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Using CSAF to Respond to Supply Chain Vulnerabilities at Large Scale



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"By publishing security advisories using CSAF, vendors will dramatically reduce the time required for enterprises to understand organizational impact and drive timely remediation."

— Eric Goldstein, Executive Assistant Director of Cybersecurity, CISA

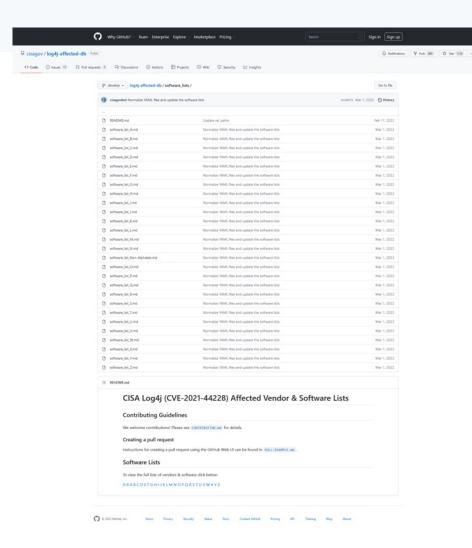




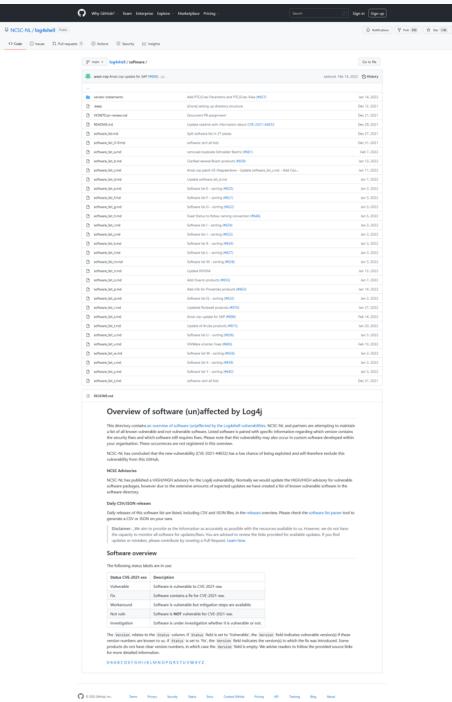


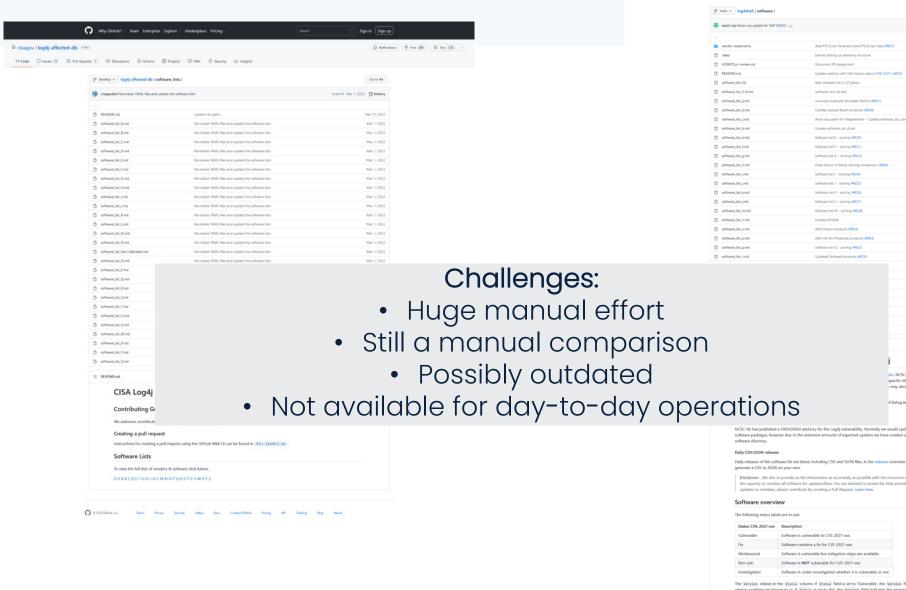
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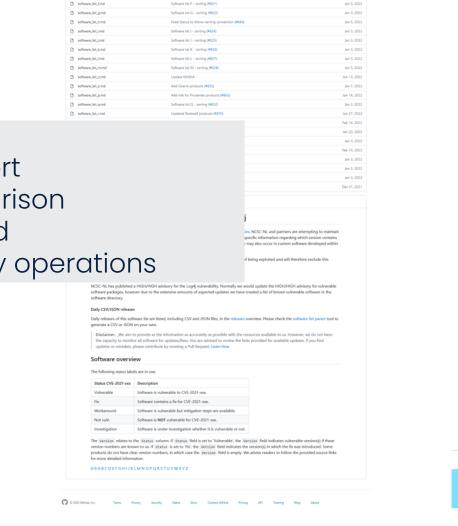












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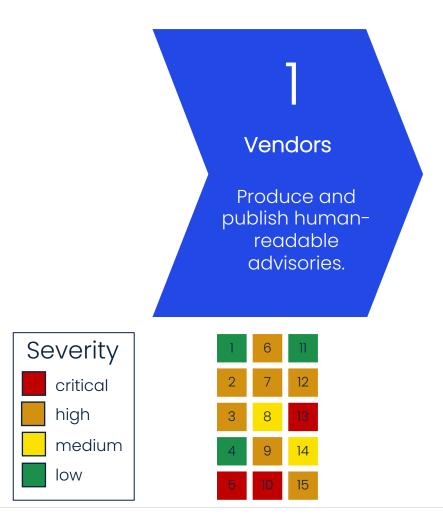
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Manual process



