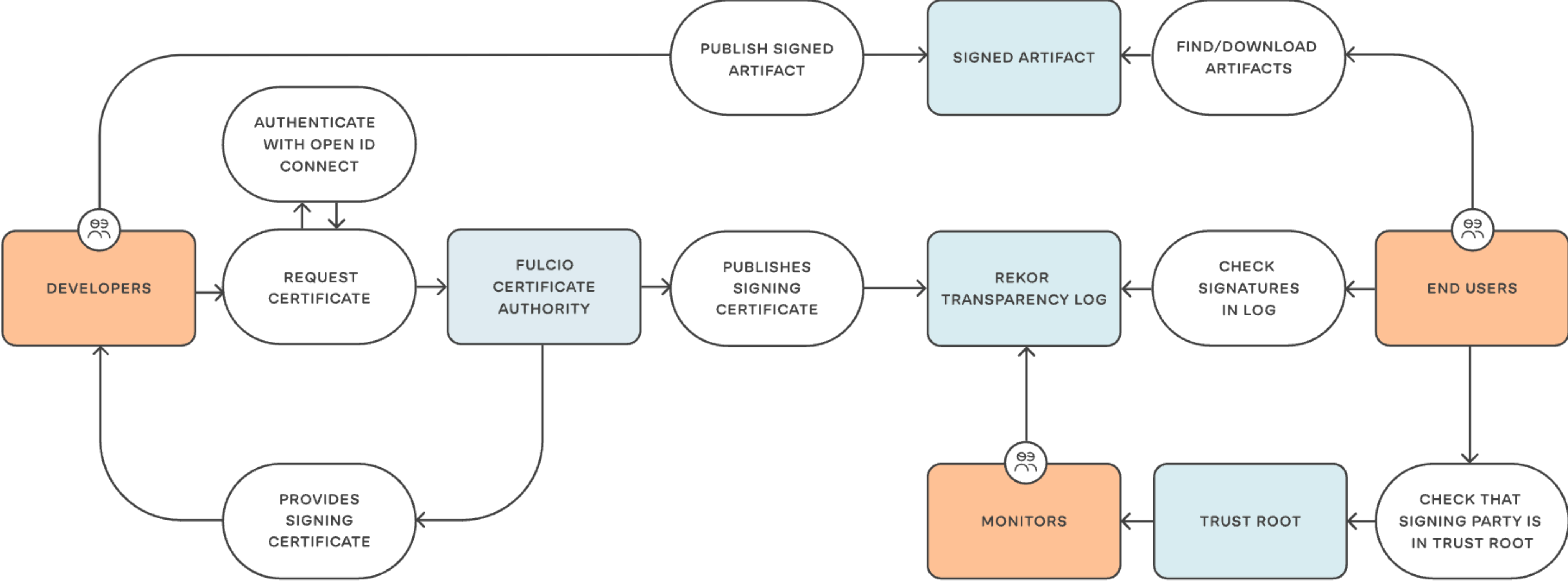
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# Sigstore



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## Computer System Security

All these boxes need to be secured too.

Dedicated build systems can provide better security, reproducibility:  
Google Cloud Build, GitHub Actions.

(But engineering workstations, laptops need security too.)



# Strengthening the software supply chain > Attacks

## Reproducible builds

[Why Go](#) ▾[Learn](#)[Docs](#) ▾[Packages](#)[Community](#) ▾[The Go Blog](#)

## Perfectly Reproducible, Verified Go Toolchains

*Russ Cox*

*28 August 2023*

One of the key benefits of open-source software is that anyone can read the source code and inspect what it does. And yet most software, even open-source software, is downloaded in the form of compiled binaries, which are much more difficult to inspect. If an attacker wanted to run a [supply chain attack](#) on an open-source project, the least visible way would be to replace the binaries being served while leaving the source code unmodified.

The best way to address this kind of attack is to make open-source software builds *reproducible*, meaning that a build that starts with the same sources produces the same outputs every time it runs. That way, anyone can verify that posted binaries are free of hidden changes by building from authentic sources and checking that the rebuilt binaries are bit-for-bit identical to the posted binaries. That approach proves the binaries have no backdoors or other changes not present in the source code, without having to disassemble or look inside them at all. Since anyone can verify the binaries, independent groups can easily detect and report supply chain attacks.

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# Two-Person Approvals



# Strengthening the software supply chain > Attacks

## Supply-chain Levels for Software Artifacts (SLSA)

Track/Level	Requirements	Focus
Build L0	(none)	(n/a)
Build L1	Provenance showing how the package was built	Mistakes, documentation
Build L2	Signed provenance, generated by a hosted build platform	Tampering after the build
Build L3	Hardened build platform	Tampering during the build

# Strengthening the software supply chain > Attacks

# OpenSSF Security Scorecards

### 「Run the checks」

Using the GitHub Action

Using the CLI

### Learn more

The problem

What is OpenSSF Scorecard?

How it works

The checks

Use cases

About the project name

Part of the OSS community

Get involved

## What is OpenSSF Scorecard?

Scorecard assesses open source projects for security risks through a series of automated checks

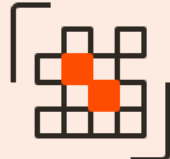
It was created by OSS developers to help improve the health of critical projects that the community depends on.

You can use it to proactively assess and make informed decisions about accepting security risks within your codebase. You can also use the tool to evaluate other projects and dependencies, and work with maintainers to improve codebases you might want to integrate.

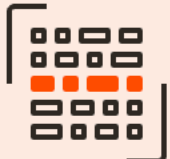
Scorecard helps you enforce best practices that can guard against:



Malicious maintainers



Build system compromises



Source code compromises



Malicious packages

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## Capslock

```
% capslock -output=verbose
```

Capslock is an experimental tool for static analysis of Go packages.

