

# StrangerDanger!

Finding Security Vulnerabilities  
Before They Find You!

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Node.js Security WG



OWASP NodeGoat Team

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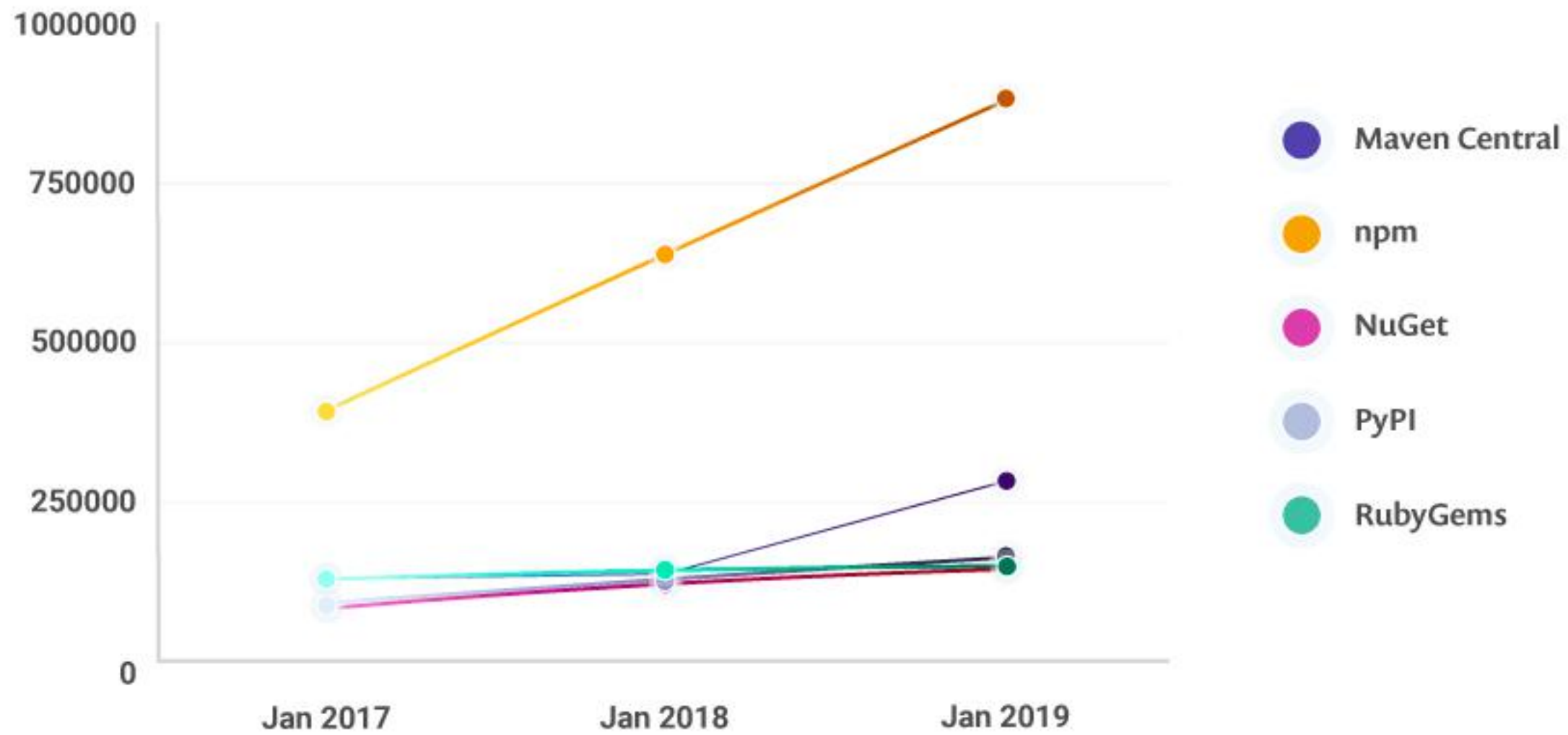