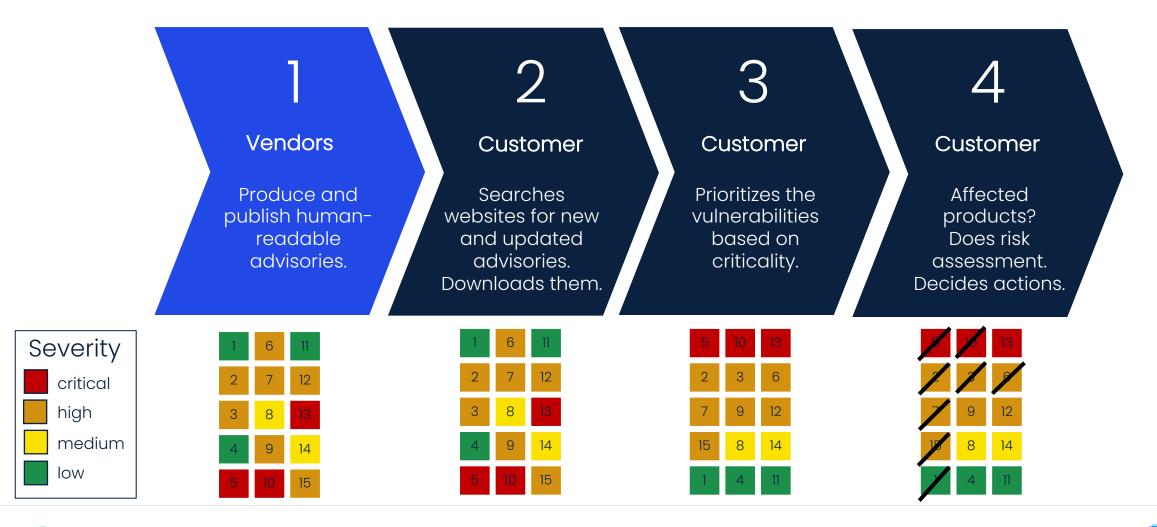












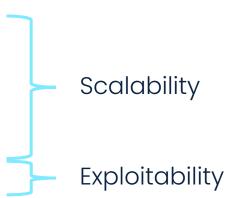


Manual Processes Vendor Customer Customer Customer Produces and Searches Prioritizes the Affected vulnerabilities publishes a websites for new products? based on human-readable and updated Does risk advisory. advisories. criticality. assessment. Downloads them. Decides actions. Severity critical high medium low



Problems to Solve

- Many vendors all with different formats and distribution methods
- Number of security advisories is rising
- SBOM adds to overload
- Not every vulnerability can be exploited





What is CSAF?

Common Security Advisory Framework

- International, open and free standard
- Machine-readable format for security advisories (JSON)
- Standardized way of distribution security advisories
- Build with automation in mind
- Standardized tool set
- Successor of CSAF CVRF 1.2





Example: CSAF Document

Document

```
"document": {
         "title": "Cisco IOS and IOS XE Software Smart Install Remote Code Execution Vulnerability",
        "category": "Cisco Security Advisory",
        "csaf version": "2.0",
        "publisher": {
          "category": "vendor",
          "contact_details": "Emergency Support:\n+1 877 228 7302 (toll-free within North America)\n+1 408
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           "issuing_authority": "Cisco product security incident response is the responsibility of the Cisc
 9
          "name": "Cisco PSIRT",
10
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11
12
        },
         "tracking": {
13
14
          "id": "cisco-sa-20180328-smi2",
15
          "status": "final",
          "version": "3.0.0",
16
          "revision_history": [
17
18
              "number": "1.0.0",
19
              "date": "2018-03-28T15:17:05Z",
20
              "summary": "Initial public release."
21
```



