



Develop and Deploy Secure
Python Solutions, **Faster**

AGENDA

- Anaconda Overview
- What We Heard
- The Solution
- Business On Prem Features
- Infosec & CVEs
- Business Case: Build vs. Buy
- Key Takeaways



ANACONDA OVERVIEW

- The leading provider of enterprise-grade Python & R
- We build OSS packages from source code in house giving DISA
- the certainty that you're getting packages that are:
 - Securely built from source on our systems
 - Tested for interoperability
 - Analyzed by the builders for all CVE claims leading to accurate vulnerability information
- Clients include Goldman Sachs, JP Morgan, Citigroup, SMBC, BNY Mellon, ICBC, Bank of America, and American Express and many gov entities



Anaconda supports a wide variety of use cases for some of the largest companies in these industries



Anaconda Business

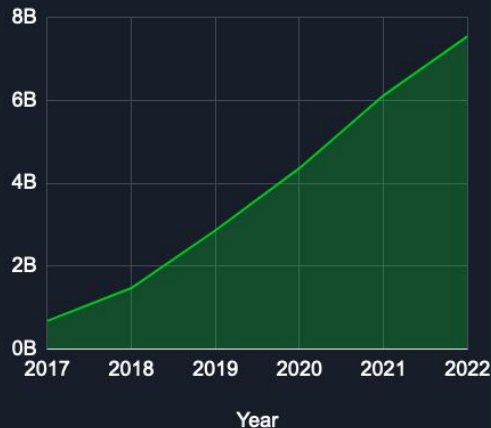
Centrally manage packages and CVEs



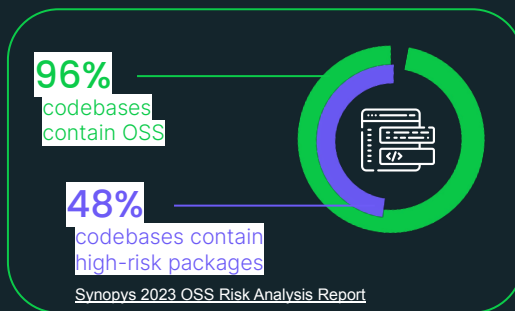
State of Python and data science today

Python **adoption** is increasing

Package downloads from Anaconda's repository



Open-source software **risks** are multiplying



Putting models into **production** takes too long

Over 1/4

of **data scientists' time** is taken up by deployment roadblocks, like meeting IT and InfoSec standards or refactoring models to other languages

Anaconda 2022 SODS



633% increase

in malicious software supply chain attacks last year



Sonatype 2023 State of Software Supply Chain



Less Than 1/2

of data teams effectively **provide value** to the organization

Gartner '23 CDO survey



Anaconda Business

Secure your software supply chain

Centralize



Enable access to the packages your team needs from a central customized repository.

Manage



Control access and distribution with custom channels and user access controls.

Secure



Keep vulnerabilities and unreliable software out of your pipeline with our security policy engine.



Secure your software supply chain

Leverage built-in security to stop risks without stopping workflows

Centralize



Pre Approved and Secure
Access to Packages the
Enterprise is willing to
Support

Manage



Centrally Manage Python
and R Packages while
Enforcing Policies and
Access Control

Secure



Enterprise Grade
Repository with
Vulnerability Curation from
the experts



Centralize

Centralize access to open-source software through your dedicated repository

- Mirror our conda-curated repository as well as public repos including conda, CRAN, and standard Python.
- Centralize access to artifacts:
 - Packages, dependents, metadata
- Easily search and distribute consumable artifacts to end users and workflows

ch for packages

My Channels

anaconda-admin

3.1K artifacts

anaconda-azureml

0 artifacts

anaconda-cloud

19 artifacts

awsdatabricks

4 artifacts

azuredatabricks

4 artifacts

azurepipelines

4 artifacts

azuresynapse

2 artifacts

c-deps

0 artifacts

c-main

3K artifacts

conda-forge

22K artifacts

Show more...

Latest CVEs

CVE Score

CVE

7.5

CVE-2019-12760

8.8

CVE-2023-5217

9.8

CVE-2023-41419

5.5

CVE-2023-25433

7.5

CVE-2023-1999

This Week's Top 10 Downloads

ca-certificates 2023.05.30

tzdata 2023c

certifi 2023.5.7

python 3.9.16

sqlite 3.41.2

pip 23.1.2

setuptools 67.8.0

openssl 3.0.8

wheel 0.38.4

vc 14.2

conda-main

489 artifacts 0 subchannels

This channel has no description

Packages 489 Environments 0 Projects 0 Notebooks 0 CVEs 1.7K Mirrors 1 Subcha

Type to filter

Action History (ID)	Event Type	Artifact Family	Created
Mirroring completed			Nov 30, 2021, 6:02:41 PM
3f3024c3-38b3-4718-9365-b448c8c5876a			
Artifact registered	system event	typer conda	Nov 30, 2021, 6:02:41 PM
3bdba1b9-0c67-4211-a1b1-194c835db36f			
Artifact registered	system event	typer conda	Nov 30, 2021, 6:02:41 PM
b4daaed4-e867-4e1e-852b-f44cada9388			
Artifact registered	system event	snowballstermer conda	Nov 30, 2021, 6:02:41 PM
72668e95-16fe-46c0-a4fc-e3ee614c4f0a			
Artifact registered	system event	snowballstermer conda	Nov 30, 2021, 6:02:41 PM
613acbff-de58-4af6-9d36-e2c2ab7c4a63			
Artifact registered	system event	rope conda	Nov 30, 2021, 6:02:41 PM
f0b4acf3-c6de-4e4f-886a-c30a40f69f10			
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0f1acf9d-a24a-4de6-9071-fc9e4d6f16c2			

Manage

Control access and distribution with custom channels and user access controls

- Enable open-source innovation from your on-premises and private cloud environments
- Manage permissions across channels with group-wide or user-specific access controls
- Track artifact history with platform reporting and monitoring
- Manage vulnerabilities with Anaconda-curated CVEs

The image shows two overlapping dialog boxes from a software interface. The background dialog is 'Create Channel' and the foreground dialog is 'Create Custom User Role'.