Analyzed packages:

```
golang.org/x/text v0.9.0
```

CAPABILITY\_READ\_SYSTEM\_STATE: 2 references (2 direct, 0 transitive)

Example callpath:

```
rsc.io/sampler.Hello
```

```
sampler.go:32:27:rsc.io/sampler.DefaultUserPrefs
```

```
sampler.go:21:22:os.Getenv
```

CAPABILITY\_UNANALYZED: 5 references (0 direct, 5 transitive)

Example callpath:

```
rsc.io/sampler.DefaultUserPrefs
```

```
sampler.go:22:39:golang.org/x/text/language.Make
```

```
language.go:44:21:(golang.org/x/text/language.CanonType).Make
```

```
language.go:50:17:(golang.org/x/text/language.CanonType).Parse
```

```
parse.go:58:29:golang.org/x/text/language.canonicalize
```

```
language.go:128:44:(golang.org/x/text/internal/language.Language).Canonicalize
```

```
lookup.go:50:17:golang.org/x/text/internal/language.normLang
```

```
lookup.go:55:18:sort.Search
```

# Strengthening the software supply chain > Attacks

## Caplock Limitations

Code operating within its capabilities can still be nefarious.

- ▶ String comparison in a password checker.
- ▶ YAML parser in a production system.
- ▶ XcodeGhost

# **Strengthening the software supply chain**

**Defend against attacks**  
**> Find vulnerabilities**

# Strengthening the software supply chain > Vulnerabilities

## OSS Fuzz

### Announcing OSS-Fuzz: Continuous fuzzing for open source software

Thursday, December 1, 2016

We are happy to announce [OSS-Fuzz](#), a new Beta program developed over the past years with the [Core Infrastructure Initiative](#) community. This program will provide continuous fuzzing for select core open source software.

Open source software is the backbone of the many apps, sites, services, and networked things that make up “the internet.” It is important that the open source foundation be stable, secure, and reliable, as cracks and weaknesses impact all who build on it.

[Recent security stories](#) confirm that errors like [buffer overflow](#) and [use-after-free](#) can have serious, widespread consequences when they occur in critical open source software. These errors are not only serious, but notoriously difficult to find via routine code audits, even for experienced developers. That's where [fuzz testing](#) comes in. By generating random inputs to a given program, fuzzing triggers and helps uncover errors quickly and thoroughly.



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<a href="#">possible deadlock in stack depot_put</a> <span>kernel</span>				7	1d17h	<a href="#">2d17h</a>	3 [1d05h]
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### 'Virus' in Military Computers Disrupts Systems Nationwide

By JOHN MARKOFF

In an intrusion that raises questions about the vulnerability of the nation's computers, a Department of Defense network has been disrupted since Wednesday by a rapidly spreading "virus"

military officials, researchers and corporations.

While some sensitive military data are involved, the computers handling the nation's most sensitive secret information, like that

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The New York Times

ON, Nov. 3 — A Pentagon has found that the national military contractors routinely the Defense Department millions of dollars paid often without justifica-

of the investigation said the military's current contractors' own policies to assure that the Government improperly pay for unneeded consulting work.

Senior Defense Department officials said the Pentagon was proposing

"It has raised the public awareness to a considerable degree. It is likely to make people more careful and more attentive to vulnerabilities in the future."

— Robert H. Morris,  
quoted in the next day's paper

Gov. Michael S. Dukakis having his picture taken by a 10-year-old fan at a town meeting in Fairless Hills, Pa., during a tour of the Northeast in which he emphasized the drug problem. Page A19. Vice Presi-

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## Memory-Safe Languages



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### Software Memory Safety

#### Executive summary

Modern society relies heavily on software. Software developers to write software that is not compromised for malicious actors. Software developers prepare the logic in software. Software vulnerabilities are still frequent

#### The path forward

Memory issues in software comprise a large portion of the exploitable vulnerabilities in existence. NSA advises organizations to consider making a strategic shift from programming languages that provide little or no inherent memory protection, such as C/C++, to a memory safe language when possible. Some examples of memory safe languages are C#, Go, Java, Ruby™, and Swift®. Memory safe languages provide

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memory issues. Examples include

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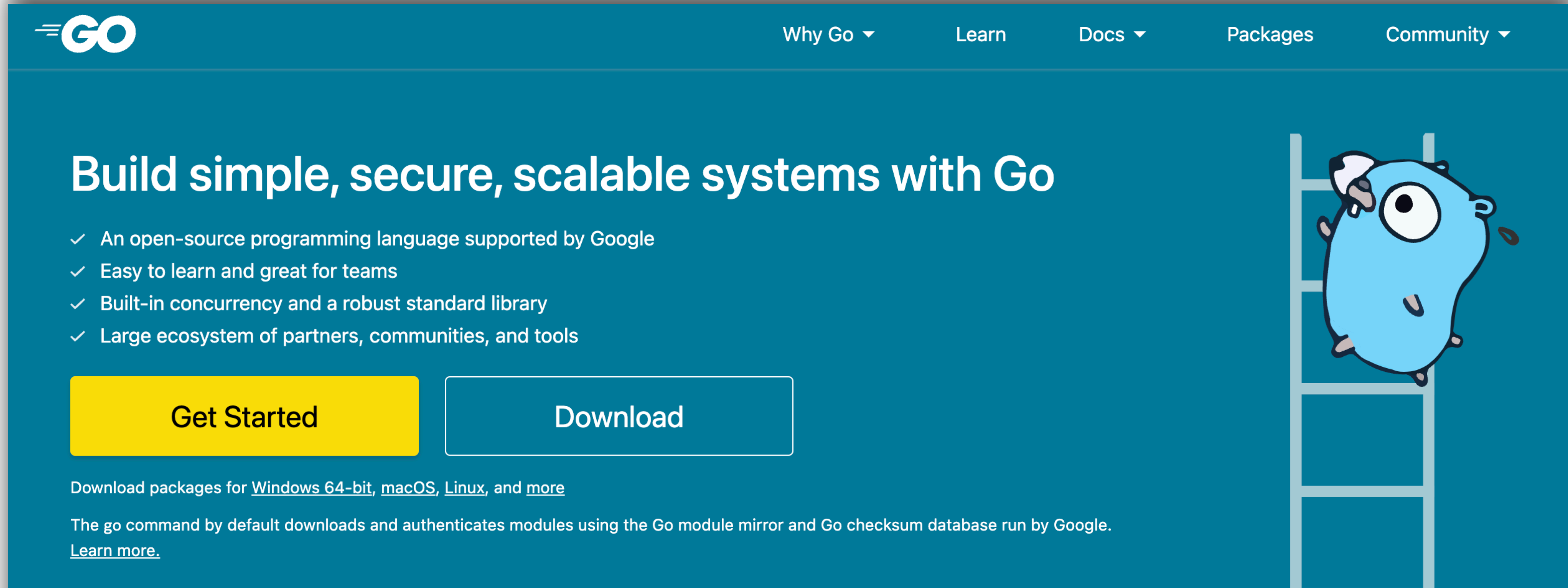
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## Memory-Safe Languages



