# Don't Ignore GitHub Security Alerts, Automate Them Into Your Workflow. Verizon Media

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## **Quick Intro**



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### Verizon Media Open Source Program Office

**7K** 

All engineering employees benefit from OSPO services

330

Support tickets quarterly

440

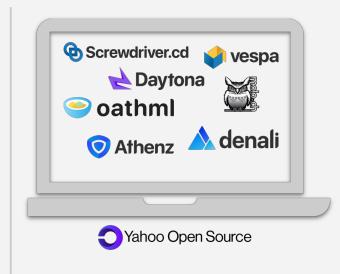
Active Open Source Projects published by Verizon Media

**25** 

GitHub organizations that we manage

200+

Mobile and TV Applications that rely upon our services for compliance





#### What does an OSPO do?



#### Program Management

Supporting internal engineering groups with open source issues



#### License inbound review

Reviewing the use of open source in our products and platforms



#### Contributions to projects

Reviewing contribution policies and CLAs



#### Compliance Management

Responsible for mobile and TV app compliance engineering and automation



#### **Community** development

Promoting projects via blogs, podcasts, and speaking events



#### New project publication

Reviewing publication steps completed prior to publication



#### Issue support and resolution

Ensuring issues are addressed on our external repos



#### **Security Alerts**

GitHub alerting us about vulnerable dependencies



# What's an information security issue to an OSPO?

#### InfoSec people care about production issues

Bug Bounty
Code Scanning
Red/Blue teams, etc.





We're talking about vulnerabilities that are in a published piece of code.



# OSPOs need to care about security issues in their published code.

#### Good News, Bad News



GitHub can help



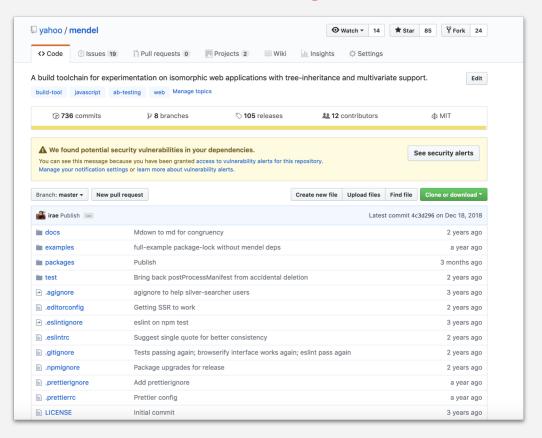
It's limited and not designed for OSPOs, only for project owners.



### **Agenda**

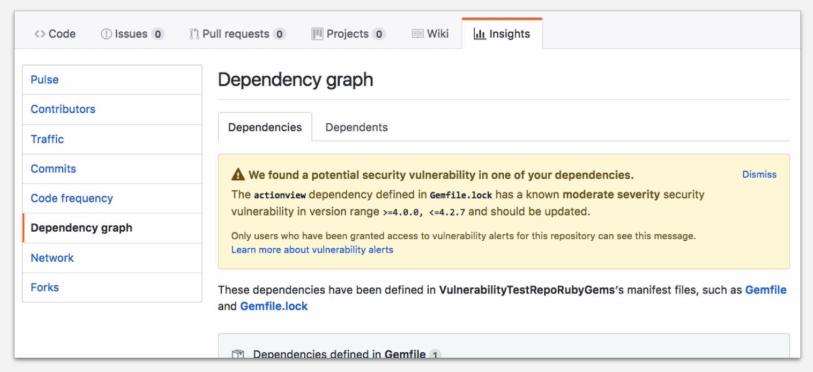
- What GitHub does to help your companies' open source security issues
- Where the alerts and APIs fall short
- A call for you to help develop a better solution