Create Channel Dialog:

- Name:** A text input field containing 'qa-team'.
- Description:** A text area with the placeholder text 'Not required, but highly recommended'.
- Privacy:** Three radio buttons: 'Private' (selected), 'Authenticated', and 'Public'. Below them is the text 'Only [selected] channel.'.
- Mirroring Filters:** A section with the text 'All package name filters use the MatchSpec protocol'. It includes three tabs: 'Conda' (selected), 'Cran', and 'Python'.
- Exclude:** A section with the text 'By Package Name' and 'By License Type'. It includes input fields for 'Add package' and 'Choose license(s)'.
- Include:** A section with the text 'By Package Name' and 'By License Type'. It includes input fields for 'Add package' and 'Choose license(s)'.
- Buttons:** 'Cancel' and 'Create' buttons at the bottom right.

Create Custom User Role Dialog:

- Name:** A text input field with the placeholder text 'Enter a unique role name'.
- Permissions:** A list of permissions with corresponding action buttons (Read, Write, Manage, None):
 - Channels
 - Default Channel
 - Channel Groups
 - Channel Mirrors
 - Subchannels
 - Subchannel Groups
 - Subchannel Mirrors
 - Artifacts
 - CVE
 - Roles



Secure

Keep vulnerabilities out of your software supply chain

- Proactively implement enterprise-grade security policies with CVSS and license filtering
- Secure access through approval path and private channels
- Ensure packages meet security requirements with Anaconda-curated vulnerability data
- Support for air-gapped environments
- Schedule pkg updates at your own frequency

The screenshot displays the Anaconda security configuration interface, which is organized into several sections for configuring package security policies.

- External Source Channel:** A text input field containing the example URL `eg. http://repo.anaconda.com/pkgs/main`.
- Destination Channel:** A dropdown menu currently set to `anaconda-admin`.
- Type:** A dropdown menu currently set to `conda`.
- Platforms:** A dropdown menu currently set to `Platforms`.
- CVE Filters:** Two checkboxes for controlling CVE-related file mirroring:
 - ☐ Only mirror files with CVE score less than or equal to
 - ☐ Don't mirror files associated with uncurated CVEs.
- Package Filters:** A section with a sub-header "All package name filters use the MatchSpec protocol". It includes:
 - A checkbox ☐ Only include the following package names, followed by an "Add package" button.
 - Exclude:** A section with a "By Package Name" filter (with an "Add package" button) and a "By License Type" filter (with a "Choose license(s)" dropdown).
 - Include:** A section with a "By Package Name" filter (with an "Add package" button) and a "By License Type" filter (with a "Choose license(s)" dropdown).
- Date Range:** A section with "From" and "To" labels, each followed by a "Choose a Start Date" and "Choose an End Date" button respectively.



Secure

Review Vulnerability Information

- Have ongoing visibility to new CVEs
- Dashboard of impacted versions
- CVE Commentary w references



CVE-2023-4863 1.3K Files

Heap buffer overflow in libwebp in Google Chrome prior to 116.0.5845.187 and libwebp 1.3.2 allowed a remote attacker to perform a heap overflow (Chromium security severity: Critical)

Channel	Name	CVE Status	File Name	Platform
anaconda-admin	libwebp	Cleared	libwebp-1.2.4-hf6ce154_1.conda	osx-64
conda-forge	libwebp	Reported	libwebp-0.5.2-vc9_3.tar.bz2	win-64
conda-forge	firefox	Reported	firefox-79.0-ha925a31_1.tar.bz2	win-64
conda-forge	libwebp	Reported	libwebp-0.5.2-1.tar.bz2	osx-64
conda-forge	firefox	Reported	firefox-78.13.0esr-h9c3ff4c_0.tar.bz2	linux-64
conda-forge	firefox	Reported	firefox-98.0.1-h27087fc_0.tar.bz2	linux-64
main-passive	libwebp	Cleared	libwebp-1.2.4-hf6ce154_1.conda	osx-64
my-channel	libwebp	Active	libwebp-1.0.1-h5bb14bb_0.conda	linux-aarch64
my-channel	libwebp	Cleared	libwebp-1.2.4-hf6ce154_1.conda	osx-64
ntomeo	libwebp	Active	libwebp-1.0.1-h5bb14bb_0.conda	linux-aarch64
ntomeo	libwebp	Cleared	libwebp-1.2.4-hf6ce154_1.conda	osx-64
premium_channel_business	libwebp	Active	libwebp-1.0.1-h5bb14bb_0.conda	linux-aarch64
premium_channel_business	libwebp	Cleared	libwebp-1.2.4-hf6ce154_1.conda	osx-64
premium_channel_pro	libwebp	Active	libwebp-1.0.1-h5bb14bb_0.conda	linux-aarch64
pwilson	libwebp	Active	libwebp-1.0.1-h5bb14bb_0.conda	linux-aarch64
se-snowflake	libwebp	Cleared	libwebp-1.2.4-hbc33d0d_1.tar.bz2	win-64

Reviews:

Sep 15, 2023 ^

Heap buffer overflow in WebP in Google Chrome prior to 116.0.5845.187 allowed a remote attacker to perform an out of bounds memory write via a crafted HTML page. (Chromium security severity: Critical) [R1]. CPE: cpe:2.3:a:webmproject:libwebp Vendor Response: It would appear the initial acknowledgment by vendor is in Bug 1479274 [R4]. Not publically accessible at the time of writing. Formal response in [R5]. Release Fixes: release 1.3.2: Cherry-picked in commit 2af26267 [R2] tagged with v1.3.2. CVE and Bug mentioned in Release Notes [R3] Note that NVD reference commit 902bc91 [R6] from which [R2] is cherry-picked -- then very slightly altered. Commit 902bc91 has no tags associated with it. Anaconda Recipe Patches: Patched for releases 1.2.4 build_number 768485 by [R7].