The screenshot shows the Go website homepage with a teal header. The navigation menu includes 'Why Go', 'Learn', 'Docs', 'Packages', and 'Community'. The main content area features the Go logo, a headline 'Build simple, secure, scalable systems with Go', and a list of four bullet points: 'An open-source programming language supported by Google', 'Easy to learn and great for teams', 'Built-in concurrency and a robust standard library', and 'Large ecosystem of partners, communities, and tools'. Below the list are two buttons: a yellow 'Get Started' button and a teal 'Download' button. A cartoon blue creature is climbing a ladder on the right side. At the bottom of the teal section, there is text about downloading packages for various operating systems and a link to learn more.

### Companies using Go

Organizations in every industry use Go to power their software and services [View all stories](#)



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# Rust

**GET STARTED**

[Version 1.74.0](#)

A language empowering everyone to build reliable and efficient software.

## Why Rust?

### Performance

Rust is blazingly fast and memory-efficient: with no runtime or garbage

### Reliability

Rust's rich type system and ownership model guarantee memory-safety and

### Productivity

Rust has great documentation, a friendly compiler with useful error messages, and

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Rust: Large or malformed inputs => Denial of service

# **Monitoring the software supply chain**

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“An SBOM is effectively a nested inventory, a list of ingredients that make up software components. An SBOM identifies and lists software components, information about those components, and supply chain relationships between them. The amount and type of information included in a particular SBOM may vary depending on factors such as the industry or sector and the needs of SBOM consumers.”

– “Framing Software Component Transparency: Establishing a Common Software Bill of Materials (SBOM)”, NTIA Multistakeholder Process on Software Component Transparency Framing Working Group, 2021

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## Go “SBOM”

```
% go version -m $HOME/bin/gomote
```

```
/Users/rsc/bin/gomote: go1.21.0
```

```
path  golang.org/x/build/cmd/gomote
```

```
mod    golang.org/x/build          v0.0.0-20230809040836-4f3589752dd4    h1:gK+EqJ6LNNP/...
```

```
dep    cloud.google.com/go/compute/metadata v0.2.3    h1:mg4jlk7mCAj6...
```

```
dep    github.com/aws/aws-sdk-go      v1.30.15    h1:Sd8QDVzzE8S1...
```

```
dep    github.com/golang/groupcache   v0.0.0-20210331224755-41bb18bfe9da    h1:oI5xCqsCo564...
```

```
dep    github.com/golang/protobuf     v1.5.3      h1:KhyjKVUg7Usr...
```

```
dep    github.com/google/s2a-go       v0.1.4      h1:1kZ/sQM3sreP...
```

```
dep    github.com/google/uuid         v1.3.0      h1:t6JiXgmwXMjE...
```

```
dep    github.com/googleapis/enterprise-certificate-proxy v0.2.3    h1:yk9/cqRKtT9w...
```

```
dep    github.com/googleapis/gax-go/v2 v2.10.0    h1:ebSgKfMxyn0d...
```

```
dep    github.com/jmespath/go-jmespath v0.4.0     h1:BEgLn5cpjn8U...
```

```
dep    go.opencensus.io              v0.24.0     h1:y73uSU6J157Q...
```

```
dep    golang.org/x/crypto            v0.9.0      h1:LF6fAI+IutBo...
```

```
dep    golang.org/x/net               v0.10.0     h1:X2//UzNDwYmt...
```

```
dep    golang.org/x/oauth2           v0.8.0      h1:6dkIjl3j3LtZ...
```

```
...
```

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# Go Vulnerability Database

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## Go Vulnerability Database

Data about new vulnerabilities come directly from Go package maintainers or sources such as MITRE and GitHub. Reports are curated by the Go Security team. Learn more at [go.dev/security/vuln](https://go.dev/security/vuln).

