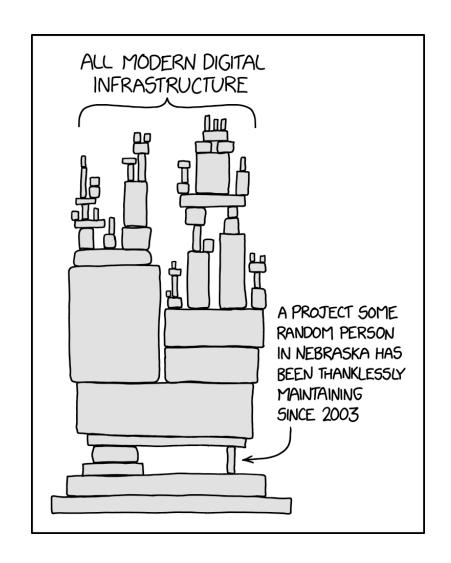
Open source, Check, Security, Check: A checklist for securing open source projects

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- Open source maintainer
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- Enthusiast of good coffee, long runs/hikes, and quality time



## YES,

- Large scale use in:
  - Profitable companies
  - Critical infrastructures
- Permissive licences
- Publicly reviewable code

### **BUT**

- Unpaid maintainers
- Unmaintained, vulnerable projects
- Lack of ethical security testing
- Low-hanging fruits for threat actors

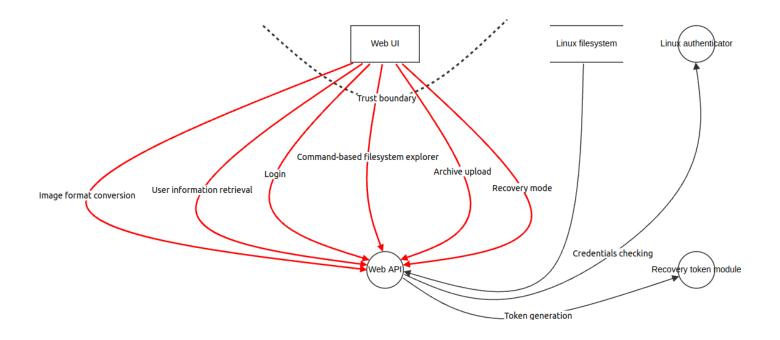


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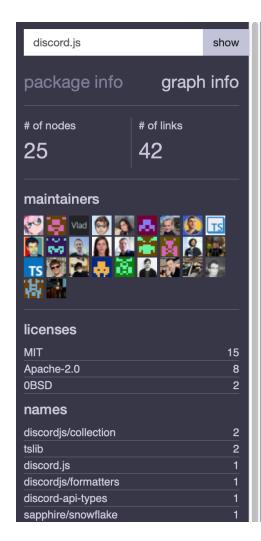
- **V** for (wanna-be) one-time activities
- for recurrent activities
- • for closed source friendly activities

I. Proactively find vulnerabilities

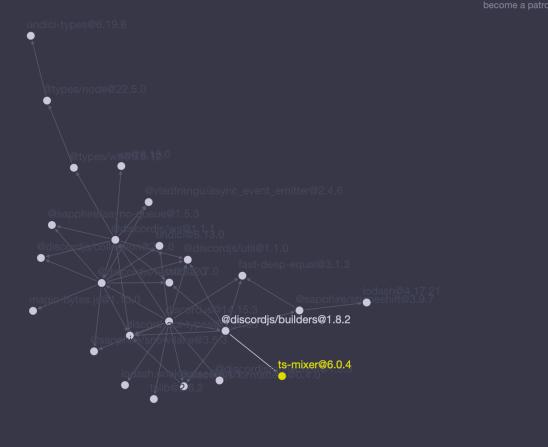
1. Create and maintain a threat model **2** 