References

- R1** : <https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln/detail/CVE-2023-4863>
R2 : <https://chromium.googlesource.com/webm/libwebp/+2af...>
R3 : <https://chromium.googlesource.com/webm/libwebp/+refs...>
R4 : <https://crlbug.com/1479274>
R5 : <https://chromereleases.googleblog.com/2023/09/stable-c...>
R6 : <https://github.com/webmproject/libwebp/commit/902bc9...>
R7 : <https://github.com/AnacondaRecipes/its-preview-libweb...>

Extras

NVD Publish Date:	Sep 12, 2023
NVD Modified Date:	Oct 1, 2023
Anaconda Curated Date:	Sep 14, 2023



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Holistic approach to securing the supply chain

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Filter out vulnerabilities

- Ensure developers are empowered with secure packages

Latest CVEs ⓘ

7.5

CVE-2021-38291 12 Files

Anaconda Curated At: Mar 14, 2022

8.8

CVE-2022-21699 164 Files

Anaconda Curated At: Mar 9, 2022

9.0

CVE-2020-15207 422 Files

Anaconda Curated At: Mar 4, 2022

9.1

CVE-2021-35958 422 Files

Anaconda Curated At: Mar 2, 2022

9.9

CVE-2020-15196 5 Files

Anaconda Curated At: Mar 2, 2022

Show more...

CVE Type

Reported

All CVEs that come from NVD.

Active

Anaconda Curated: This package has vulnerabilities that are potentially active and exploitable.

Cleared

Anaconda Curated: The vulnerabilities identified in this package have been analyzed and determined not to be applicable.

Mitigated

Anaconda Curated: The identified vulnerabilities have been proactively mitigated in this build through a code patch.

Disputed

Anaconda Curated: The vulnerabilities' legitimacy is disputed by upstream project maintainers or other community members.



See it in action



Supply Chain Security



The challenges with community repositories



Community Repositories: great resource, but with caveats



Low barrier of entry

- This is good – encourages participation and innovation
- Huge selection of packages:
PyPI ~479,000, conda-forge ~22,000 (as of Sept. 2023)



Significant issues to consider

- Minimal quality control
- Entirely author-driven
- Wide range of code and metadata quality
- Potential interoperability conflicts
- Voluntary support
- May or may not have a build system
- Do not implement enterprise-grade security



Numerous security incidents in the ecosystem

CSO UNITED STATES ▾

NEWS ANALYSIS

Malicious package flood on PyPI might be sign of new attacks to come

The PyPI package flood is just the latest in a string of attacks on public repositories with the intent to plant malicious code.

Dependency Confusion: How I Hacked Into Apple, Microsoft and Dozens of Other Companies

The Story of a Novel Supply Chain Attack



PyTorch

December 31, 2022

Compromised PyTorch-nightly dependency chain between December 25th and December 30th, 2022.

NOT THE PYPI PACKAGE YOU'RE LOOKING FOR —

Latest attack on PyPI users shows crooks are only getting better

The code found in the malicious packages closely resembled legit offerings.

DAN GOODIN - 2/14/2023, 5:37 PM



Community repositories struggle with security

PyPI overwhelmed by malicious packages

"PyPI new user and new project registrations temporarily suspended."

"New user and new project name registration on PyPI is temporarily suspended. The volume of malicious users and malicious projects being created on the index in the past week has outpaced our ability to respond to it in a timely fashion..."

~ PyPI Incident Report (May 2023)