### Search

### Recent Reports

#### [GO-2023-2334](#)

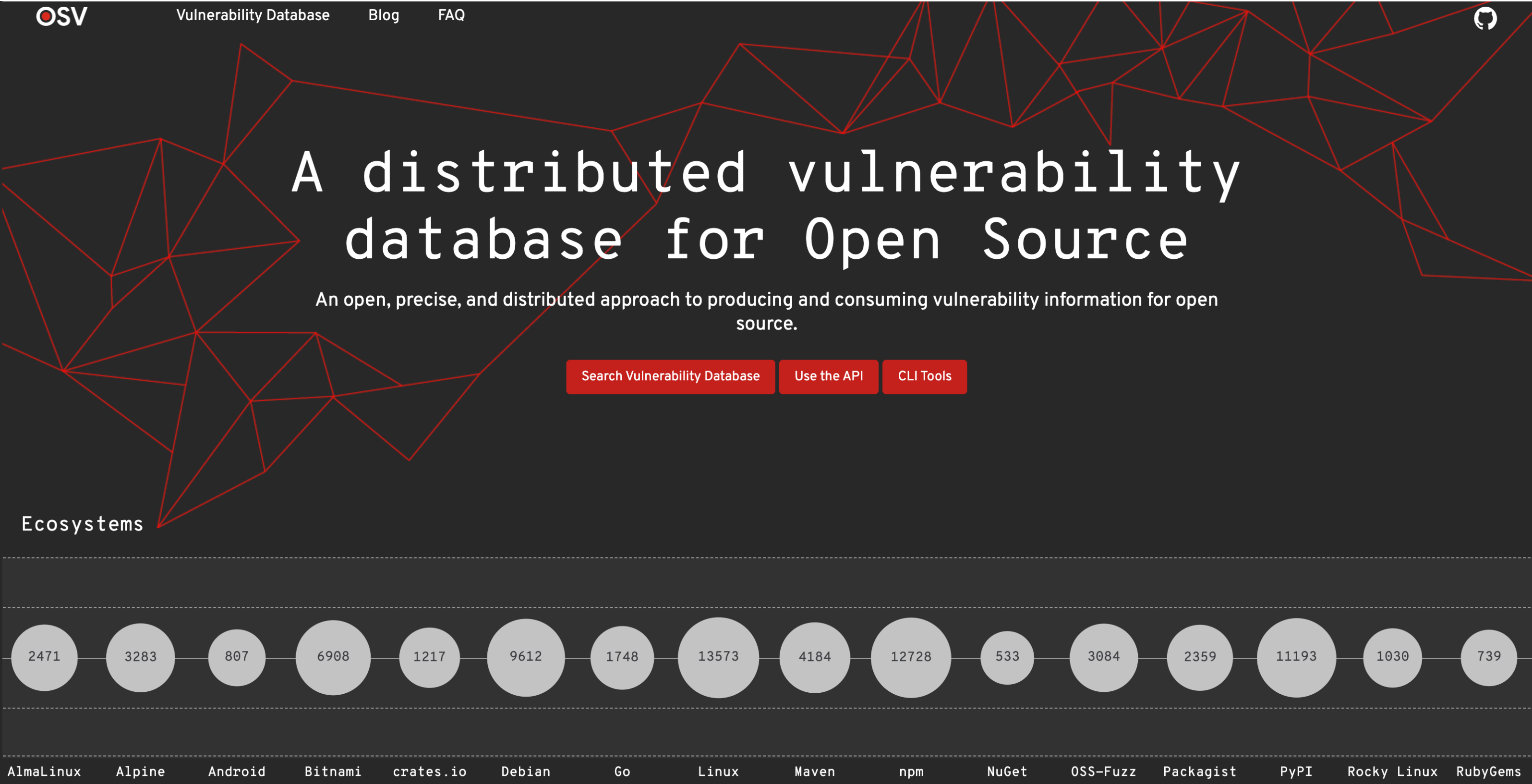
Affects: [github.com/go-jose/go-jose/v3](https://github.com/go-jose/go-jose/v3), [github.com/square/go-jose](https://github.com/square/go-jose) | Published: Nov 21, 2023

The go-jose package is subject to a "billion hashes attack" causing denial-of-service when decrypting JWE inputs. This occurs when an attacker can provide a PBES2 encrypted JWE blob with a very large p2c value that, when decrypted, produces a denial-of-service.



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# Open-Source Vulnerability Database (OSV)



OSV Vulnerability Database Blog FAQ

## A distributed vulnerability database for Open Source

An open, precise, and distributed approach to producing and consuming vulnerability information for open source.

[Search Vulnerability Database](#) [Use the API](#) [CLI Tools](#)

### Ecosystems

Ecosystem	Vulnerability Count
AlmaLinux	2471
Alpine	3283
Android	807
Bitnami	6908
crates.io	1217
Debian	9612
Go	1748
Linux	13573
Maven	4184
npm	12728
NuGet	533
OSS-Fuzz	3084
Packagist	2359
PyPI	11193
Rocky Linux	1030
RubyGems	739

## OSV schema

All advisories in this database use the [OpenSSF OSV format](#), which was developed in collaboration with open source communities.

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## Vulnerability Scanning

```
% govulncheck -mode=binary gomote  
Scanning your binary for known vulnerabilities...
```

```
Vulnerability #1: GO-2023-2153
```

```
Denial of service from HTTP/2 Rapid Reset in google.golang.org/grpc
```

```
More info: https://pkg.go.dev/vuln/GO-2023-2153
```

```
Module: google.golang.org/grpc
```

```
Found in: google.golang.org/grpc@v1.55.0
```

```
Fixed in: google.golang.org/grpc@v1.58.3
```

```
Example traces found:
```

```
#1: grpc.Server.Serve
```

```
#2: transport.NewServerTransport
```

```
Vulnerability #2: GO-2023-2043
```

```
Improper handling of special tags within script contexts in html/template
```

```
More info: https://pkg.go.dev/vuln/GO-2023-2043
```

```
Standard library
```

```
Found in: html/template@go1.21
```

```
Fixed in: html/template@go1.21.1
```

```
Example traces found:
```

```
#1: template.Template.Execute
```

```
#2: template.Template.ExecuteTemplate
```