Example: CSAF Document

Product Tree

```
137
        "product_tree": {
          "branches": [
138
139
              "name": "Cisco",
140
141
              "category": "vendor",
142
              "branches": [
143
                  "name": "IOS",
144
                  "category": "product_name",
145
                  "branches": [
146
147
                      "name": "12.2SE",
148
149
                      "category": "product_version",
150
                      "branches": [
151
152
                          "name": "12.2(55)SE",
                          "category": "service_pack",
153
154
                          "product": {
                            "product_id": "CVRFPID-103763",
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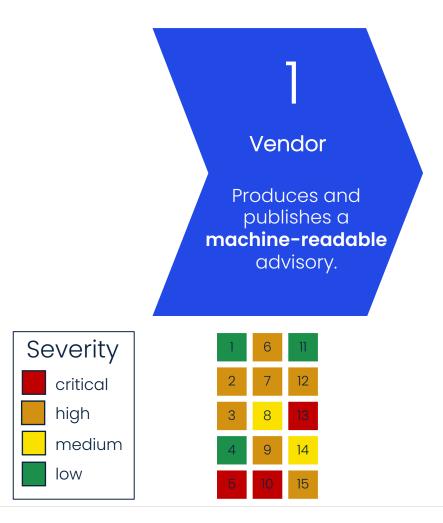


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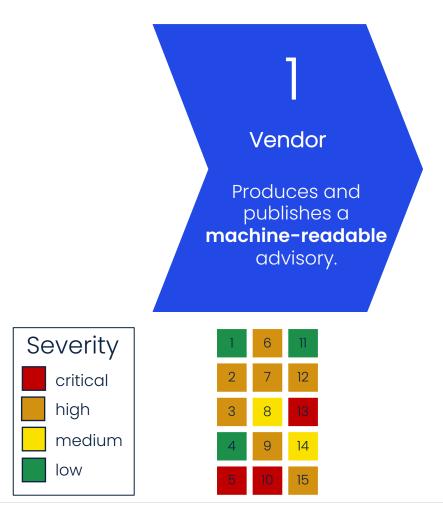
Vulnerabilities

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2489
                "text": "CSCvg76186"
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             1,
             "notes": [
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                 "category": "summary",
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                 "text": "A vulnerability in the Smart Install feature of Cisco IOS Software and Cisco IOS X