#### **GitHub Provides Security Alerts**





#### **GitHub Security Alerts**



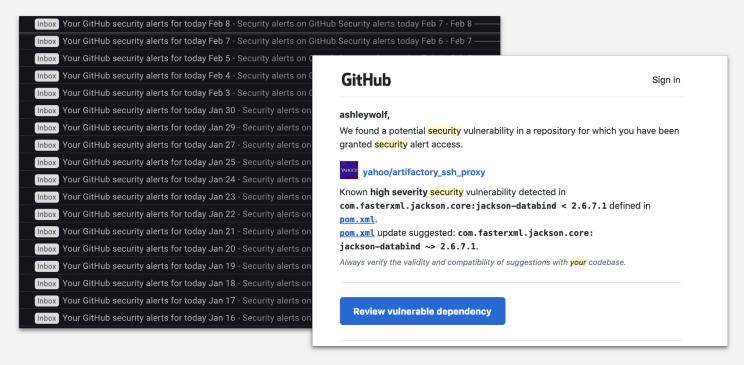


The vast majority (81%) of vulnerable dependencies may be fixed by simply updating to a new version

https://arxiv.org/abs/1808.09753



#### **GitHub Email Alerts**



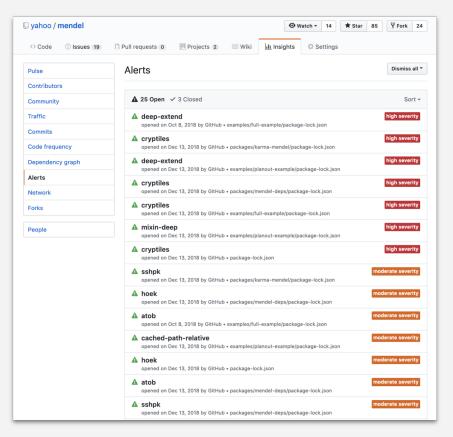


#### Some of the problems that OSPOs will have

- Opt-in only for private repos
- Vulnerability Alerts API cannot turn on notifications
- Email give you only 10 repos in daily digest
- Not all project languages supported
- No dashboard of alerts including notification dismissal reasons
- Not automated!



## e.g.: The project owner ignores issues





# Automating Security Workflow Project

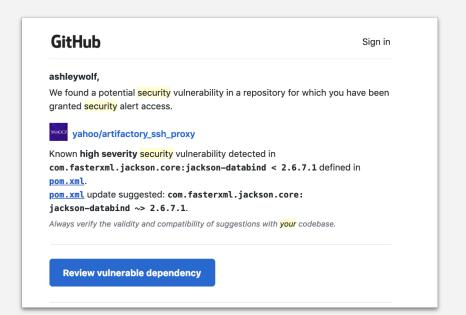
### **Automate Security Workflow**

```
GitHub-Security-Alerts-Workflow / queries.py
                                                                                                              Find file Copy path
Branch: master ▼
maninavin Initial POC and licenses
                                                                                                              25d33d9 5 days ago
1 contributor
31 lines (29 sloc) | 1.06 KB
                                                                                              Raw Blame History 🖵 🧨 🛅
   1 #Copyright 2019, Oath Inc.
      #Licensed under the terms of the Apache 2.0 license. See LICENSE file in root for terms.
      query = """{organization
                    (login: "yahoo")
                       {repositories(first:100)
                         { edges
                           { node
                             {owner
                              { id }
                               vulnerabilityAlerts ( first: 100 )
                                 { edges
                                     { affectedRange
  16
                                         dismissReason
                                         dismissedAt
                                         externalIdentifier
  18
                                         externalReference
                                         fixedIn
                                         id
                                         packageName
  24
  26
  28
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              }"""
```



