Protecting Yourself From Supply Chain Attacks - Trust Is Overrated

Me reading the list of hardware/software I trust.

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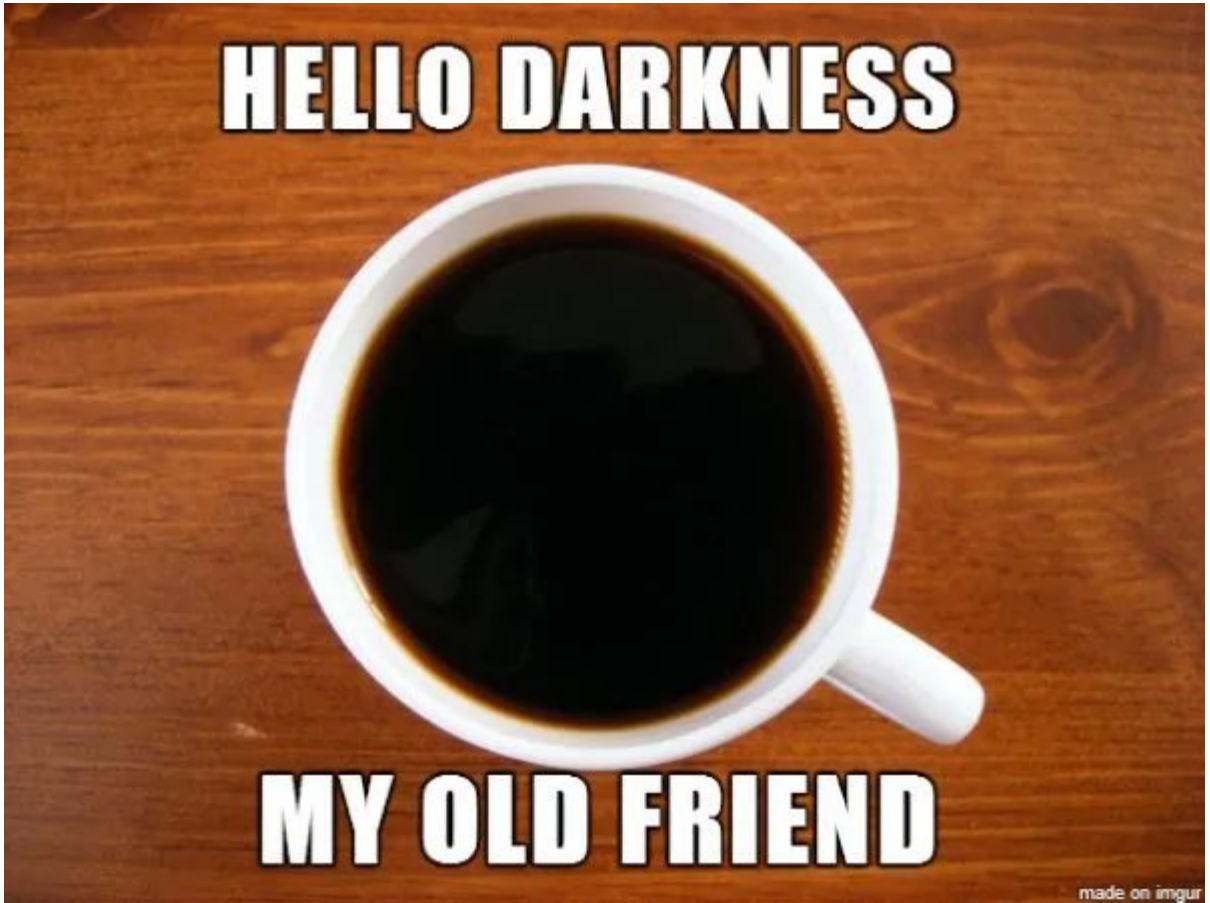
Do you have high blood pressure?

Do you love coffee?