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               },
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2503
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2504
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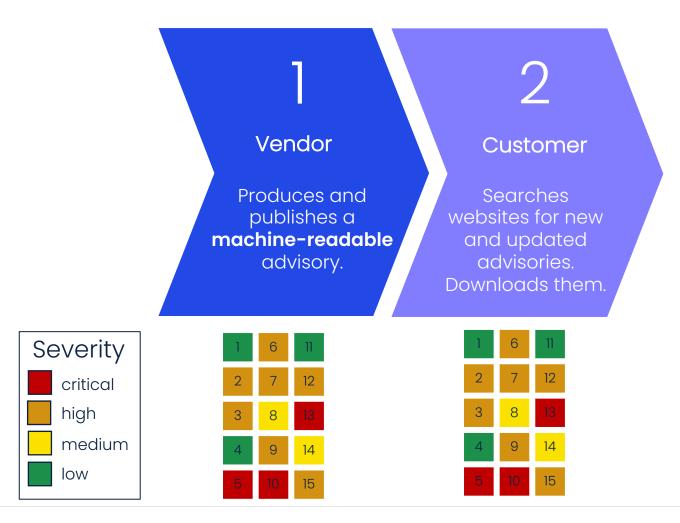




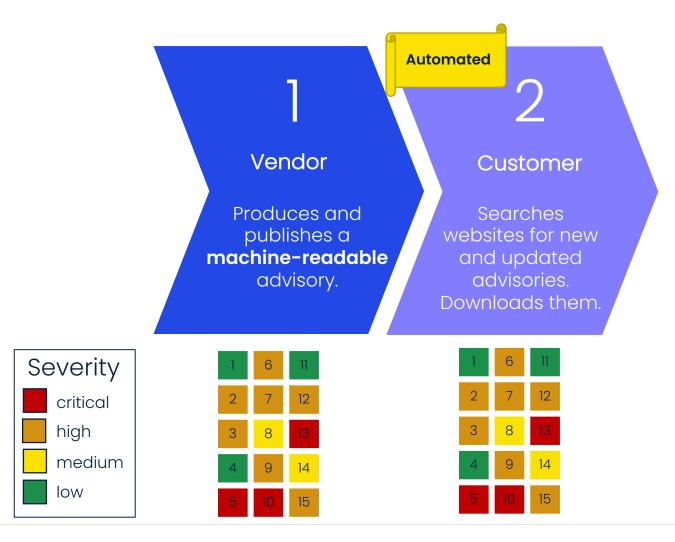




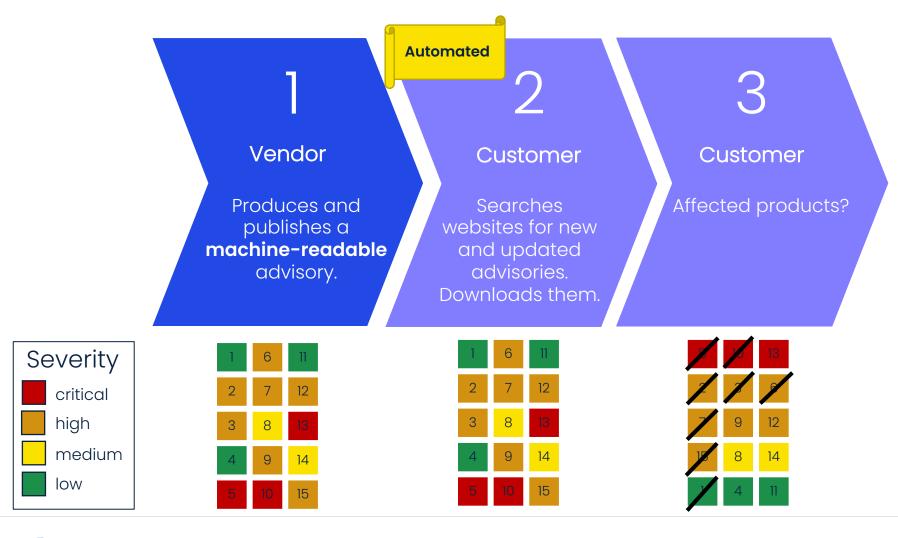




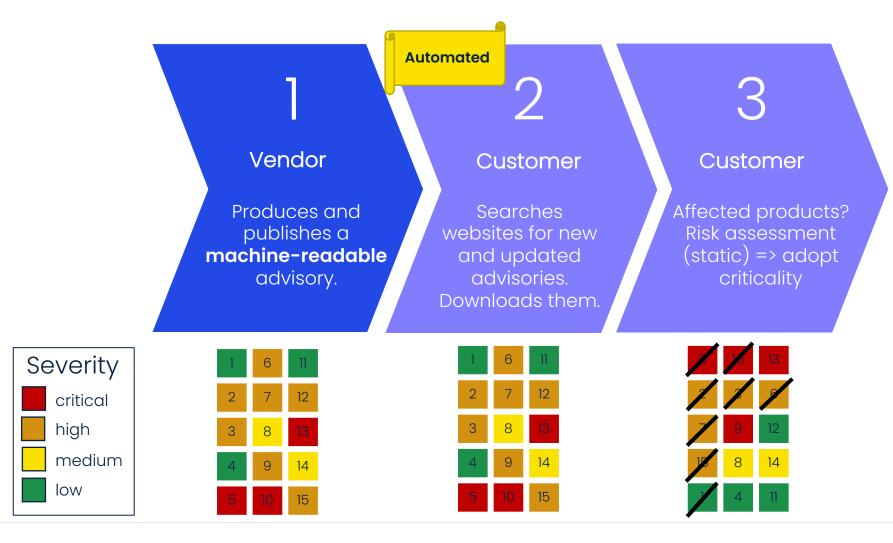




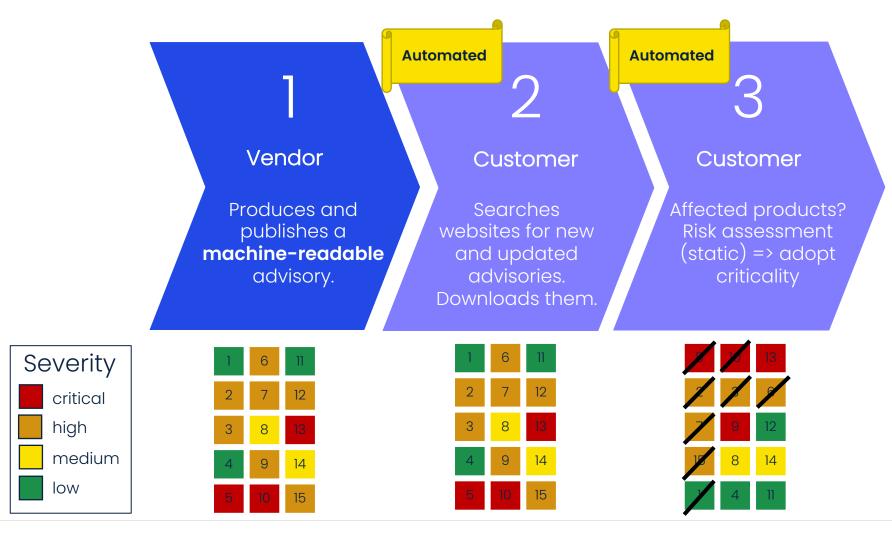




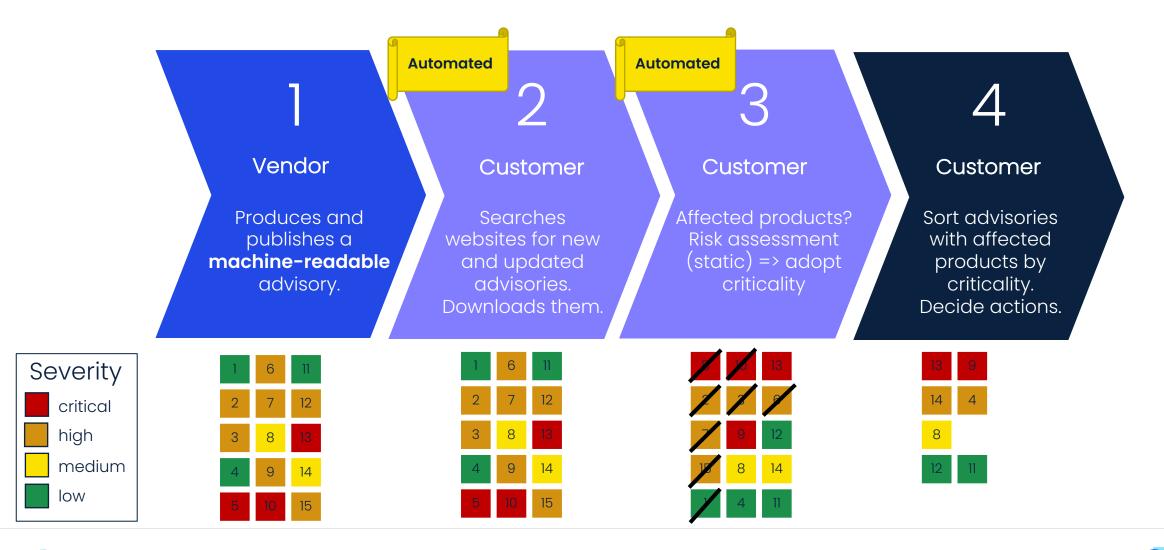




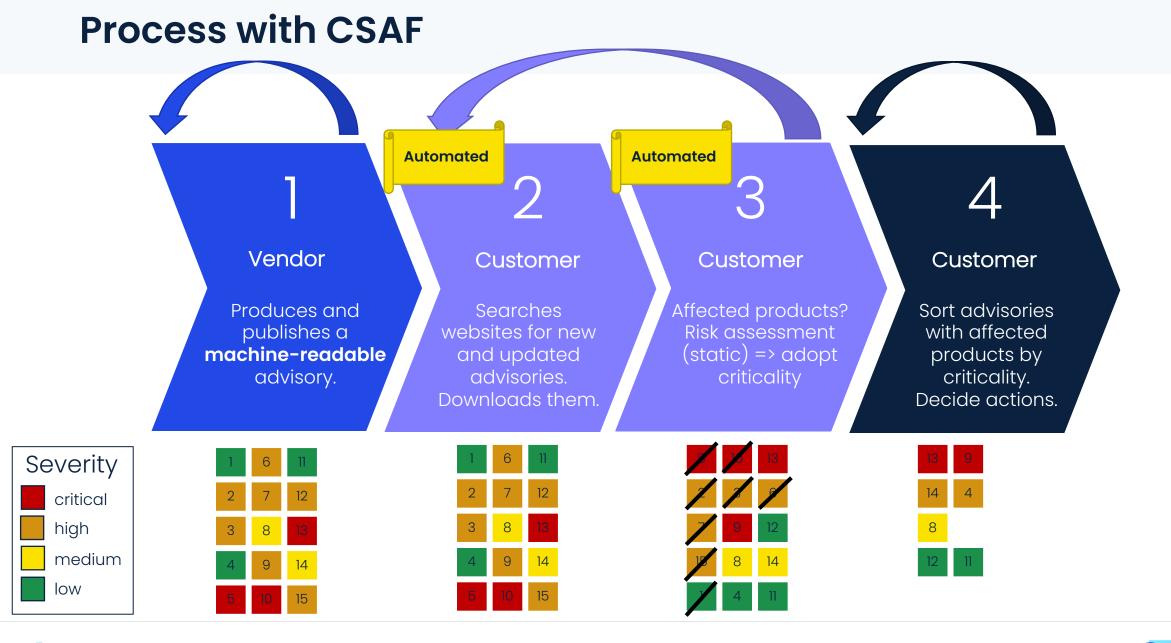










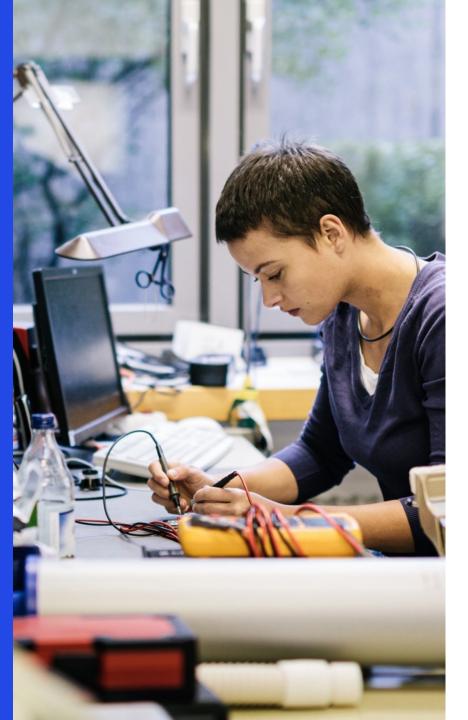






Benefits for Asset Owners

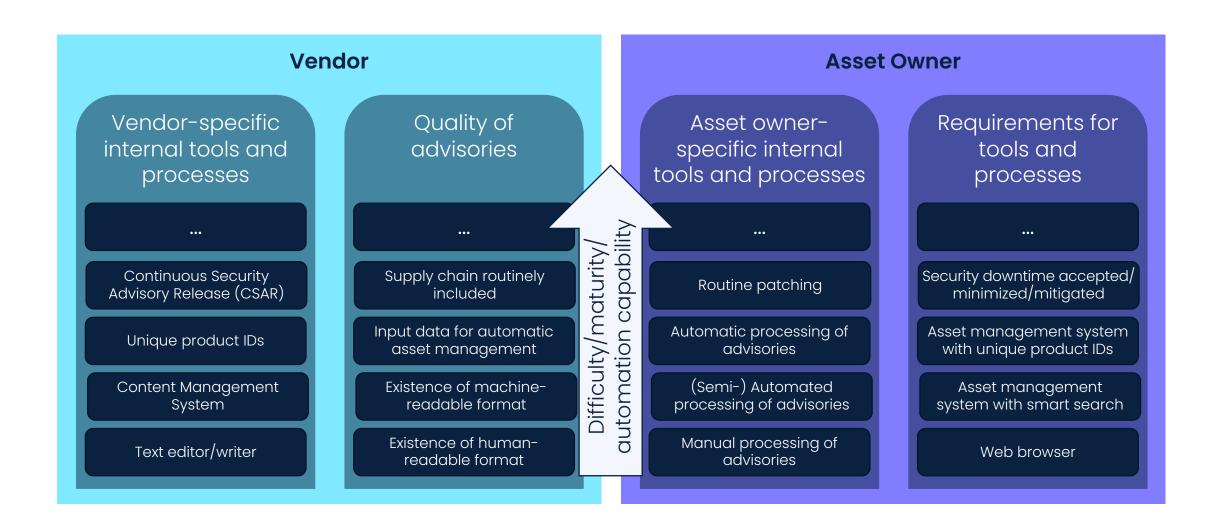
- Makes the impossible stringent patch and update management, which currently is often sporadic or dependent on personal availability or interests **possible**.
- Reduces human factor and individual workload
 - No more manual searching for advisories
 - Easier to determine affected devices
 - Delegable
 - See only relevant advisories
- **Scalable** across all participating vendors
- Enables basic risk assessment based on own environment



Requirements for Asset Owners

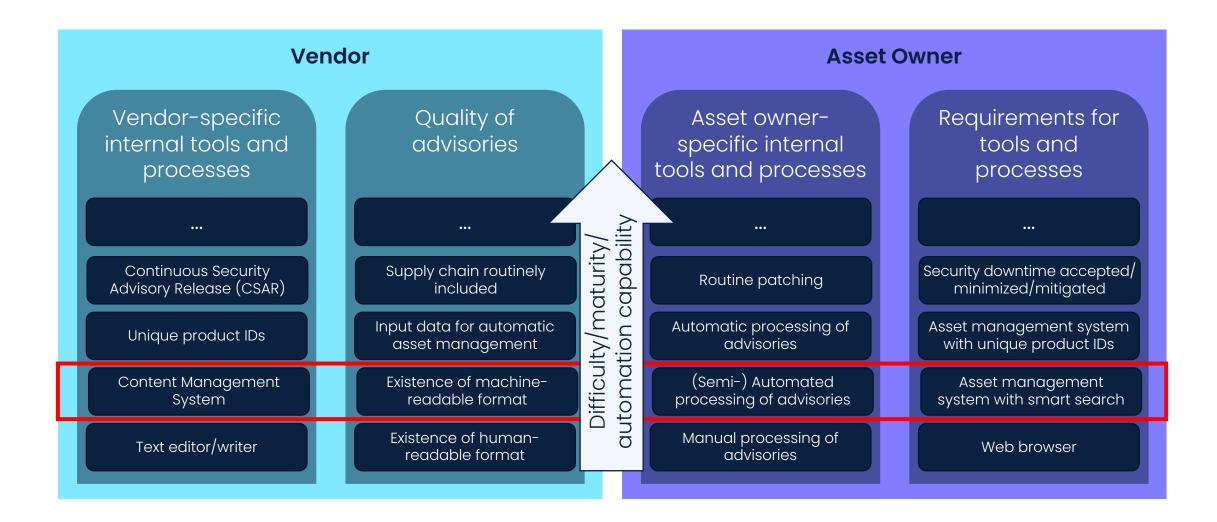
- Machine-readable asset inventory
- Request advisories in CSAF from vendors
- Connection between both to leverage full potential

Two Sides of the Same Coin – Different Maturity Stages





