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SBOM Use Cases

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Overview

- Use cases
 - What questions do you want to answer?
 - How will SBOMs provide value to your organization?
- Considerations for different use cases
 - Level of detail or "depth"
 - What information to gather
 - SBOM format and fields used
- Example: CyTRICS use of SBOMs

So ... what are SBOMs good for?

- Supply Chain security
- Vulnerability management
- Risk assessment
- License management
- and more!

SBOM Depth in General

- Varies depending on use case
- From most-to-least detail required:
 - Supply Chain security
 - Vulnerability management
 - Risk assessment
 - License management
- Why?
 - It all depends on what questions you want to answer ...

Considerations for SBOM Depth

- Most important aspect: accuracy
 - BOM needs to be correct in order to be useful
 - Completeness (more depth and detail) is desirable,
 but never at the cost of accuracy
- Try exercises testing your ability to obtain answers from your BOMs
 - "Suppose some instances of component XYZ are compromised. What information is needed to identify the compromised components?"

Example: CyTRICS

- Use cases
 - Supply Chain security
 - Vulnerability assessment
- Either way, a high degree of detail is required!
 - Ability to identify compromised components
 - Find common components across an industry
 - Which components are sufficiently widespread that a single vulnerability could have significant impact?
 - Connect known vulnerabilities in components to systems that use those components

Final Thoughts

- Let your use case inform your data collection
- SBOMs are a tool that provides business value
 - Incident response
 - Risk assessment and mitigation
 - Customer support
 - Patching and vulnerability mitigation decisions
- Start using SBOMs now so you have them when you need them!

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Preliminaries: The Software Bill of Materials (SBOM)

- A Software Bill of Materials (SBOM) is a formal record containing the details and supply chain relationships of various components used in building software
- Section 10(j) of EO 14028 defines an SBOM as a "formal record containing the details and supply chain relationships of various components used in building software"
- These components, including libraries and modules, can be open source or proprietary, free or paid, and the data can be widely available or accessrestricted

[Source: ntia.gov/sbom]



Preliminaries: SBOM Structure

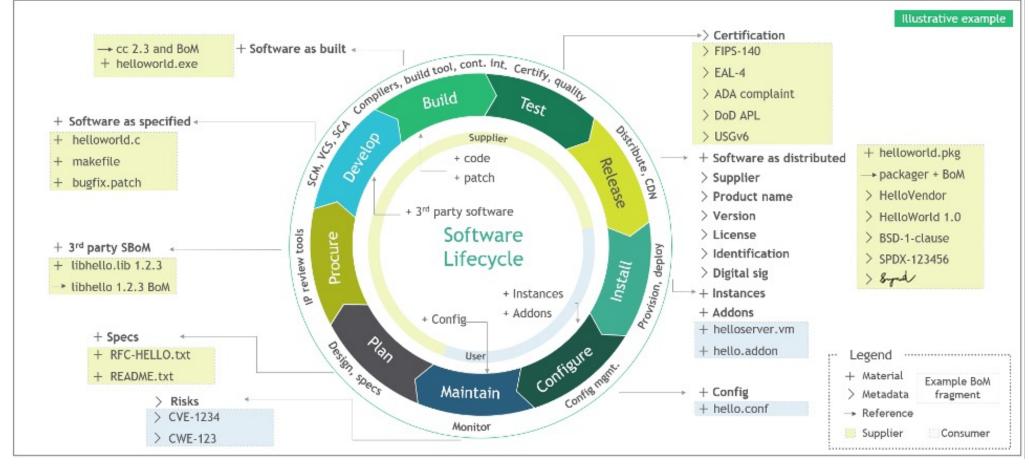
- The primary purpose of an SBOM is to uniquely and unambiguously identify components and their relationships to one another
- Baseline information may be augmented with several other fields to enable application-specialization

[Source: ntia.gov/sbom]

Baseline Component Information
Author Name
Supplier Name
Component Name
Version
Component Hash
UID
Relationship



Preliminaries: SBOMS and Software Lifecycle



Example of Software Life Cycle and Bill of Materials Assembly (source https://www.nist.gov/itl/executive-order-14028-improving-nations-cybersecurity/software-security-supply-chains-software-1#_ftn1)