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## Vulnerability Scanning

```
% govulncheck ./gomote
```

```
Scanning your code and 399 packages across 23 dependent modules for known vulnerabilities...
```

```
=== Informational ===
```

```
Found 2 vulnerabilities in packages that you import, but there are no call stacks leading to the use of these vulnerabilities. You may not need to take any action. See https://pkg.go.dev/golang.org/x/vuln/cmd/govulncheck for details.
```

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```

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Fixed in: google.golang.org/grpc@v1.58.3
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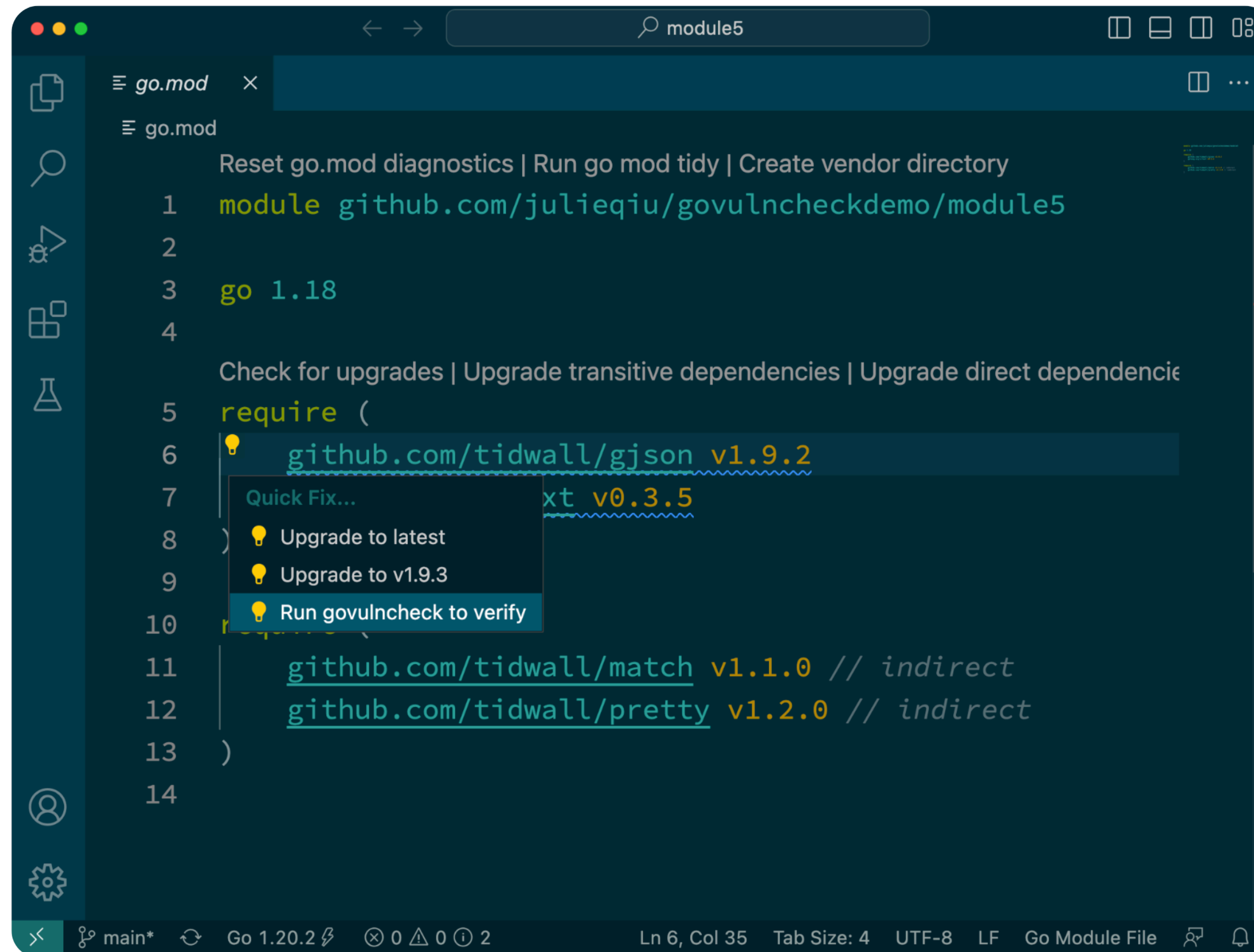
```
Vulnerability #2: GO-2023-2102
```

```
...
```

```
No vulnerabilities found.
```