Next Step: Reach Stage 2 Across Parties





Supply chain

Timeframe of concern

Vendor Vendor Asset owner becomes releases patch & aware of a does vulnerability advisory something* Vendor analyzes the vulnerability Timeframe of concern (under control of the asset owner)





Supply chain

Supplier becomes aware of a vulnerability







Supplier releases patch & advisory









Vendor

releases

patch &





Supplier analyzes the vulnerability

Vendor analyzes the vulnerability



(Almost) Every vendor is a user

Supplier Supplier releases becomes patch & aware of a Vendor does vulnerability advisory something* Supplier analyzes the vulnerability Timeframe of concern (under control of the vendor)

* Patch, mitigate risk, or actively accept



risk

Distribution of CSAF

Where to find CSAF documents?

 ✓ Valid CSAF documents ✓ File name restrictions ✓ TLS enforced ✓ TLP:WHITE freely accessible 	CSAF publisher
 ✓ Well-defined URL / security.txt / DNS => provider-metadata.json ✓ List of advisories and latest changes and Fixed folder structure ✓ or ROLIE feeds ✓ Restriction on >=TLP:AMBER ✓ All requirements from CSAF publisher 	CSAF provider
 ✓ Sign own advisories ✓ Hash advisories ✓ Published OpenPGP keys for integrity checks ✓ All requirements from CSAF provider 	CSAF trusted provider



Example: providermetadata.json