Preliminaries: SBOM Tools

- A number of tools provide support for identifying software entities and conveying associated metadata (producing, consuming, and transforming software entity metadata)
 - NIST Software Identification Tags (SWID Tags, https://csrc.nist.gov/projects/Software-ldentification-SWID/),
 - CycloneDX (<u>https://cyclonedx.org/</u>)
 - Software Package Data Exchange (SPDX, https://spdx.github.io/spdx-spec/v2.3/)
 - Supply Chain Levels for Software Artifacts (SLSA, https://slsa.dev/)

Important Note: "SBOMs and the improved transparency that they are meant to provide for federal acquirers are a complementary, not substitutive, capability. Federal acquirers that are unable to appropriately ingest, analyze, and act on the data that SBOMs provide will likely not improve their overall C-SCRM posture." EO 14028



Preliminaries: SBOM Benefits

SBOMs are primarily used by three primary groups:

- Software developers use SBOMs to assist in the building and maintenance of their software, including upstream components
- Software procurers use SBOMs to inform pre-purchase assurance, negotiate discounts, or plan implementation strategies
- Software users/operators use SBOMs to inform vulnerability management and asset management, to manage licensing and compliance, and to quickly identify software or component dependencies and supply chain risks



Preliminaries: SBOM Interoperability

- The Manufacturer Disclosure Statement for Medical Device Security (MDS) provides medical device manufacturers with a means for disclosing to healthcare providers the security-related features of their medical devices
 - The SBOM section of the MDS was created with these parallel efforts in mind
- OpenC2 is a standardized language for the command and control of cybersecurity
 - OpenC2 has commands for obtaining the SBOM of a device, for analyzing the SBOM, and for taking appropriate actions based on the analysis (e.g. connect, patch, sandbox, or block)
- Manufacturer Usage Descriptions (MUD) describe IoT devices, their capabilities, and their needs
 - An extension to those descriptions can inform local deployments on how to find an SBOM by pointing to a URL, indicating appropriate local mechanisms, or indicating a point of contact for further information
- DBOM is a common backbone for attestation sharing including data such as SBOMs among supply chain partners



CyManll's Cyber-Physical Passports

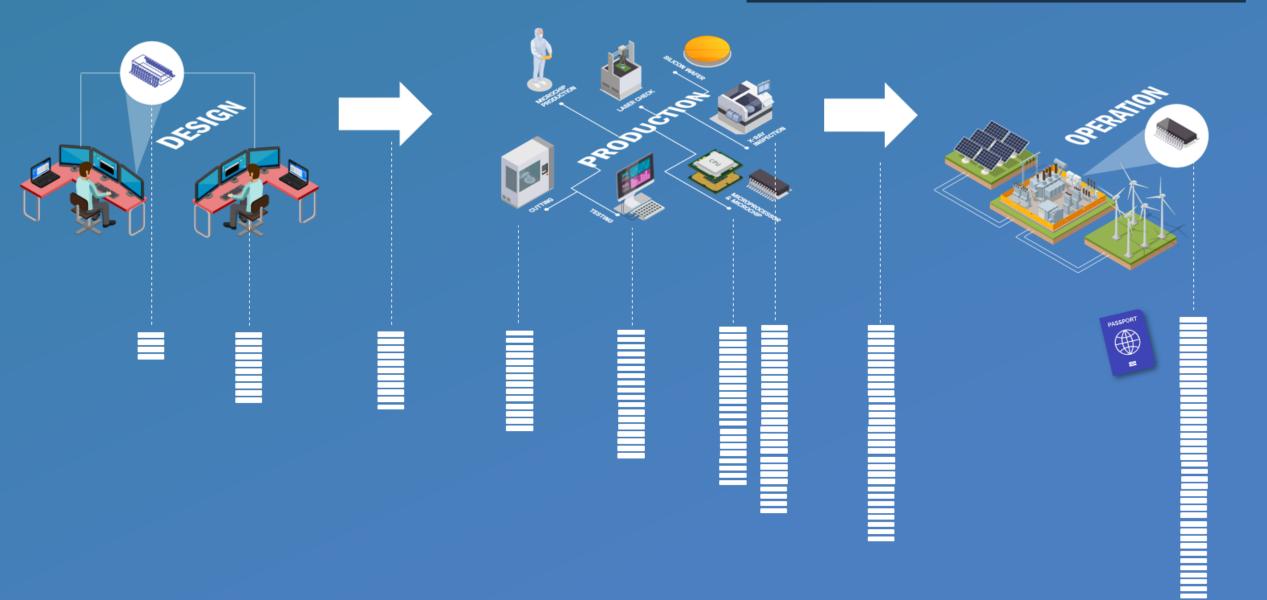
- Collect provenance information across the automation and supply chain networks with non repudiation
- Provide a multiple-perspective view of manufacturing processes and products across cyber, physical, and energy dimensions
- Enable supply chain verification, analytics, and integrity checks with privacy-preserving policies in place