conda-forge core dev team issues caveat

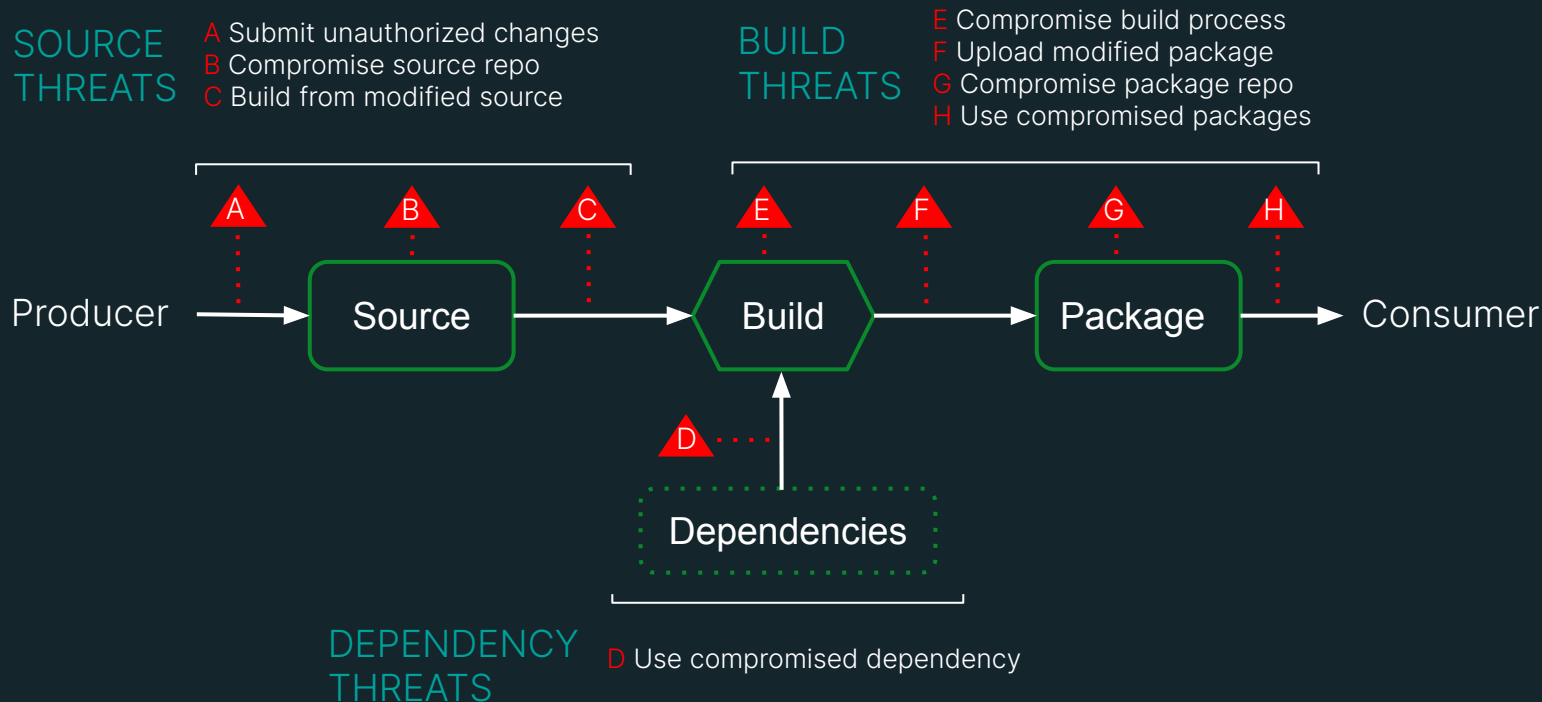
"As a reminder, we do not recommend that you use conda-forge in environments with sensitive information. conda-forge's software is built by our users and the core dev team cannot verify or guarantee that this software is not malicious or has not been tampered with."

"If you use conda-forge in very sensitive environments (which we do not recommend!), please remove these artifacts from your system."

~ conda-forge core dev team (March 2023)



A package faces many pitfalls on its journey



Adapted from slsa.dev



Anaconda: Innovation + Security



Anaconda Repository: built for professionals, by professionals

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Value in Anaconda Repository

- **Reliable packages, engineered using best practices & controls**
- **Curated selection of packages, with SBOM & verified licenses**
- **Enterprise Support with SLAs**
- **S3C: Secure Software Supply Chain & unique vulnerabilities (CVE) insight**



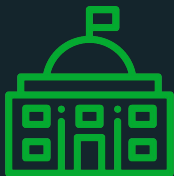
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Quantitative profile of a popular 3rd party CVE tool

True Positives
12.2%

- correctly detected vulnerabilities

False Negatives
87.8%

- undetected vulnerabilities
- blind spots
- false sense of security

Study based
on 400+ of
the most
commonly
used Python
packages

False Positives
11.5%

- false alerts
- incorrectly blocked packages
- lost productivity

N = 439 packages, 133 CVEs



False positives: real-world consequences

- Sample customer repository: 3600 fully approved, CVE scanned packages
- 89% of those packages were initially flagged with potential CVE vulnerabilities with standard open-source CVE scanning software:
8000 false positives
- Reviewing false positives takes a lot of time
 - $8000 \text{ false positives} * 10 \text{ minutes} = 1333 \text{ hours} = 33 \text{ weeks}$
- Anaconda's CVE curation eliminates these burdens for you
 - Reclaim productivity
 - Focus on your strategic differentiators



Alert fatigue, aka The Boy Who Cried "Wolf!"