2. Check for vulnerabilities in your dependencies



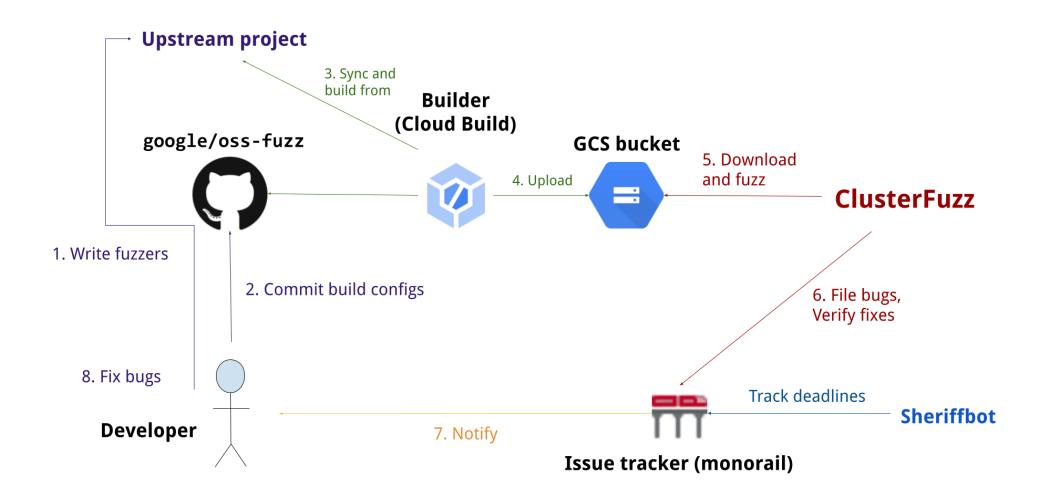




3. Run security tools and constantly validate the warnings 🗸 🔁 📦

- 1. Run multiple tools
- 2. Aggregate the results (e.g., with the SARIF format)
- 3. Review the results
- 4. Suppress the false positives
- 5. Create automation for development environments and CI workflows

4. Integrate your project in OSS-Fuzz



II. Secure your users

1. Design your software to be secure by default 🗸 🔁 📦



News and developments from the open source browser project

### A safer default for navigation: HTTPS

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

Starting in version 90, Chrome's address bar will use *https://* by default, improving privacy and even loading speed for users visiting websites that support HTTPS. Chrome users who navigate to websites by manually typing a URL often don't include "http://" or "https://". For example, users often type "example.com" instead of "https://example.com" in the address bar. In this case, if it was a user's first visit to a website, Chrome would previously choose *http://* as the default protocol<sup>1</sup>. This was a practical default in the past, when much of the web did not support HTTPS.

2. Have security recommendations for users 🗸 🔁 📦

Docs

**v20.9.0 API LTS** 

v21.2.0 API

ES6 and beyond

**Guides** ARCHIVED

Dependencies

#### **Node.js Security Best Practices**

#### Intent

This document intends to extend the current threat model and provide extensive guidelines on how to secure a Node.js application.

#### **Document Content**

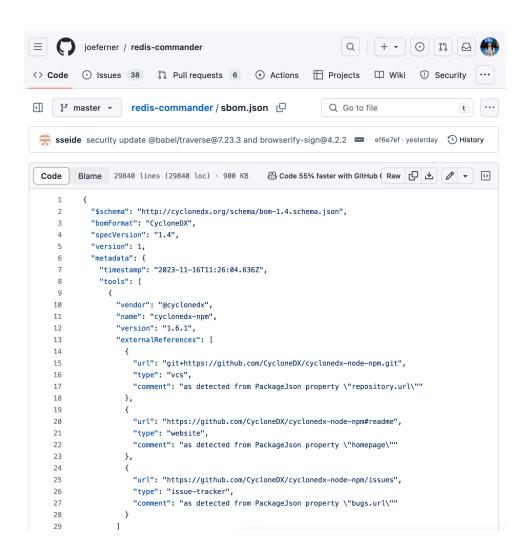
- Best practices: A simplified condensed way to see the best practices. We can use this issue or this guideline as the starting point. It is important to note that this document is specific to Node.js, if you are looking for something broad, consider **OSSF Best Practices.**
- Attacks explained: illustrate and document in plain English with some code example (if possible) the attacks that we are mentioning in the threat model.
- Third-Party Libraries: define threats (typosquatting attacks, malicious packages...) and best practices regarding node modules dependencies, etc...

#### Threat List

#### Denial of Service of HTTP server (CWE-400)

This is an attack where the application becomes unavailable for the purpose it was designed due to the way it processes incoming HTTP requests. These requests need not be deliberately crafted by a malicious actor: a misconfigured or buggy client can also send a pattern of requests to the server that result in a denial of service.

3. Create SBOMs 🗸 📦



III. Establish a security reporting process

1. Have a standardised, documented process for responding to vulnerabilities  $\checkmark$ 

About **Project Governance Previous Releases** 

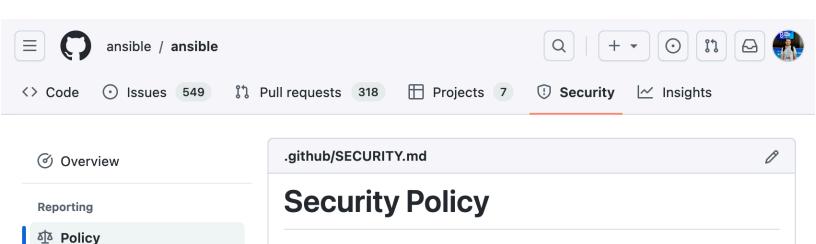
**Security Reporting** 

#### Disclosure policy

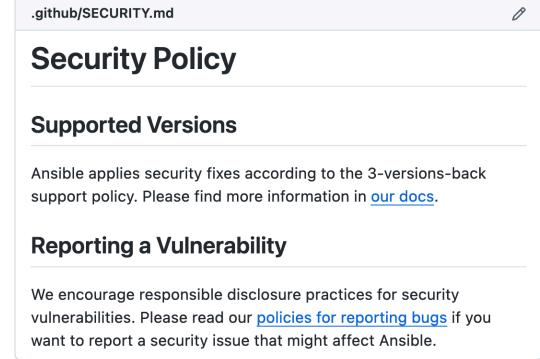
Here is the security disclosure policy for Node.js