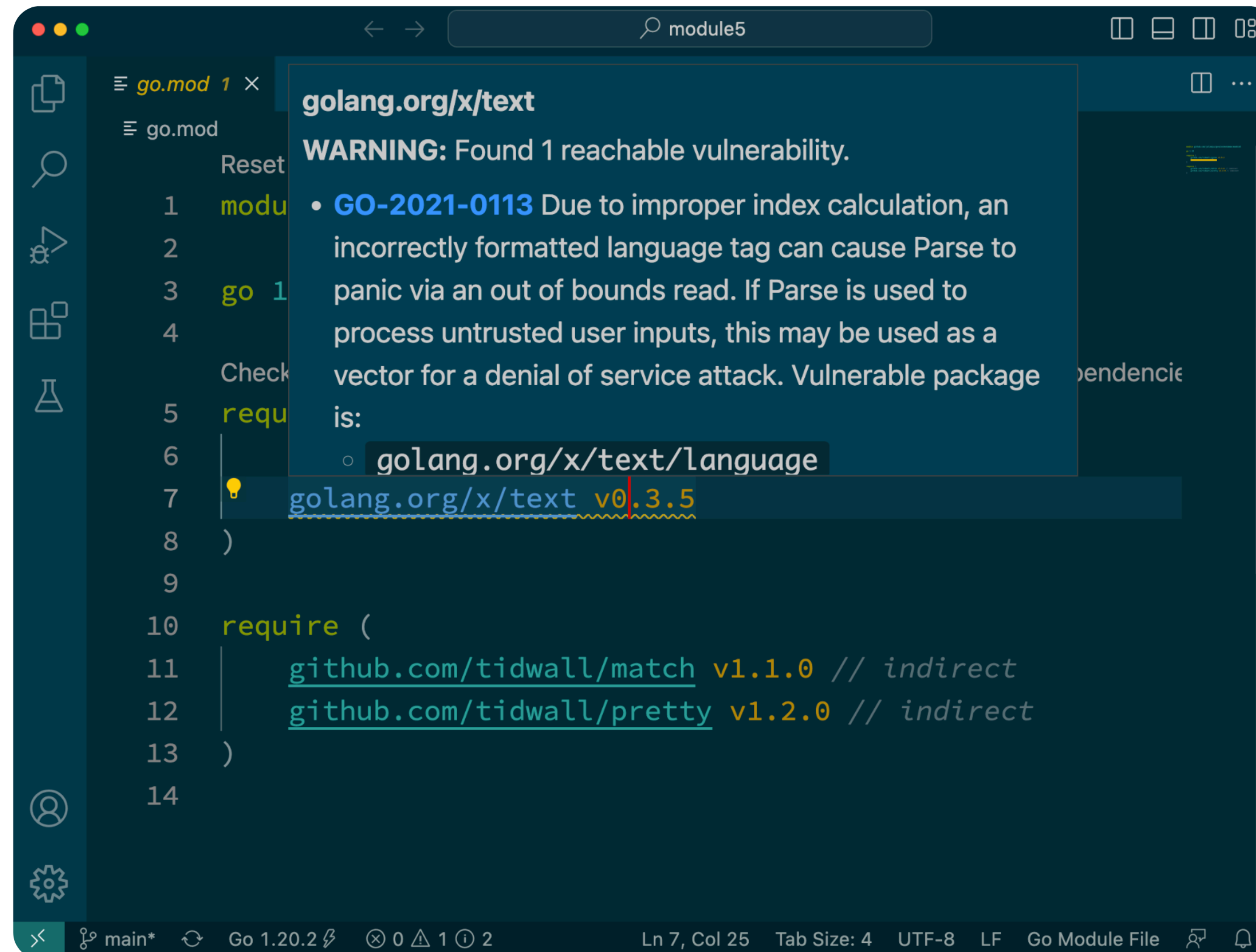
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## Vulnerability Scanning in IDE



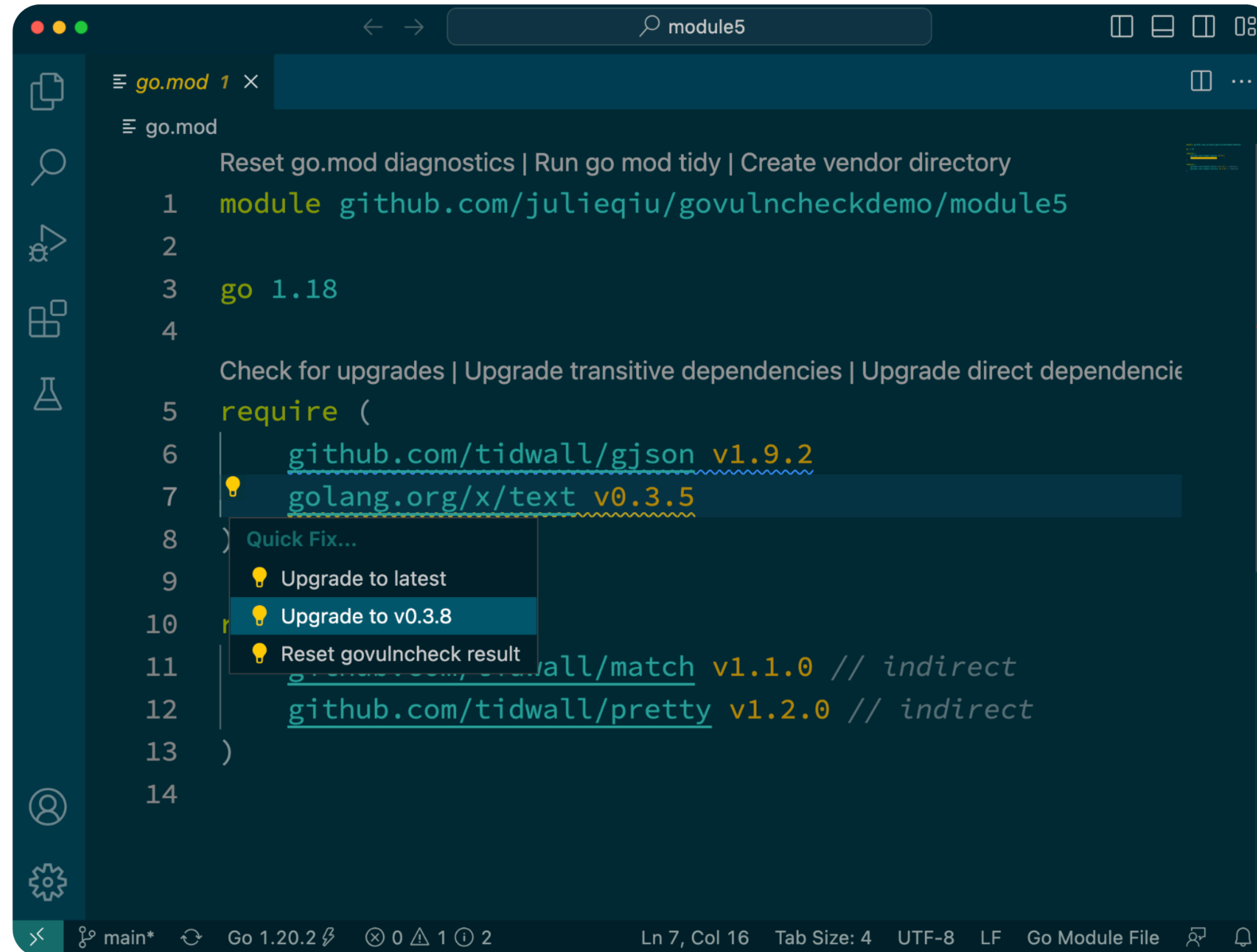
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```
module github.com/julieqiu/govulncheckdemo/module5