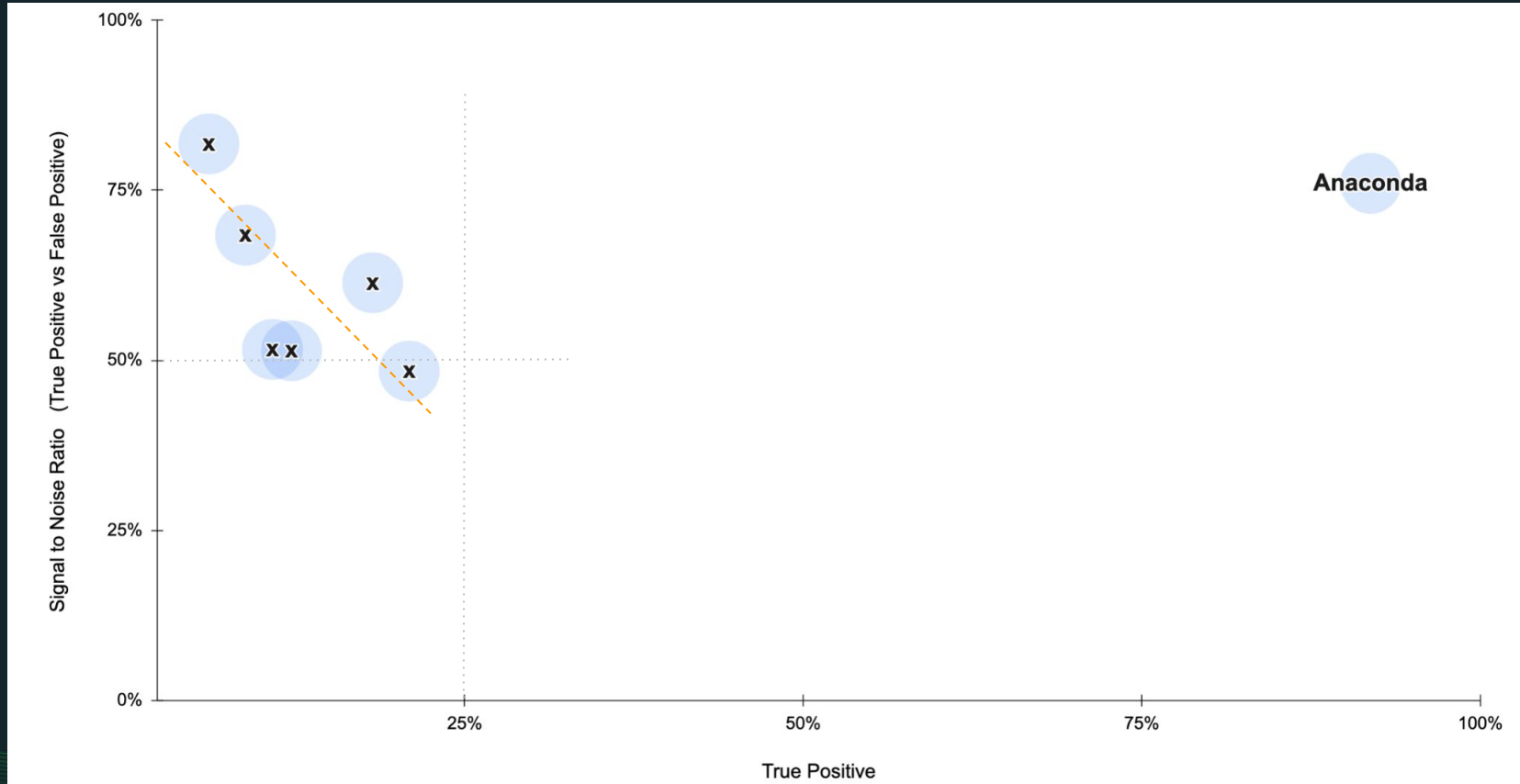
Qualitative Survey of CVE tools

				3rd party tools									
pure Python packages	Package	Category	CVE	Anaconda	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
	urlib3=1.25.9	Pure Python	CVE-2021-33503	TP	TP	TP	TP	TP	TP	TP	TP	FN	FN
	urlib3=1.26.6	Pure Python	CVE-2021-33503	TN	TN	TN	TN	TN	TN	TN	TN	n/a	n/a
compiled aka binary packages (e.g. C, C++, Fortran)	python=3.10.8	Language binary	CVE-2022-45061	TP	FN	FN	FN	FN	TP *	FN	TP	FN	FN
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	libxml2=2.9.10=h e19cac6_1	Binary package	CVE-2020-7595	TP	FN	FN	FN	FN	FN	FN	FN	FN	FN
	libxml2=2.9.10=h b55368b_3	Binary package • Anaconda remediated	CVE-2020-7595	TN	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

* Shallow scan that only inspects the name, but not the actual file content



Industry-leading performance



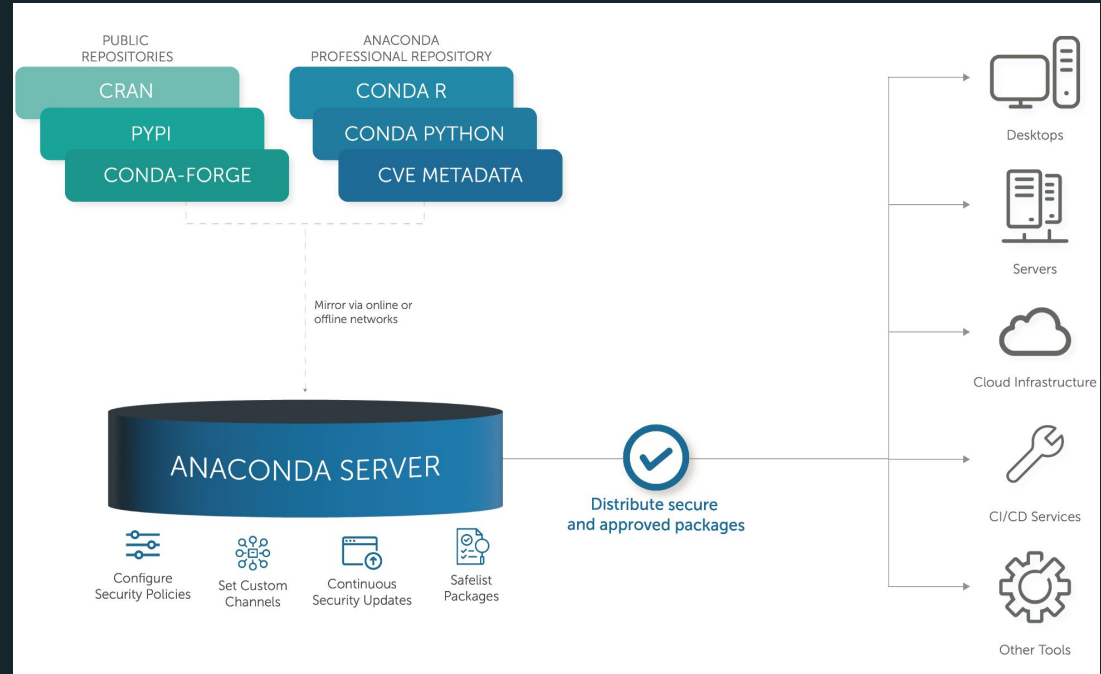
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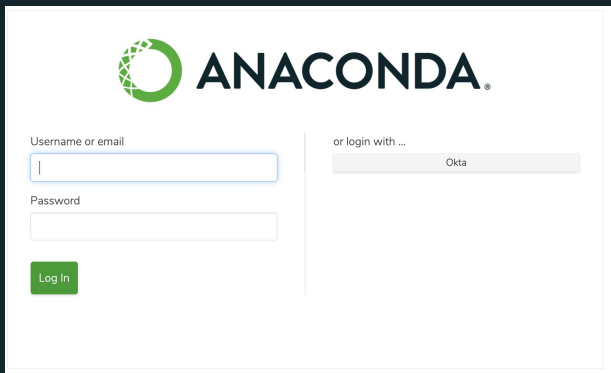
- Installation and configuration on your choice of infrastructure: bare metal, VMware vSphere, AWS, Microsoft Azure or Google Cloud
- Integration with an enterprise directory service for a single set of users using LDAP
- Advanced platform configurations and integrations including but not limited to CI/CD
- Can be installed locally or in the cloud
- 4 cores, 8 gb ram 1.5TB Storage
- K8s or linux?