```
□{
        "canonical url": "https://example01.test/.well-known/csaf/provider-metadata.json",
        "distributions": [
            "rolie": {
              "feeds":
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                  "tlp label": "WHITE",
10
                  "url": "https://example01.test/.well-known/csaf/white/csaf-feed-tlp-white.json"
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                  "summary": "TLP:GREEN advisories",
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                  "tlp label": "RED",
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                  "url": "https://example01.test/.well-known/csaf/red/csaf-feed-tlp-red.json"
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27
28
29
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31
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32
        "list on CSAF aggregators": true,
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        "mirror on CSAF aggregators": true,
34
35
        "public openpgp keys": [
36
            "fingerprint": "CAB38CCB13AA95142678A9EE7B86205B2D2F4BAF",
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40
       1,
        "publisher": {
41
42
          "category": "vendor",
          "name": "Example Company 01 PSIRT",
43
          "namespace": "https://psirt.example01.test"
44
45
        "role": "csaf_trusted_provider"
46
47
```



Example: ROLIE feed

□ {

```
"feed": {
          "id": "csaf-feed-tlp-white",
          "title": "CSAF feed (TLP:WHITE)",
          "link": [
              "rel": "self",
              "href": "https://example01.test/.well-known/csaf/white/csaf-feed-tlp-white.json"
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          ],
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12
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14
              "term": "csaf"
15
16
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18
          "entry": [
19
20
              "id": "ESA-2022-002",
              "title": "Log4Shell affects DEF",
22
              "link": [
23
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                  "rel": "self",
25
                  "href": "https://example01.test/.well-known/csaf/white/2022/esa-2022-002.json"
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40