**JS**Heroes

Open Source Is **Awesome**



# Total packages indexed per ecosystem





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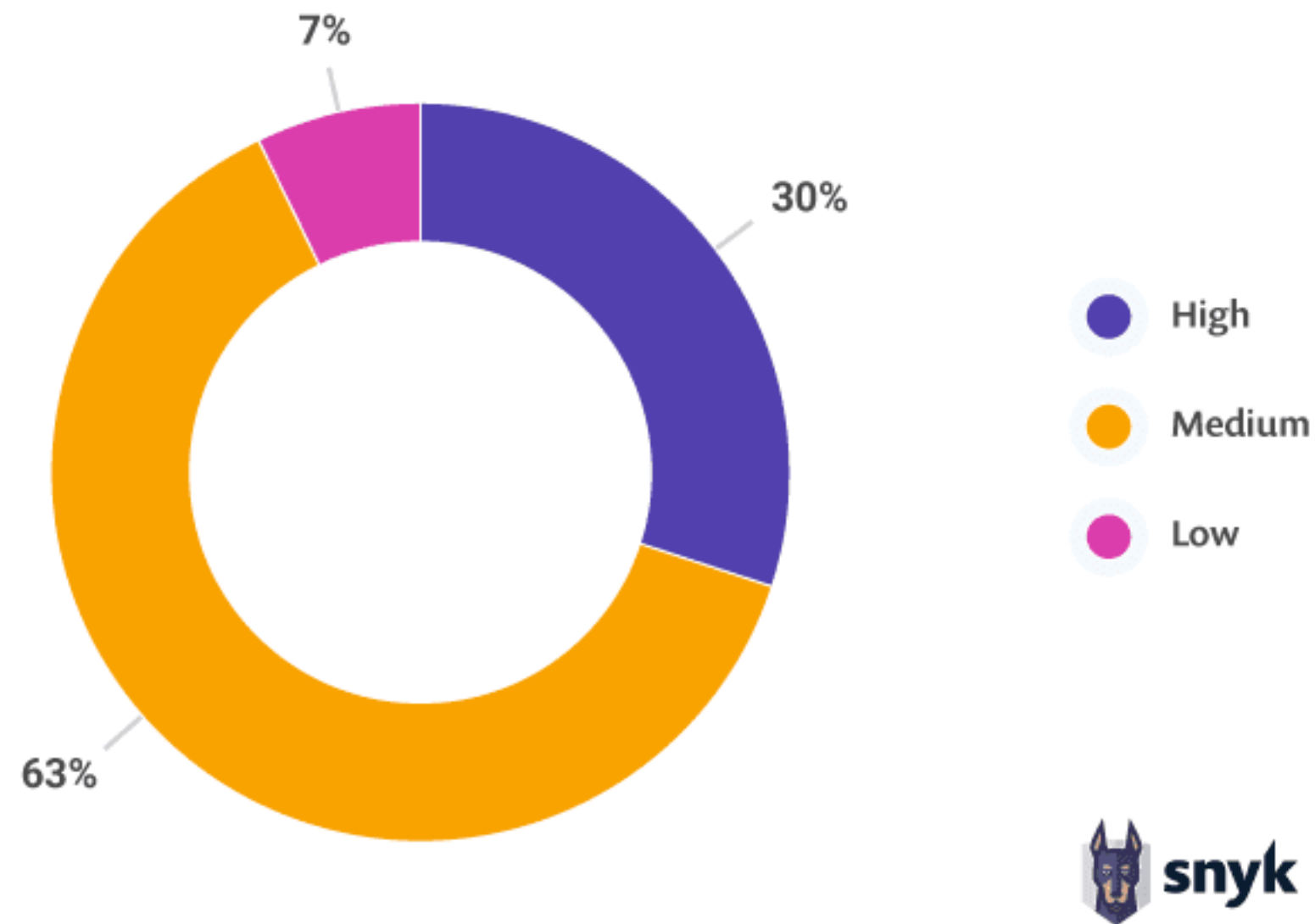
Do You Know  
Which Dependencies  
You Have?