Moving to 8 but 7.9 is fine for now
Linux based install - 1 VM
LDAP

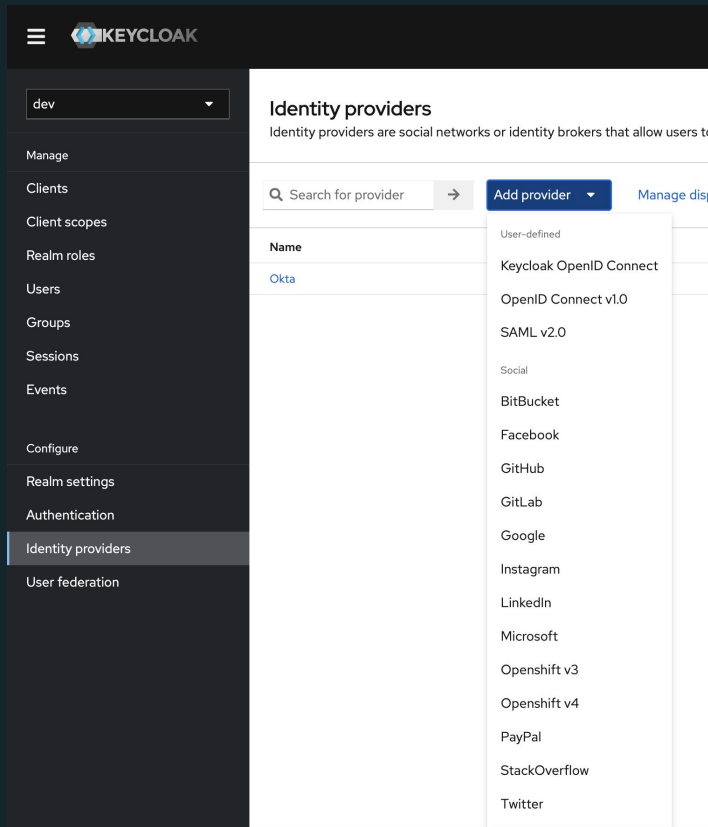


Integration w SSO

- Part of implementation
- AD/LDAP/SAML/ODIC supported
- Users redirected to browser when token expires



The image shows the Anaconda login page. At the top is the Anaconda logo, which consists of a green circular icon with a stylized 'A' and the word 'ANACONDA' in a bold, sans-serif font. Below the logo, there are two input fields: 'Username or email' and 'Password'. To the right of these fields, there is a link that says 'or login with ...' followed by a button labeled 'Okta'. At the bottom left, there is a green 'Log In' button.



The image shows the Keycloak administration console. The left sidebar contains a menu with options: Manage, Clients, Client scopes, Realm roles, Users, Groups, Sessions, Events, Configure, Realm settings, Authentication, Identity providers (highlighted), and User federation. The main content area is titled 'Identity providers' and includes a search bar and an 'Add provider' button. A dropdown menu is open, showing a list of providers categorized into 'User-defined' (Keycloak OpenID Connect, OpenID Connect v1.0, SAML v2.0) and 'Social' (BitBucket, Facebook, GitHub, GitLab, Google, Instagram, LinkedIn, Microsoft, Openshift v3, Openshift v4, PayPal, StackOverflow, Twitter). The 'Okta' provider is listed under the 'User-defined' category.



Conda & DataBricks

Description

The following instructions detail how to use custom `conda` environments with packages from Anaconda Server in Databricks on AWS.

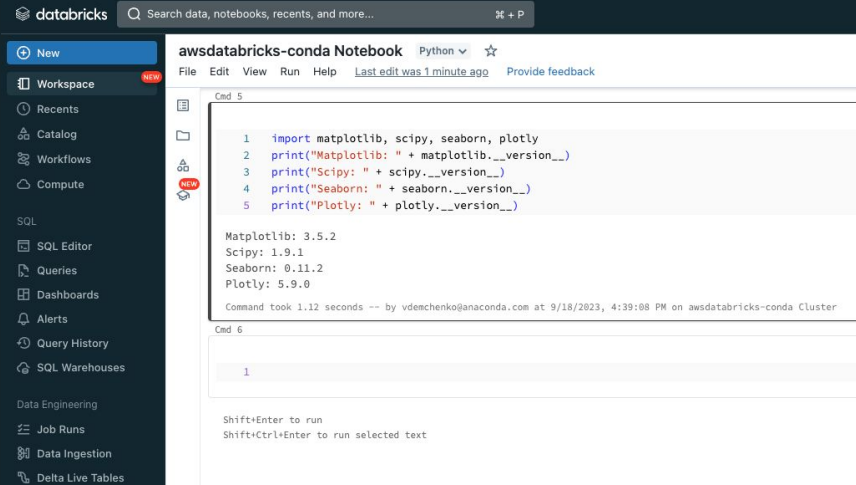
See

[Databricks documentation](#)

[SRV-566: Databricks on AWS + Anaconda Server](#) **DONE**

Overview

- Create a Channel with the necessary packages in Anaconda Server.
- Set up a new Databricks account or sign in to an existing one.
- Create a New workspace in Databricks.
- Build a custom Docker image using `conda`-based environments.
- Launch a Cluster using Databricks Container Services.
- Create a new Notebook and connect it to your new cluster.
- Check that you have preinstalled `conda`.
- Install the required packages from the Anaconda Server channel.
- Confirm that the package versions you have in your `conda` env are the same as in Notebook.