- The security report is received and is assigned a primary handler. This person will coordinate the fix and release process. The problem is confirmed and a list of all affected versions is determined. Code is audited to find any potential similar problems. Fixes are prepared for all releases which are still under maintenance. These fixes are not committed to the public repository but rather held locally pending the announcement.
- A suggested embargo date for this vulnerability is chosen and a CVE (Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures (CVE®)) is requested for the vulnerability.
- On the embargo date, the Node. is security mailing list is sent a copy of the announcement. The changes are pushed to the public repository and new builds are deployed to nodejs.org. Within 6 hours of the mailing list being notified, a copy of the advisory will be published on the Node.js blog.
- Typically the embargo date will be set 72 hours from the time the CVE is issued. However, this may vary depending on the severity of the bug or difficulty in applying a fix.
- This process can take some time, especially when coordination is required with maintainers of other projects. Every effort will be made to handle the bug in as timely a manner as possible; however, it's important that we follow the release process above to ensure that the disclosure is handled in a consistent manner.

2. Create a security policy  $\checkmark$ 



① Advisories



3. Find backup security responders **V** 

#### **Security Team**

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- Node.js Bug Bounty Program
- Current Initiatives
- Current Project Team Members
- Emeritus Members
- Code of Conduct
- Moderation Policy

This team is *not* responsible for managing or responding to security reports against Node.js itself. That responsibility remains with the Node.js TSC.

#### **Node.js Bug Bounty Program**

The program is managed through the HackerOne platform at https://hackerone.com/nodejs with further details.

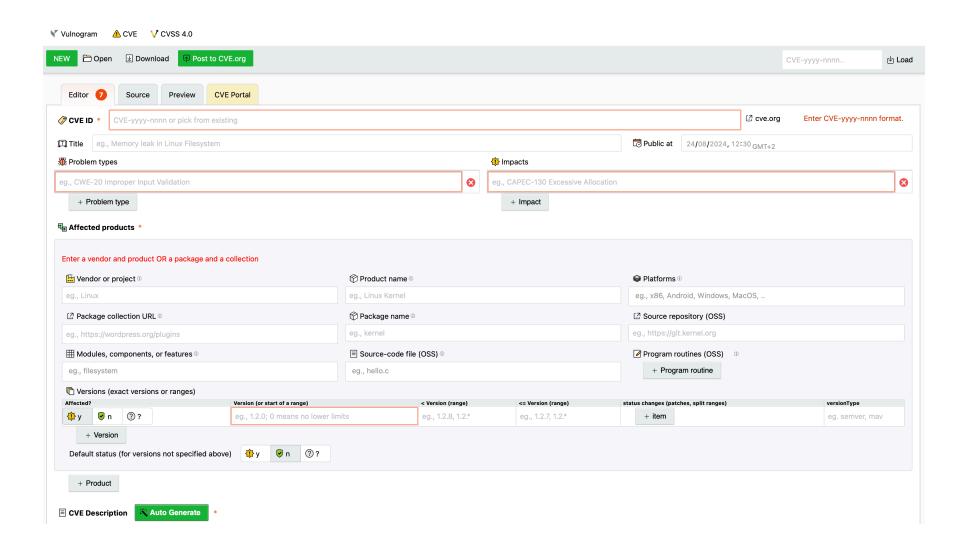
#### **Current Initiatives**

Initiative	Champion	Status	Links
Automate Security release process	@marco-ippolito / @RafaelGSS	In Progress	<u>Issue #860</u>
Node.js maintainers: Threat Model	Group effort	In Progress	Issue #1333
Audit build process for dependencies	@mhdawson	TODO	Issue #1037

#### **Current Project Team Members**

- fraxken Thomas Gentilhomme
- marco-ippolito Marco Ippolito
- mdawson Michael Dawson
- RafaelGSS Rafael Gonzaga
- ulisesGascon Ulises Gascon

4. Be transparent and verbose with the reported vulnerabilities 🔁 📦





## The Open Source Fortress

- Workshop for finding software vulnerabilities using open source tools
- Vulnerable-by-default Python and C web application
- Tasks (and solutions) for linting, code querying, secret scanning, dependency scanning, fuzzing, and symbolic execution
- iosifache/oss\_fortress as a GitHub repository
- ossfortress.io as a wiki





Say hi!