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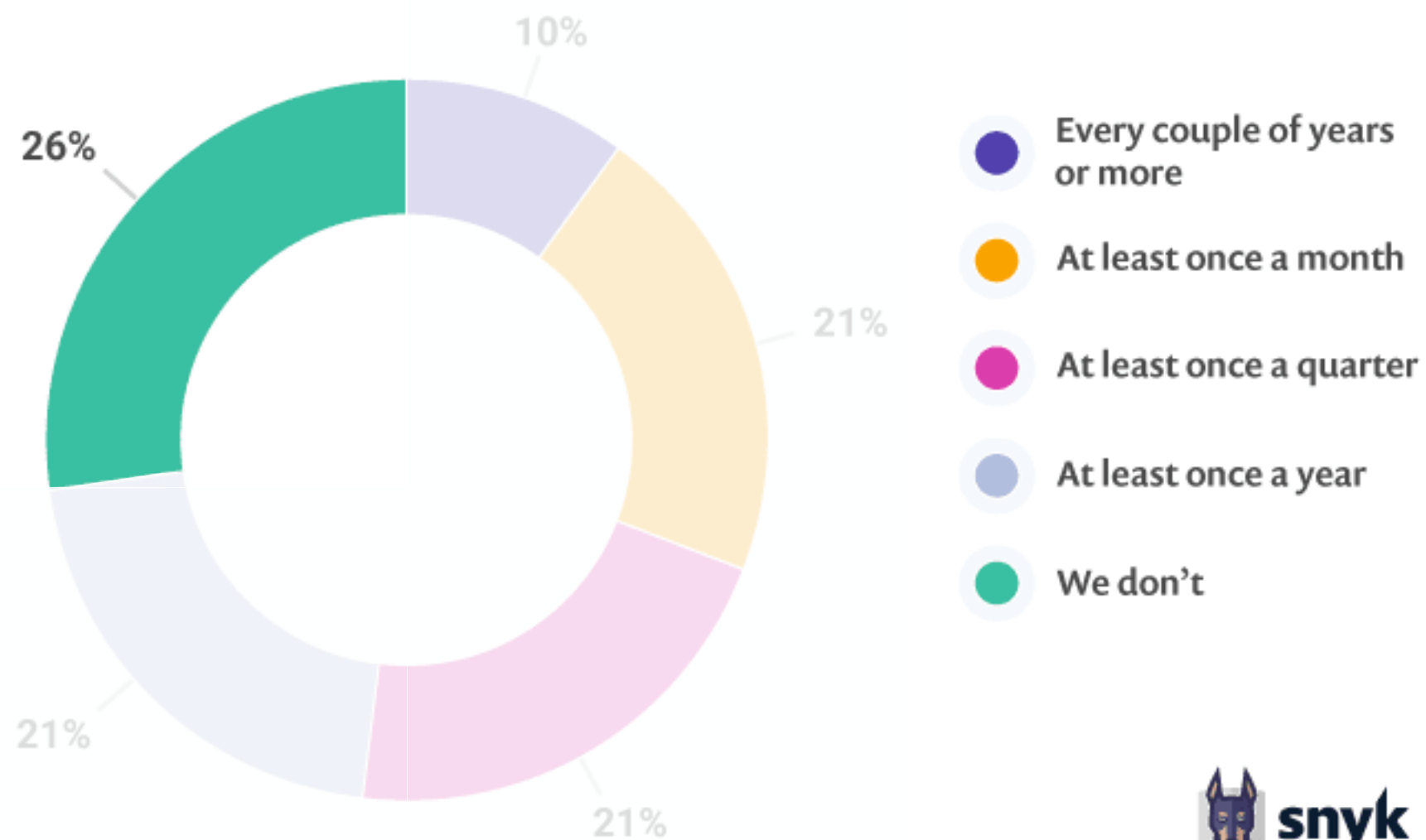




## OS maintainers are confident in their own security knowledge



## OS maintainers differ in their code auditing cadence





**Adam Baldwin**

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I ran the #'s this morning. 7.1% of npm package maintainers have 2FA enabled.  
[#nodejs](#)

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flatmap-stream

eslint-scope

crossenv



A typical JavaScript app has  
**100<sub>s</sub>** or **1,000<sub>s</sub>** of dependencies