go 1.18

require (
    github.com/tidwall/gjson v1.9.2
    golang.org/x/text v0.3.5
    github.com/tidwall/match v1.1.0 // indirect
    github.com/tidwall/pretty v1.2.0 // indirect
)
```

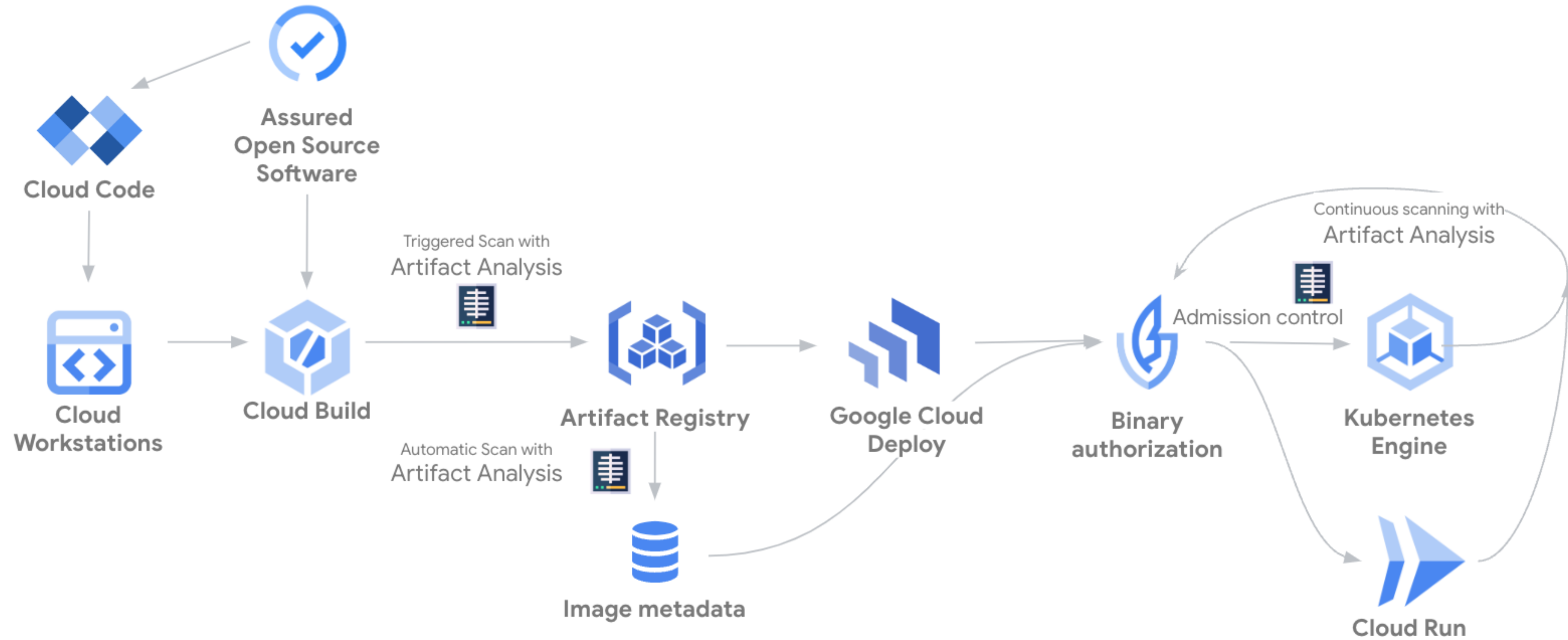
Quick Fix...

- Upgrade to latest
- Upgrade to v0.3.8
- Reset govulncheck result

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## Vulnerability Scanning in Production



# **Open-Source Supply Chain Security at Google**



# Open-Source Supply Chain Security Historical Perspective

# Air Force review of Multics, 1972-1974

ESD-TR-74-193, Vol. II

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VULNERABILITY ANALYSIS

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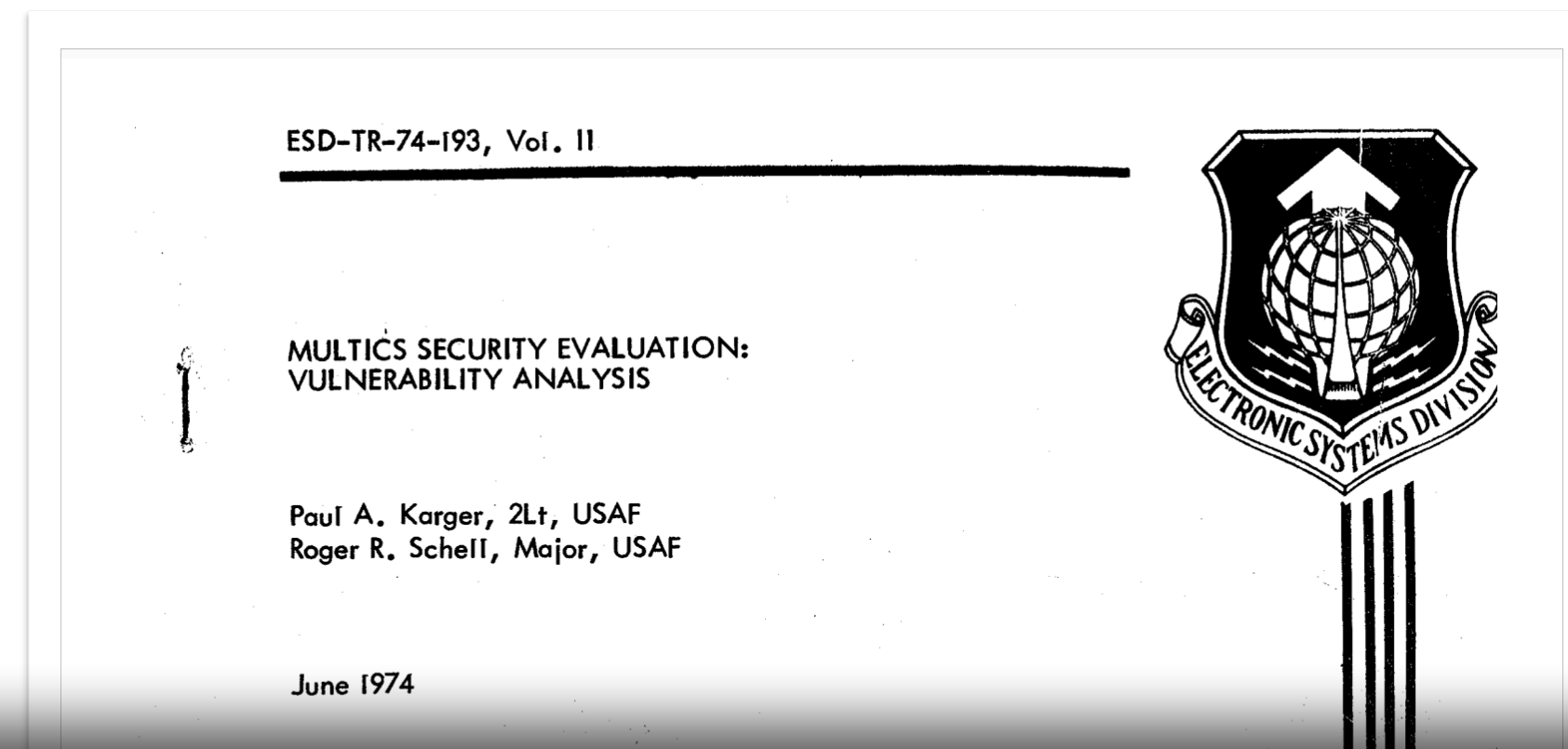
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Trap doors can be inserted during the distribution phase. If updates are sent via insecure communications - either US Mail or insecure telecommunications, the penetrator can intercept the update and subtly modify it. The penetrator could also generate his own updates and distribute them using forged stationery.

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Clearly when a trap door is inserted, it must be well hidden to avoid detection by system maintenance personnel. Trap doors can best be hidden in changes to the binary code of a compiled routine. Such a change is completely invisible on system listings and can be detected only by comparing bit by bit the object code and the compiler listing. However, object code trap doors are vulnerable to recompilations of the module in question.



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It was noted above that while object code trap doors are invisible, they are vulnerable to recompilations. The compiler (or assembler) trap door is inserted to permit object code trap doors to survive even a complete recompilation of the entire system. In Multics, most of the ring 0 supervisor is written in PL/I. A penetrator could insert a trap door in the PL/I compiler to note when it is compiling a ring 0 module. Then the compiler would insert an object code trap door in the ring 0 module without listing the code in the listing. Since the PL/I compiler is itself written in PL/I, the trap door can maintain itself, even when the compiler is recompiled.