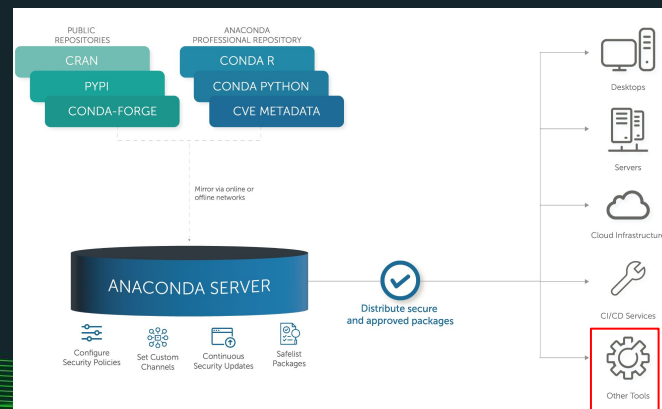
The screenshot shows the Databricks web interface. On the left is a sidebar with navigation options like Workspace, Recents, Catalog, Workflows, Compute, SQL, and various editors. The main area displays a notebook titled 'awsdatabricks-conda Notebook' in Python. The code in the notebook is:

```
1 import matplotlib, scipy, seaborn, plotly
2 print("Matplotlib: " + matplotlib.__version__)
3 print("Scipy: " + scipy.__version__)
4 print("Seaborn: " + seaborn.__version__)
5 print("Plotly: " + plotly.__version__)
```

The output of the code execution is shown below the code cell:

```
Matplotlib: 3.5.2
Scipy: 1.9.1
Seaborn: 0.11.2
Plotly: 5.9.0
```

A status message at the bottom of the code cell indicates: 'Command took 1.12 seconds -- by vdenchenko@anaconda.com at 9/18/2023, 4:39:08 PM on aws databricks-conda Cluster'.



Business Case:

**Better,
Faster,
Cost-Effective**



Better: industry-leading security

- Anaconda secures the software supply chain from end-to-end; this holistic solution provides value that cannot be achieved by cobbling together 3rd party tools.

Industry-leading Python security
that is objectively the best-in-class:

7.2X

more True
Positives vs
average 3rd
party scanner

4.4X

more True
Positives vs
best 3rd party
scanner

Catch blind-spot vulnerabilities
that 3rd party scanners miss:

13%

average 3rd
party scanner's
True Positive
Rate

21%

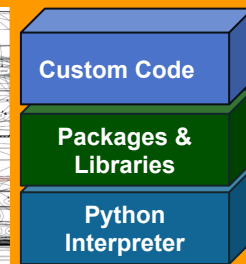
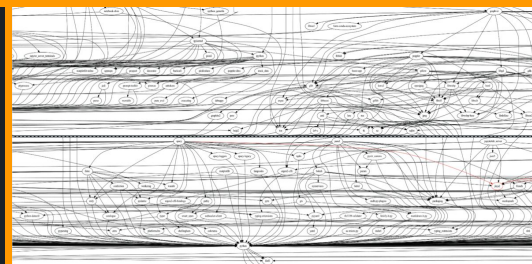
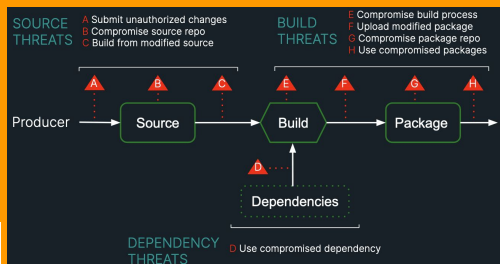
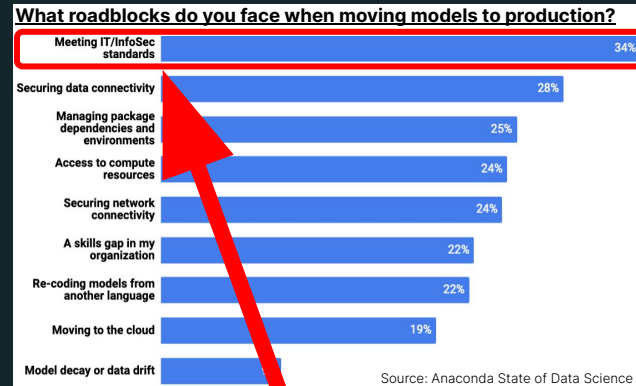
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- Note: Anaconda's specialty is Python and AI/ML/DS, but we realize that your scope may extend beyond that. We complement your existing workflows and tools.



Faster: accelerate the path to value

- Empower your data science community with ongoing package and security updates
- Accelerate time to market by leveraging Anaconda's trusted building blocks:
 - Save time reviewing false alerts and licenses
 - Avert technical debt
 - Mitigate risk



Cost-Effective

- Python packages are more heterogeneous and complex than other languages. The cost of DIY building, maintaining, and supporting a Python distribution will exceed the cost of buying.
- Economy of scale. Anaconda is able to price competitively because cost is amortized across many customers. If you build from scratch, you would bear the entire cost of a one-customer solution.
- Anaconda is an investment in innovation, and trusted by world-class organizations. Leverage the best-of-breed tools, so that you can focus on your key differentiators.
- Buy vs build can be on a spectrum and not binary. Anaconda provides a solid foundation and a head start for building additional packages, and at only an incremental cost. (Similar to building custom containers — you leverage an existing image and do not need to build Linux from scratch.)