Some direct, most indirect

# Serverless Example: Fetch file & store in s3

(Serverless Framework Example)

```
'use strict';

const fetch = require('node-fetch');
const AWS = require('aws-sdk'); // eslint-disable-line import/no-extraneous-dependencies

const s3 = new AWS.S3();

module.exports.save = (event, context, callback) => {
  fetch(event.image_url)
    .then((response) => {
      if (response.ok) {
        return response;
      }
      return Promise.reject(new Error(
        `Failed to fetch ${response.url}: ${response.status} ${response.statusText}`));
    })
    .then(response => response.buffer())
    .then(buffer => (
      s3.putObject({
        Bucket: process.env.BUCKET,
        Key: event.key,
        Body: buffer,
      }).promise()
    ))
    .then(v => callback(null, v), callback);
};
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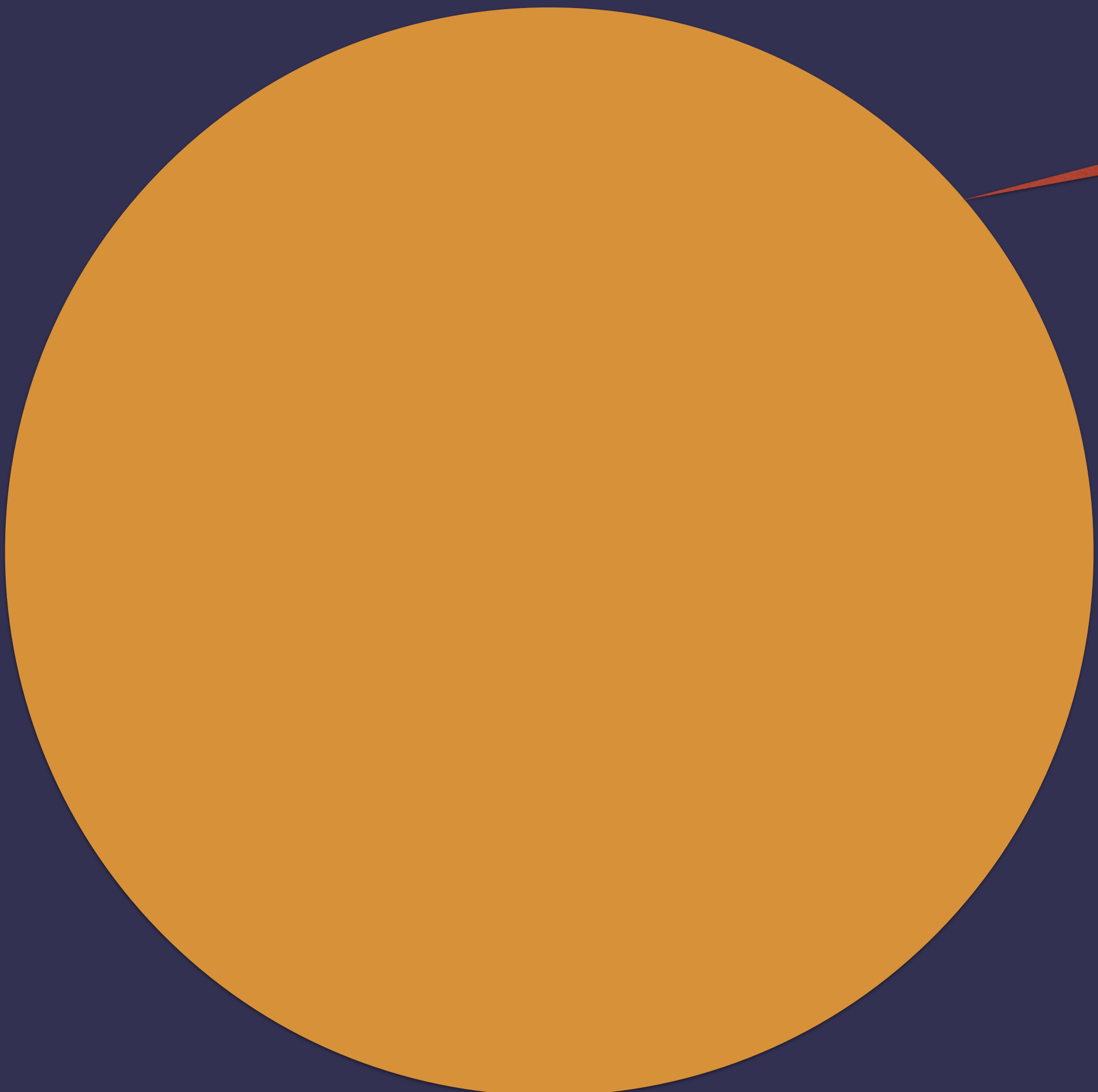
19 Lines of Code