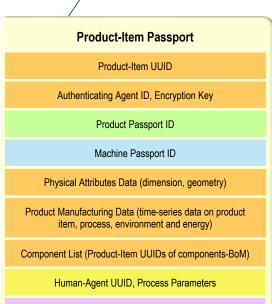
Offer the "know how/when/where" of manufacturing products



The CPP follows a product along its lifecycle.



Cyber-Physical Passport Types



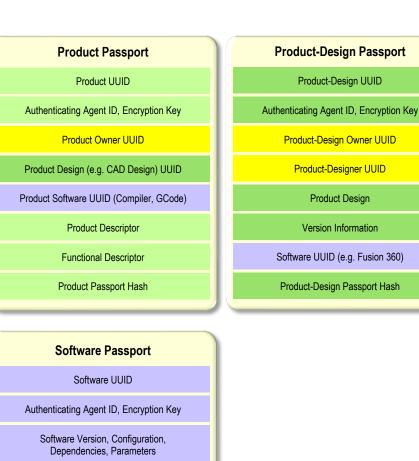
Analysis-Result UUID

Product-Item Passport Hash



Machine Passport Machine UUID Authenticating Agent ID, Encryption Key Machine Parameters, State, Ownership, Location Location Machine-Type UUID Machine Passport Hash

Analysis Passport Analysis UUID Authenticating Agent ID, Encryption Key **Analysis Specification** Analysis Result Software UUID Analysis Passport Hash **Machine-Type Passport** Machine-Type UUID Authenticating Agent ID, Encryption Key Machine Specifications Software UUID Machine-Type Passport Hash



Software Passport Hash

Passports have the same schema but capture different relevant information





STAMP: Software Trace of a Manufacturing Process/Product

- A STAMP or its associated part is a complete trace of all software components that impact the function or structure of a manufactured part, process, or operation
- A STAMP is substantially more powerful than an SBOM, since the latter is defined for a software object, whereas the former is defined for a physical artifact

This difference has significant implications for how STAMPs are constructed, manipulated, and analyzed

SBOMs are typically (small) parts of STAMPs



STAMP vs. SBOM

- An SBOM is defined for a software object, therefore all provenance links manifest in the object (either as code or library calls)
- A STAMP is defined for a physical artifact, process, or operation. The artifact may itself have software components for which the SBOM describes the software provenance
- The STAMP of a physical artifact also includes all software used in its design, design compilation, the software controlling the machine used to manufacture the part, etc.
- Since a part may be an assembly of sub-parts, the STAMP of a part includes references to STAMPs associated with its subparts

Linkages in SBOMs are explicit in the software target, while for STAMPs are established across physical objects



STAMPS: Construction and Data Structures

- Since linkages are established through part/process/operational composition, the core data structure much establish a linkage between an artifact and its STAMP, along with all of the constituent subparts
 - The core data structure can then be used to construct the complete STAMP for a given part
- STAMPS in our system are also represented as CPP passports (in addition to all of the physical artifacts)
- Our CPP system also provides linkage across parts and sub-parts, and can therefore be used to construct complete STAMPs