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              "updated": "2022-06-07T08:15:00Z",
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48
                "version": "2.0"
49
50
            },
```



Scalable and resilient advisory distribution infrastructure (Saradi)

CSAF Lister

- Trusted party
- "yellow pages"
- List of CSAF providers and CSAF trusted providers
- Multiple around the world (National CERTs)

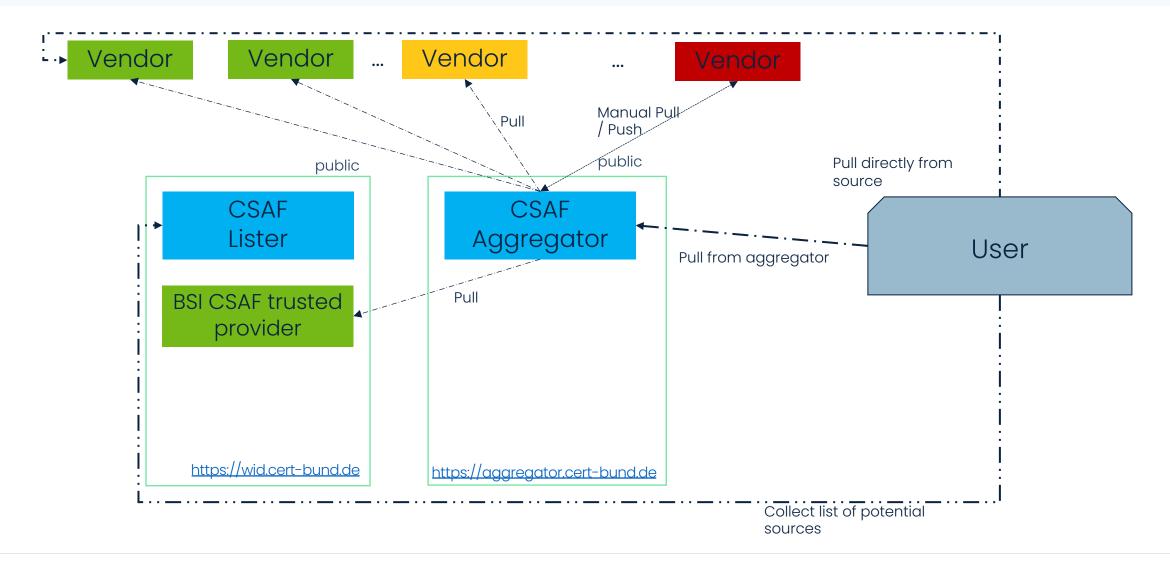
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CSAF Aggregator

- Trusted party
- Collects advisories from issuers
- Provides them for automation
- One-stop-shop
- Multiple around the world (National CERTs)
- First one available at <u>https://aggregator.cert-bund.de</u>



Ecosystem





Tools

Vendor

Vendor becomes aware of a vulnerability

Vendor prepares patch Vendor publishes advisory & patch











Vendor analyzes the vulnerability Vendor writes advisory



Vendor

Vendor becomes aware of a vulnerability

Vendor prepares patch

Vendor publishes advisory & patch





CSAF content management system CSAF trusted provider

Vendor analyzes the vulnerability Vendor writes advisory



Coordinator (CVD)

Coordinator becomes aware of a vulnerability

Coordinator runs CVD case Coordinator publishes advisory



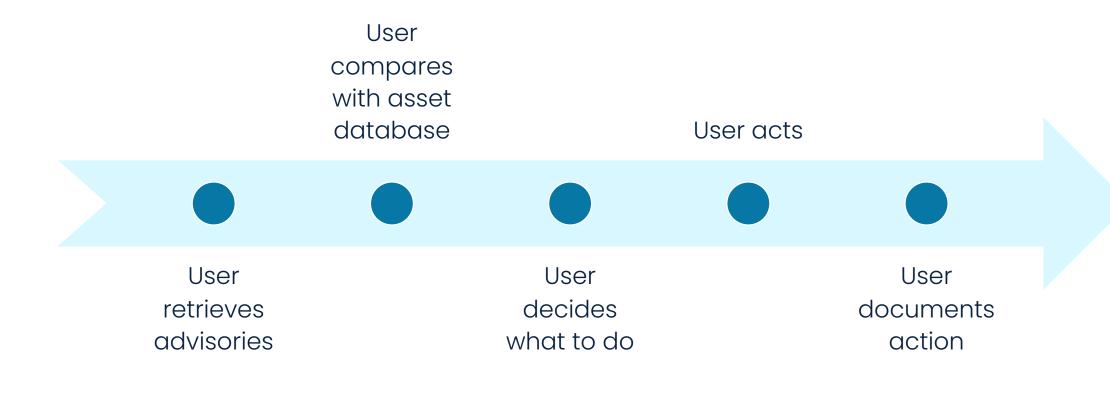


CSAF content management system CSAF trusted provider

Coordinator contacts vendor Coordinator writes advisory

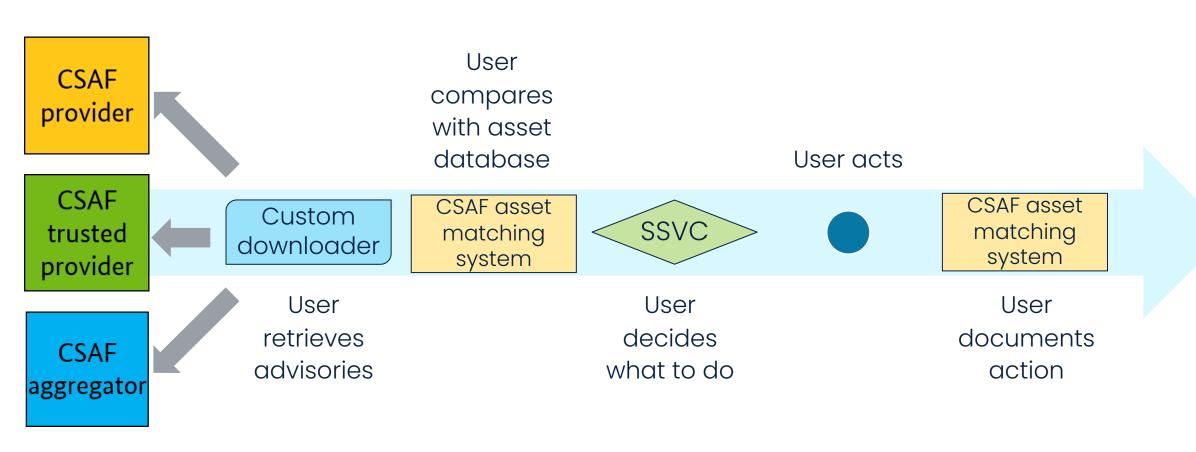


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User





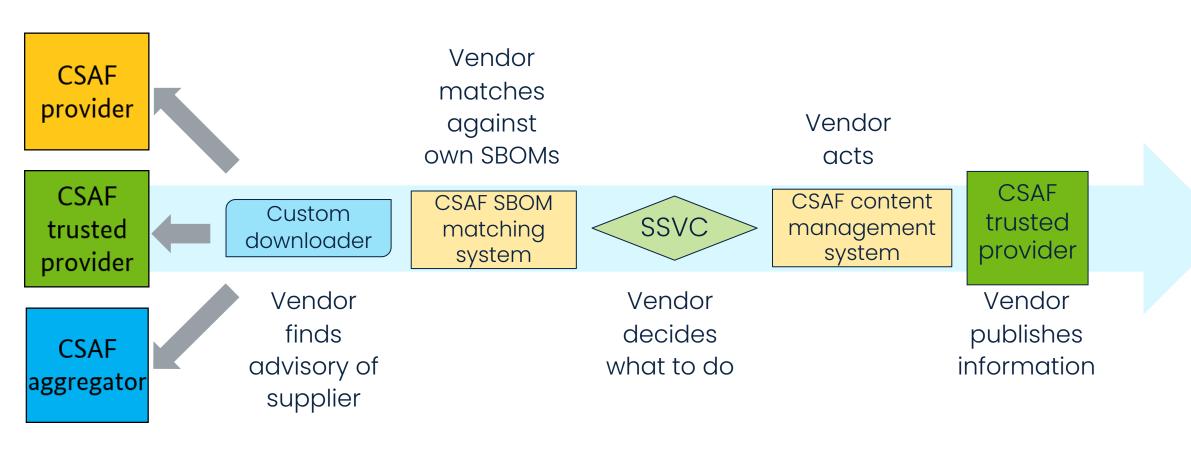
Tools developed by the community

- CSAF producer: <a href="https://github.com/secvisogram/secvisogr
- CSAF content management system: <a href="https://github.com/secvisogram/secvi
- CSAF trusted provider: https://github.com/csaf-poc/csaf_distribution
- CSAF aggregator: https://github.com/csaf-poc/csaf_distribution
- Provider checker: https://github.com/csaf-poc/csaf_distribution (WIP)
- CSAF management system: open for commercial and Open Source tools
- CSAF asset matching system: open for commercial and Open Source tools
- CSAF downloader: https://github.com/csaf-poc/csaf_distribution
- CSAF full validator: https://github.com/secvisogram/csaf-validator-service
- Your tools?



SBOM and VEX

Supply chain





How to link to an SBOM?

Product identification helpers:

Retrievable SBOM