```
"dependencies": {
  "aws-sdk": "^2.7.9",
  "node-fetch": "^1.6.3"
}
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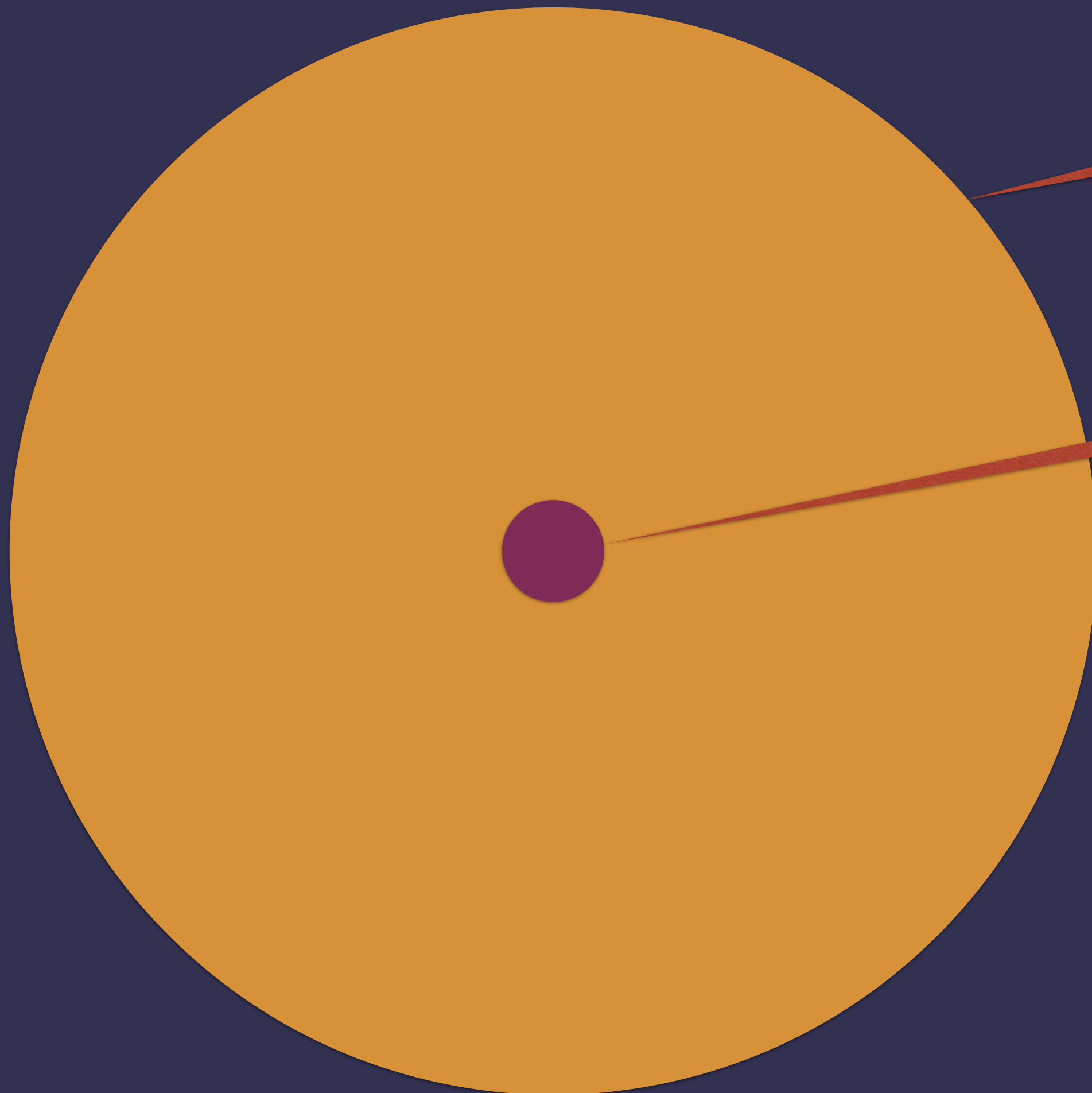
2 Direct dependencies

19 dependencies (incl. indirect)

191,155 Lines of Code



Your App



Your App

Your Code



# AppSec Challenges

1. Software delivery **sped up** with little thought to **security**
2. **Lack of security focus** throughout the app lifecycle
3. **Silo**-ed security expertise

What happens when we neglect  
open source **security**?