(38) Compiler trap doors are significantly more complex than the other trap doors described here, because they require a detailed knowledge of the compiler design. However, they are quite practical to implement at a cost of perhaps five times the level shown in Section 3.5. It should be noted that even costs several hundred times larger than those shown here would be considered nominal to a foreign agent.

# Ken Thompson's Turing Award Lecture

TURING AWARD LECTURE

## Reflections on Trusting Trust

*To what extent should one trust a statement that a program is free of Trojan horses? Perhaps it is more important to trust the people who wrote the software.*

**KEN THOMPSON**

### INTRODUCTION

I thank the ACM for this award. I can't help but feel that I am receiving this honor for timing and serendipity.

programs. I would like to present to you the cutest program I ever wrote. I will do this in three stages and try to bring it together at the end.

# Ken Thompson's Actual Code

<p><i>Extract nih.a.</i></p> <p><i>Let's read x.c, a C program.</i></p> <p><i>Declare the global variable nihflg, of implied type int.</i></p> <p><i>Define the function codenih, with implied return type int and no arguments. The compiler will be modified to call codenih during preprocessing, for each input line.</i></p> <p><i>cc -p prints the preprocessor output instead of invoking the compiler back end. To avoid discovery, do nothing when -p is used. The implied return type of codenih is int, but early C allowed omitting the return value.</i></p> <p><i>Skip leading tabs in the line.</i></p> <p><i>Look for the line "name = crypt(pwbuf);" from <a href="#">login.c</a>. If not found, jump to l1.</i></p>	<pre>% ar xv nih.a x x.c x rc  % cat x.c  nihflg;  codenih() {     char *p,*s;     int i;      if(pflag)         return;      p=line;     while(*p=='\t')         p++;      s="namep = crypt(pwbuf)";     for(i=0;i&lt;21;i++)         if(s[i]!=p[i])             goto l1;</pre>
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# Do We Learn From History?

1974 Multics report

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No.

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No.

*But why are things not worse?*

# Hope For the Future

Industry can fix problems when it wants to.

- ▶ HTTP to HTTPS
- ▶ 2-Factor Auth and Security Keys
- ▶ Passkeys?

Maybe we want to fix supply chain security next.

Hopefully we will.

# **Open-Source Supply Chain Security at Google**

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