```
"sbom_urls": {
    //...
    "items": {
        "https://example.com/location-to-sbom"
    }
}
```



How to link to an SBOM component?

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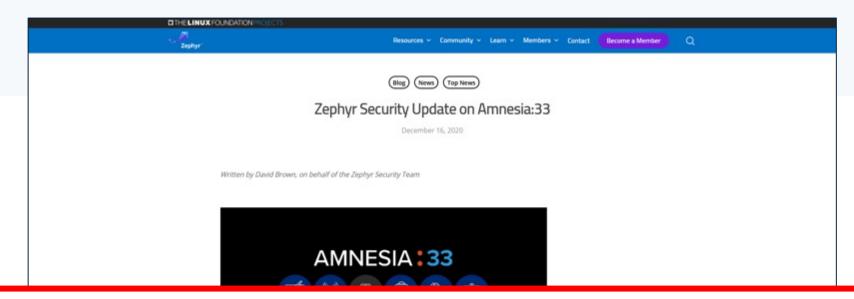
SPDX:



Not every vulnerability is exploitable...

- Vulnerability Exploitability eXchange (VEX)
- Communicate product status explicit
- Machine-readable to address scalability





The Zephyr project received notification of this vulnerability through CERT before the publication date. We analyzed these vulnerabilities, and any affected code, and concluded that the Zephyr project is not impacted by any of these vulnerabilities, neither in the current releases, nor in any Long Term Support release.





VEX is a Profile in CSAF

The Vulnerability Exploitability eXchange (VEX) allows a software supplier or other parties to assert the status of specific vulnerabilities in a particular product..

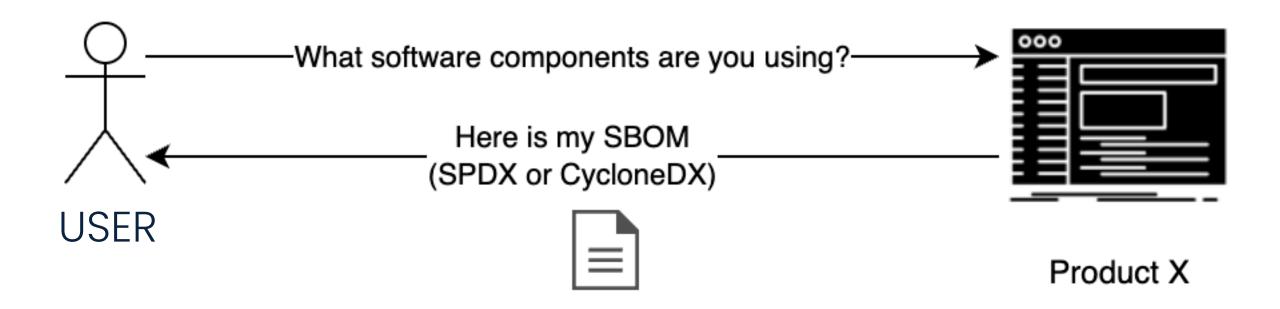
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CISA's VEX Use Cases: https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/VEX Use Cases Aprill2022.pdf

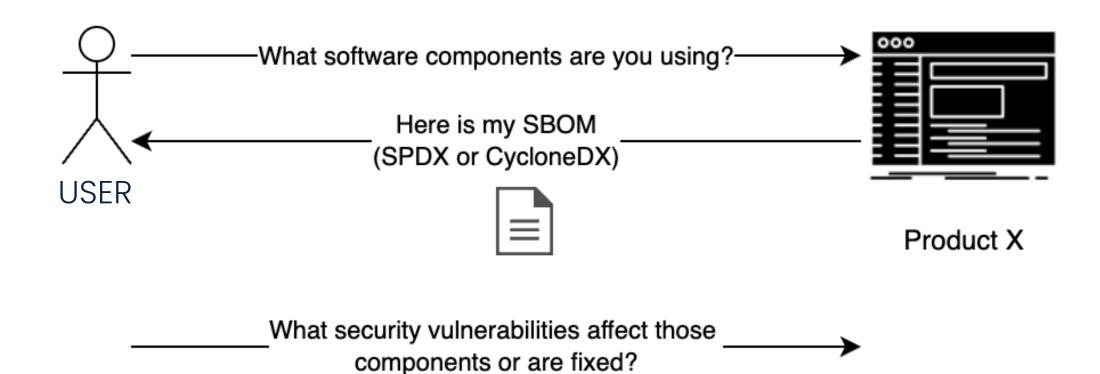
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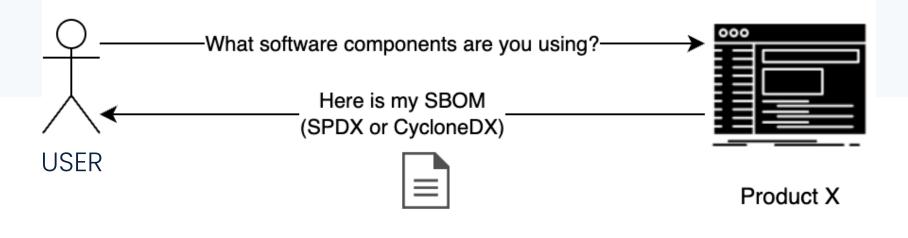
How does this work?



How does this work?







_____What security vulnerabilities affect those ______
components or are fixed?

My SBOM includes the list of affected, under

✓—investigation, and fixed vulnerabilities (as of today) using the—

Vulnerability Exploitability Exchange (VeX)

But, that's "point-in-time"... new vulnerabilities

are disclosed on a regular basis...



No worries, you can use the Common
——Security Advisory Framework (CSAF)————

VeX documents...

VEX Statuses and Justifications

under_investigation

known_affected

fixed

known_not_affected

component_not_present

inline_mitigations_already_exist

vulnerable_code_cannot_be_controlled_by_adversary

vulnerable_code_not_in_execute_path

vulnerable_code_not_present

VEX Justifications: https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/VEX_Status_Justification_Jun22.pdf

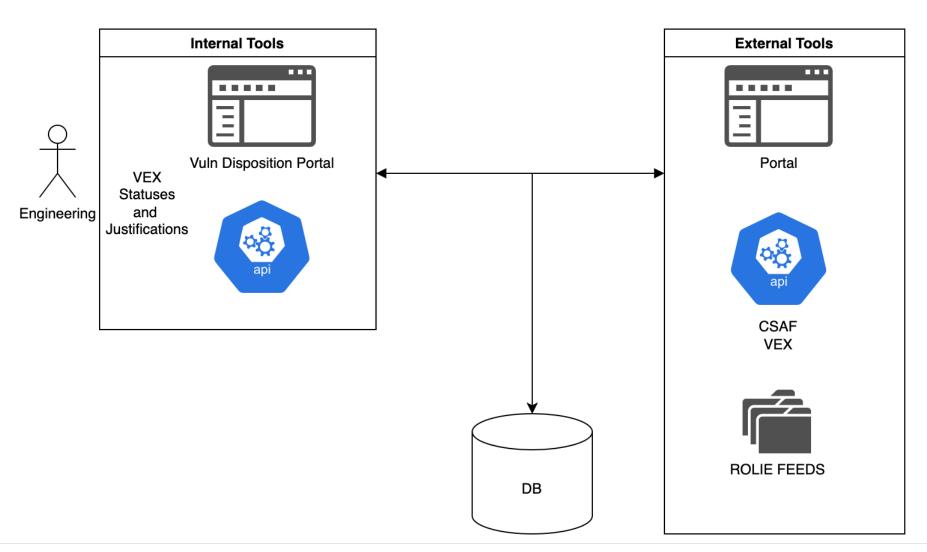


You Don't Need an SBOM to VEX





Example of "Dynamic Automated" Advisories





Customer

- ✓ Scan Reports
- ✓ Rumors
- ✓ Compliance
- ✓ Product Certification



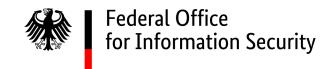
CSAF in operations

Organizations publishing CSAF





















Summary

Summary and Action items

- Number of vulnerabilities discovered is rising => number of advisories as well
- Advisories are needed for risk-based decisions
- Automation is possible so automate the boring stuff
- Request your vendors to provide CSAF 2.0
- Provide CSAF documents to your customers to ease their pain
- Spread the word! #oCSAF #advisory