**Security**

## Equifax's disastrous Struts patching blunder: THOUSANDS of other orgs did it too

Those are just the ones known to have downloaded outdated versions

EQUIFAX DATA BREACH

## Equifax's Mega-Breach Was Made Possible by a Website Flaw It Could Have Fixed

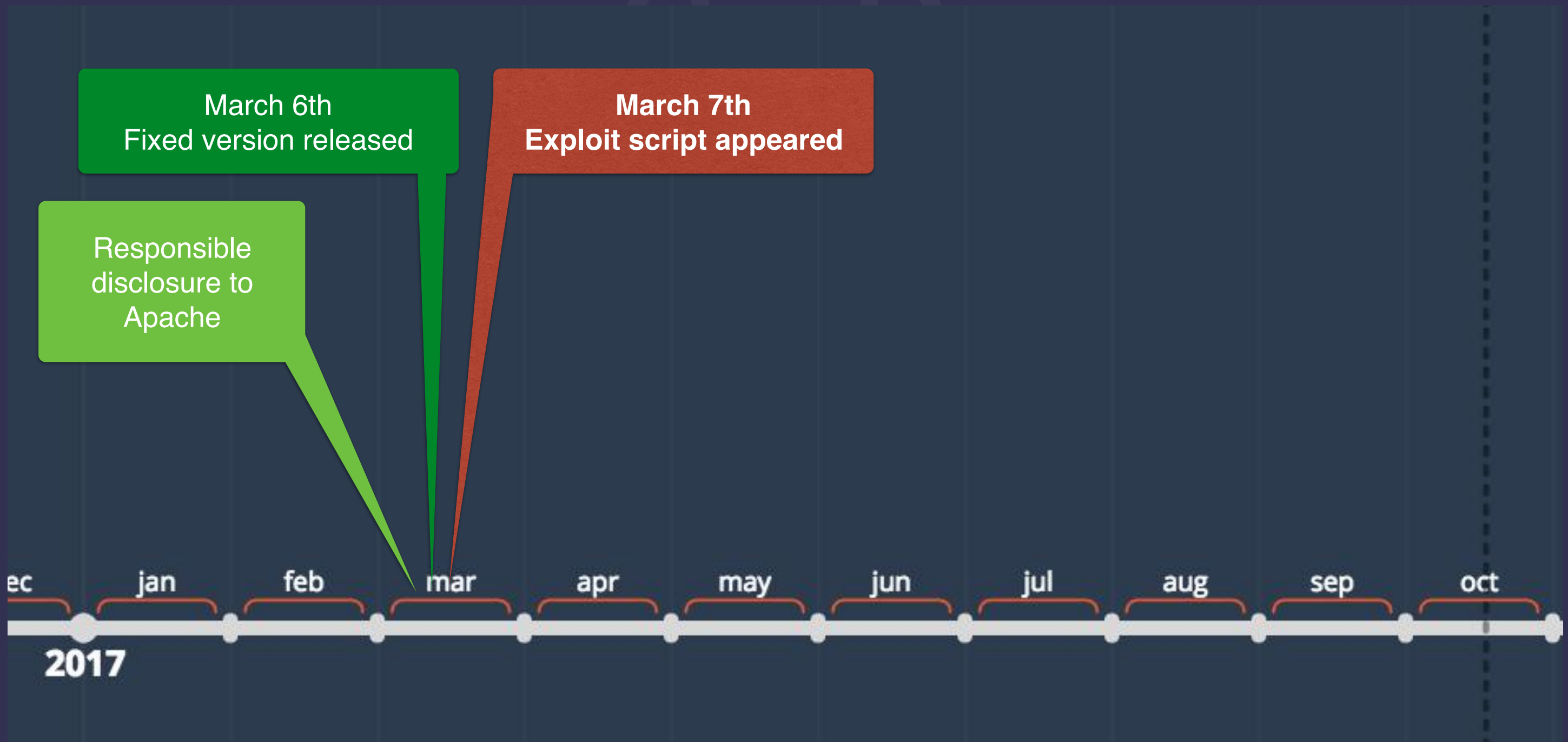
# Failure to patch two-month-old bug led to massive Equifax breach

Critical Apache Struts bug was fixed in March. In May, it bit ~143 million US consumers.

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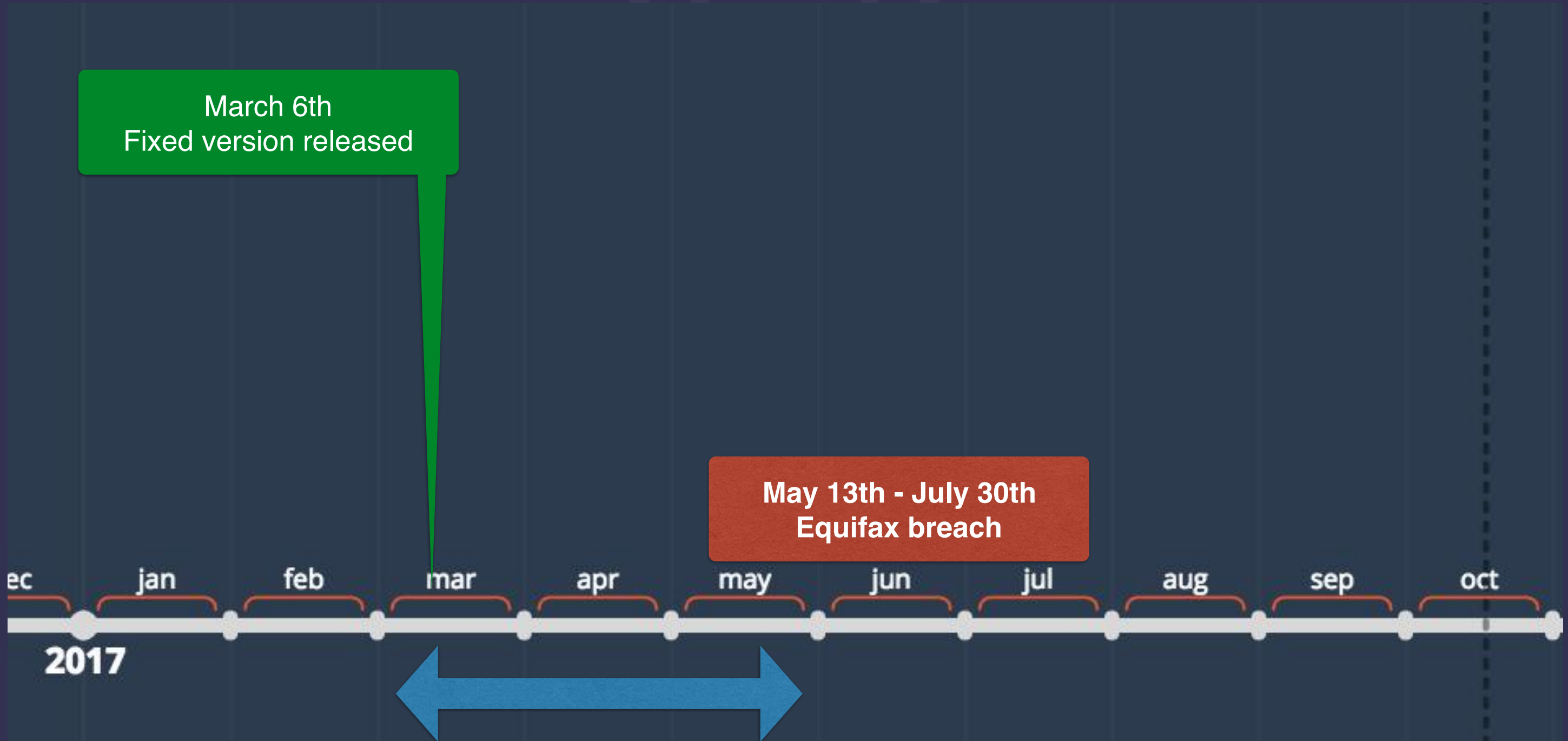
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CVE 2017-5638