# **Automating the Alert Workflow**

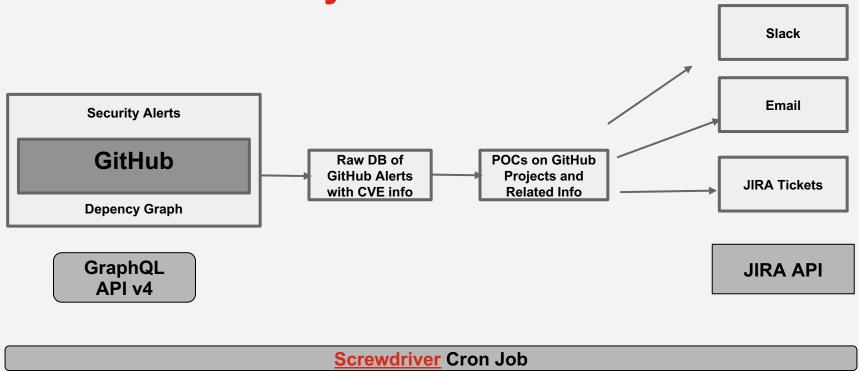








#### **Automate Security Workflow**





#### **Security Advisory Event**

```
"action": "published".
"security advisory": {
 "ghsa_id": "GHSA-rf4j-j272-fj86",
 "summary": "Moderate severity vulnerability that affects diango".
  "description": "diango.contrib.auth.forms.AuthenticationForm in Diango 2.0 before 2
 "severity": "moderate",
  "identifiers": [
      "value": "GHSA-rf4j-j272-fj86",
      "type": "GHSA"
      "value": "CVE-2018-6188",
      "type": "CVE"
 "references": [
      "url": "https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln/detail/CVE-2018-6188"
  "published at": "2018-10-03T21:13:54Z".
  "updated at": "2018-10-03T21:13:54Z",
  "withdrawn at": null,
  "vulnerabilities": [
      "package": {
       "ecosystem": "pip",
       "name": "diango"
      "severity": "moderate".
      "vulnerable_version_range": ">= 2.0.0, < 2.0.2",
      "first patched version": {
       "identifier": "2.0.2"
       "ecosystem": "pip",
        "name": "django"
      "severity": "moderate",
      "vulnerable_version_range": ">= 1.11.8, < 1.11.10",
      "first_patched_version": {
       "identifier": "1.11.10"
```

#### **Repository Vulnerability Alert Event**

```
"action": "dismiss".
"alert": {
  "id": 7649605,
  "affected_range": "0.2.0",
  "affected package name": "many versioned gem".
  "external reference": "https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln/detail/CVE-2018-3728".
  "external identifier": "CVE-2018-3728",
  "fixed in": "0.2.5",
  "dismisser": {
    "login": "octocat",
    "id":1,
   "node id": "MDQ6VXNlcjIxMDMxMDY3",
   "avatar url": "https://github.com/images/error/octocat happy.gif",
   "gravatar_id":"",
   "url": "https://api.github.com/users/octocat",
   "html url": "https://github.com/octocat".
   "followers url": "https://api.github.com/users/octocat/followers".
   "following_url":"https://api.github.com/users/octocat/following{/other_user}",
   "qists url": "https://api.github.com/users/octocat/gists{/gist_id}",
   "starred_url": "https://api.github.com/users/octocat/starred{/owner}{/repo}",
   "subscriptions url": "https://api.github.com/users/octocat/subscriptions",
   "organizations url": "https://api.github.com/users/octocat/orgs",
   "repos url": "https://api.github.com/users/octocat/repos",
   "events url": "https://api.github.com/users/octocat/events{/privacy}",
   "received events url": "https://api.github.com/users/octocat/received events",
    "type":"User",
    "site admin":true
 "dismiss_reason": "No bandwidth to fix this",
  "dismissed_at": "2017-10-25T00:00:00+00:00"
```

If you are in the audience or you work for GitHub, help us automate OSPOs workflows.

#### We'd love your help

**Project**: <a href="https://github.com/yahoo/GitHub-Security-Alerts-Workflow">https://github.com/yahoo/GitHub-Security-Alerts-Workflow</a>

- Add automation for different solutions
  - JIRA
  - Email
  - Slack
- Contribute GitHub security alerts to GHCrawler



# Open Source has more potential to be secure



But that's only if you take advantage of the information available in the open source community and patch vulnerable dependencies.

And contribute back.

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