STAMPS: Uses and Benefits

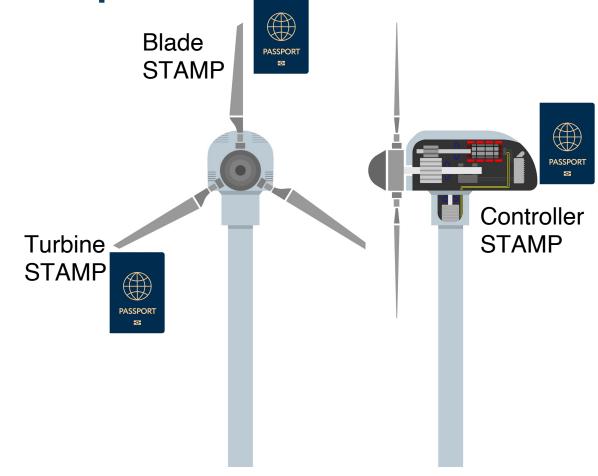
- Since STAMPs provide a comprehensive software trace of an artifact, they
 can be used to analyze the impact of software on the structure and function
 of a given part
 - This includes security as well as design flaws
- A direct application of STAMPs is in root-cause analysis of an observed structural or functional anomaly in a part
- Since STAMPs impact structure and function, they can be associated with functional digital twins or structural part descriptions to enable complex analyses



Use Case: Controller on a turbine in operation

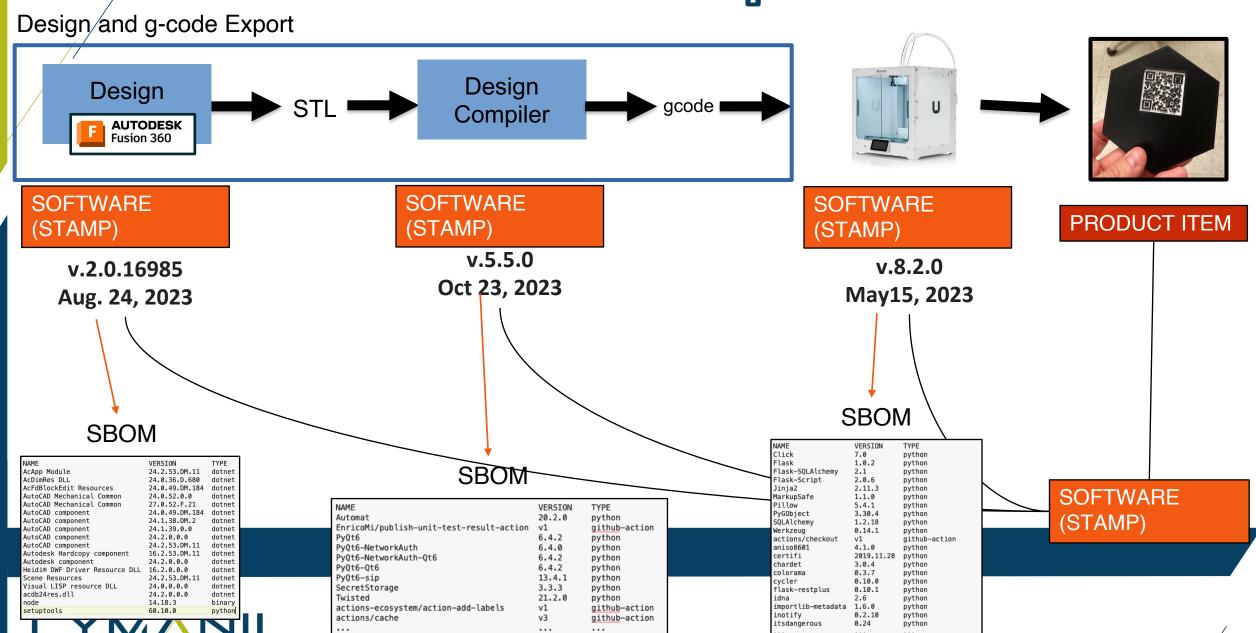
 A STAMP for a turbine links to the STAMP of its constituent blades, even though there may be no software link between the controller for the turbine and any software associated with a blade

 An SBOM captures a subset of the STAMP information, focusing more on software linkage, while STAMP provides additional process- or product-based linkage





STAMPs in CPP Manufacturing Environment



Supply Chain Transport and Tree Visualization with Software Passports