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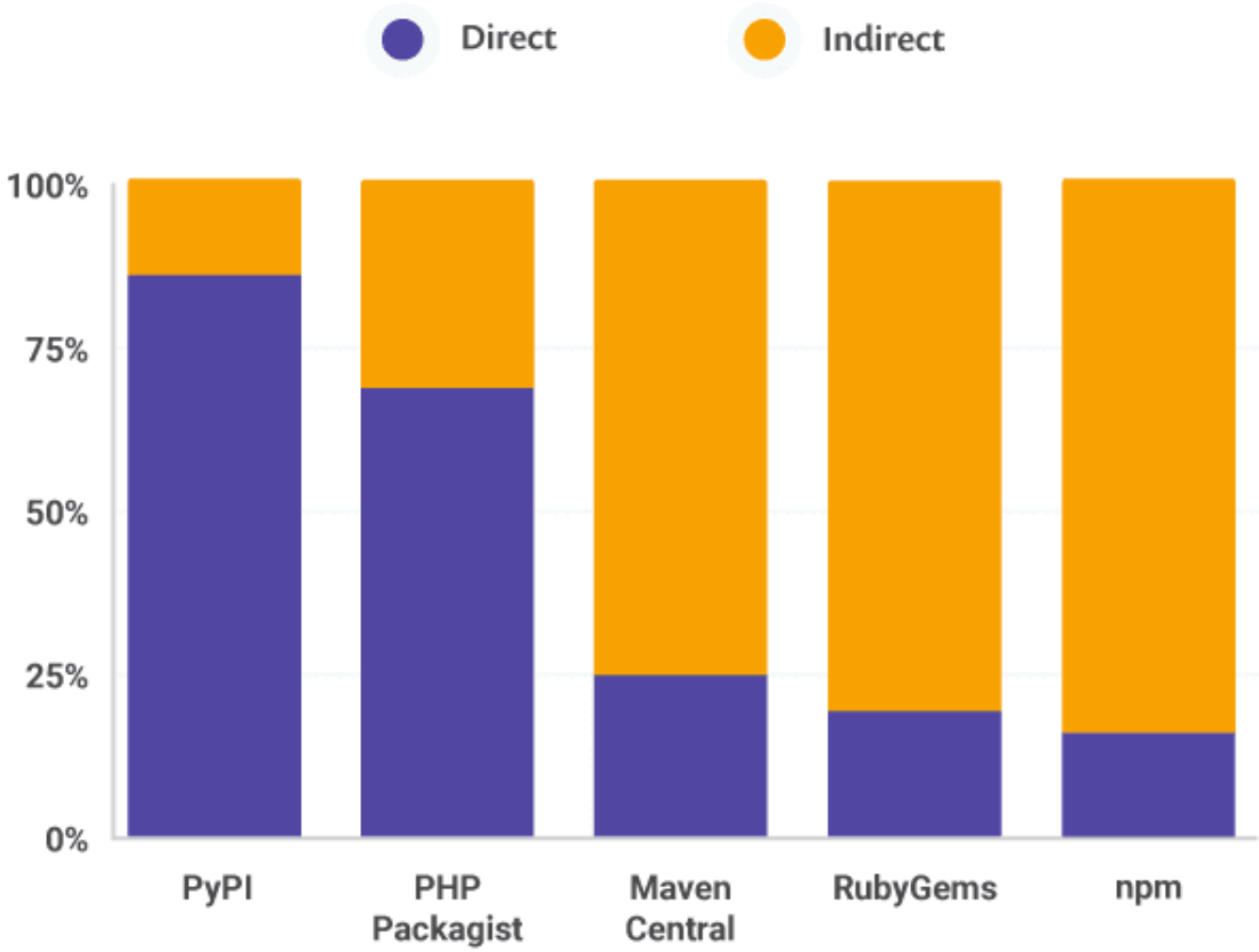
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# Attackers Are Targeting Open Source