Leverage the best-of-breed tools

*"Open-source packages have been the biggest enabler for data science we've seen in recent years. Being able to offer a set of **trusted tools from Anaconda will empower our customers** through every stage of the data science journey on Microsoft Azure."*

~

Mark Russinovich
Chief Technology Officer and Technical Fellow
Microsoft Azure

<https://www.anaconda.com/press/anaconda-announces-collaboration-with-microsoft>

*"As a reminder, we do not recommend that you use conda-forge in environments with sensitive information. conda-forge's software is built by our users and the core dev team **cannot verify or guarantee that this software is not malicious or has not been tampered with.**"*

"If you use conda-forge in very sensitive environments (which we do not recommend!), please remove these artifacts from your system."

~

conda-forge core dev team
<https://conda-forge.org/blog/posts/2023-03-12-circle-ci-security-breach/>

Microsoft specializes in software, has invented 39 languages, and employs several core Python developers. They considered building their own Python distribution & tools, but the conclusion of their careful analysis is that **Anaconda is the way to go.**



The Return on Investment

- Automation - Whenever anaconda rebuilds packages it automatically appears in our repository. There's no need for anyone in the program office to patch or deploy. It will lessen your workload and let your team focus on the strategic work while solving the top two needs of your data science community.
- Acceleration - Anaconda rebuilds the most popular packages in days not weeks. We provide Infosec with the policy and governance tools to fastrack safe packages. The result will be increased productivity and end user engagement.
- Opportunity Cost - Data Science is the hottest thing in business. Enabling your data scientists with the tooling they need to generative AI, LLMs, fraud detection, earn and retain customer, maximizing customer value. It's hard to overstate how important this is or to put a ceiling on that dollar figure.
- Security - Average ransomware attack in \$5.12 million according to IBM



Cost of remediation

Every piece of software at one time or another needs to be fixed. When you take on the burden and responsibility of maintaining open source software yourself, software development cost increases.

With Anaconda Repository Maintenance and Support, you receive prioritization for compiling and updating packages with new community releases which may be triggered by new functionality and/or addressing new common vulnerabilities and exposures (CVEs).

Continued maintenance, regular updates, and support from Anaconda are essential

- Cost to fix a bug:
 - If it takes a developer on average half a day to fix a bug.
 - Software developer's average daily salary is ~\$575
 - If most key projects have around 20K lines of code and for every 1000 lines of code there is an average of 20 bugs
 - Cost =
 - $(20\text{K Lines of code} * 20 \text{ bugs for every } 1000 \text{ lines of code}) = 400 \text{ bugs}$
 - $(400 * 0.5 \text{ days for a developer to fix the bug}) * (\$575 \text{ Average daily salary of a developer}) = \$115,000$
 - Multiply that by multiple projects....

This math does not include costs to remediate a vulnerability:

- Cost to remediate a vulnerability/ransomware attack: \$5.12 million according to [IBM](#)



Key Takeaways



Key Takeaways

- Leverage the best-of-breed tools, so that you can focus on your strategic differentiators. Anaconda is an investment in innovation, and trusted by world-class organizations.
- There is clear and compelling evidence, including direct statement from conda-forge's core team, that community repositories should not be treated as a trusted source.
- 3rd party scanner tools can be useful but have material shortcomings. A strategy reliant on free repositories and 3rd party tools will have significant blind spots that compromise security.
- Anaconda secures the software supply chain by taking care of the package lifecycle end-to-end; this holistic solution provides value that cannot be achieved by cobbling together 3rd party tools.
- Repositories are only as good as the packages they serve. Enhance the value you get from 3rd party repo tools by using Anaconda's professional-grade packages.
- Anaconda will increase package velocity and improve cyber security.



Contact Information

Government Sales- Grant Samples

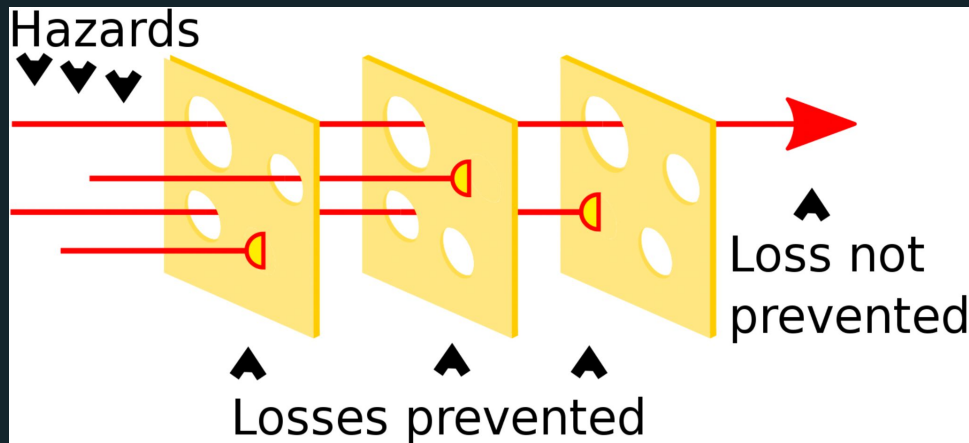
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Counter imperfection with defense-in-depth

- The reality is that security tools have holes
- Mitigate risk by assembling complementary tools (aka the Swiss Cheese Model)



Discerning Security Tools

- Is the CVE scanner general or specialized?
- What universe of packages are supported?
- What does “scan” actually mean? Is it shallow or deep?
- How does the scanner know what is in the binaries?
- How is patching handled?
- What is the vendor’s role and effective scope in the supply chain?