One vulnerability, many victims

# The direct and indirect dependency split across ecosystems



# Live Hacking

Let's learn about vulnerabilities in  
open source libraries

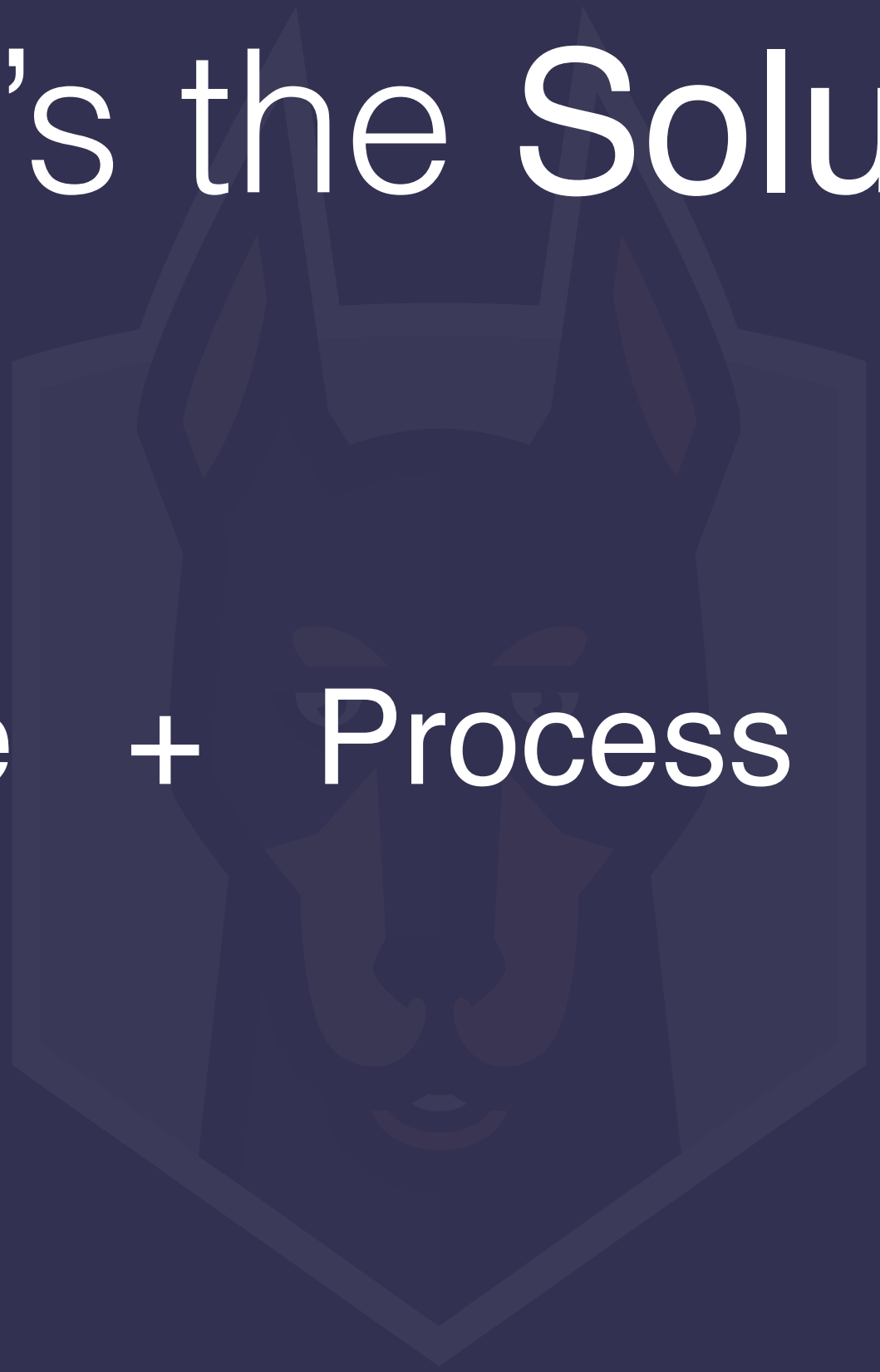


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Team Culture + Process + Tooling



# Open Source Security Takeaway

- **Find** vulnerabilities
- **Fix** vulnerabilities
  - Upgrade when possible, patch when needed
- **Prevent** adding vulnerable modules
  - Break the build, test in pull requests



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