EVERY MORNING, I TAKE MY HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE PILL AND 12 CUPS OF COFFEE
NEITHER WORKS!
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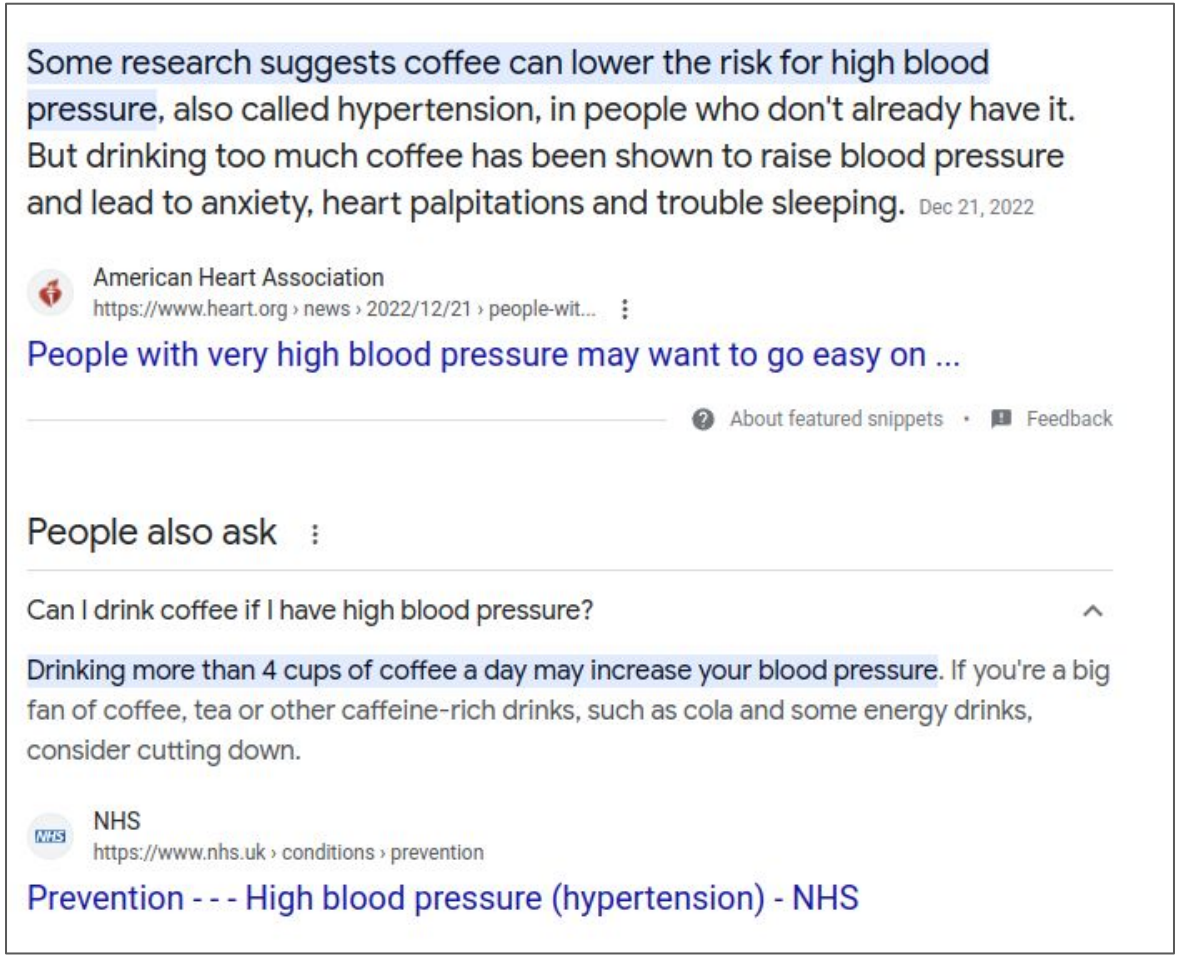
If you search the Internet long enough, anything can be true…



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how much caffeine in a cup of coffee

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About 55,400,000 results (0.39 seconds)

Coffee / Caffeine Amount

95 mg

Caffeine

Type

Coffee

Qua

1 cup (8 fl oz) (237 g)

Sources include: USDA

Feedback

Caffeine content of different types of coffee

Most 8–ounce (oz) cups of coffee contain 80–100 milligrams (mg) of caffeine. But the caffeine content can vary considerably depending on several factors, including coffee type, brewing method, and brand.

Caffeine can be a part of a healthy diet for most people. However, too much caffeine can be unsafe.

For healthy adults, approximately 400 mg per day of caffeine — about four or five cups of coffee — will typically not cause any dangerous effects.

Research shows that 85% of American adults consume caffeine daily at an average of about 180 mg per day, which equals about two cups of coffee.

There are different methods for measuring the caffeine amount in coffee, but the most common ones are:

1. High-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC): This method involves extracting the caffeine from the coffee sample and separating it from other compounds using a high-pressure liquid chromatography system. The amount of caffeine is then measured by detecting its absorption of light at a specific wavelength.
2. Near-infrared (NIR) spectroscopy: This method uses infrared light to determine the caffeine content in the coffee sample. NIR light is absorbed differently by caffeine and other compounds in the coffee, allowing for the estimation of caffeine content.
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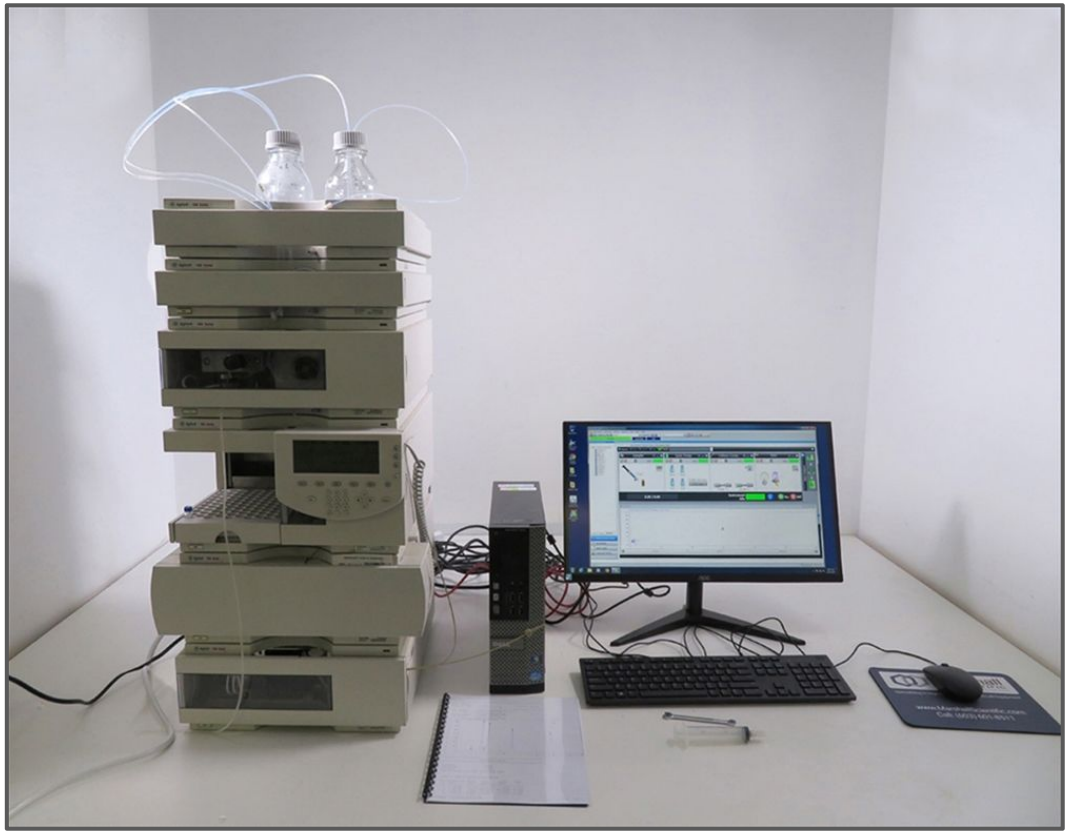
4. Mass spectrometry: This method involves separating the caffeine from the coffee sample and ionizing it to generate a mass spectrum. The mass spectrum can be used to identify and quantify the amount of caffeine in the sample.

The choice of method will depend on factors such as the sensitivity and accuracy required, the equipment and resources available, and the nature of the sample being analyzed.



High-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) is a technique used to separate molecules based on size and surface charge, among other properties. The incorporation of ultra-violet (UV) spectroscopy with HPLC allows the concentration of molecules to be determined following separation.

Cost: $15,000-$50,000+

Checking the supply chain of my coffee…

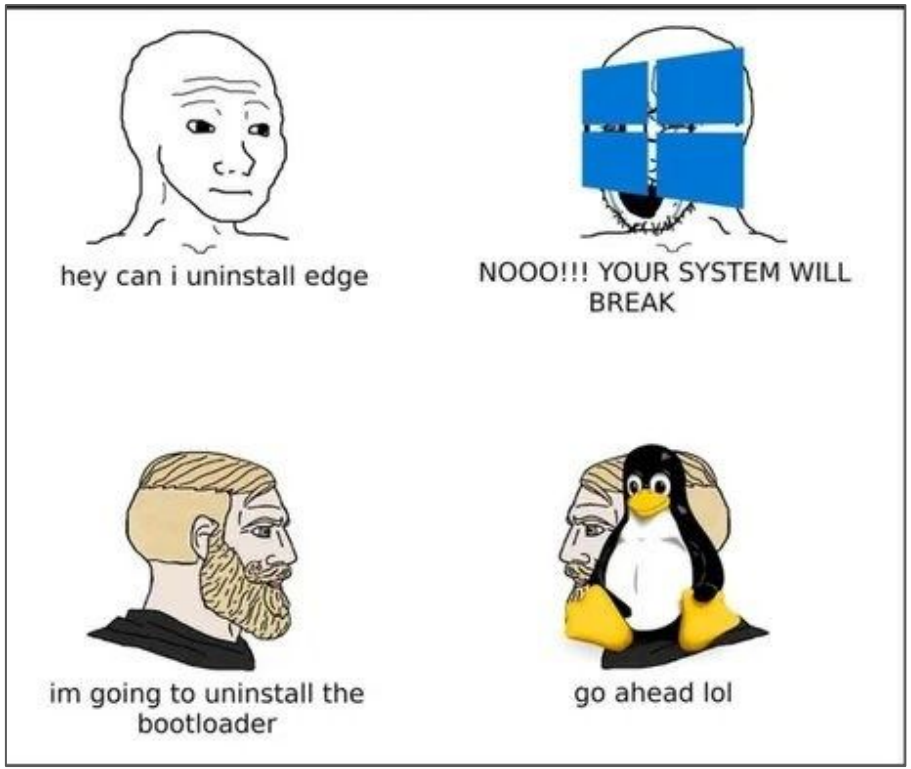
How do we minimize supply chain risks?

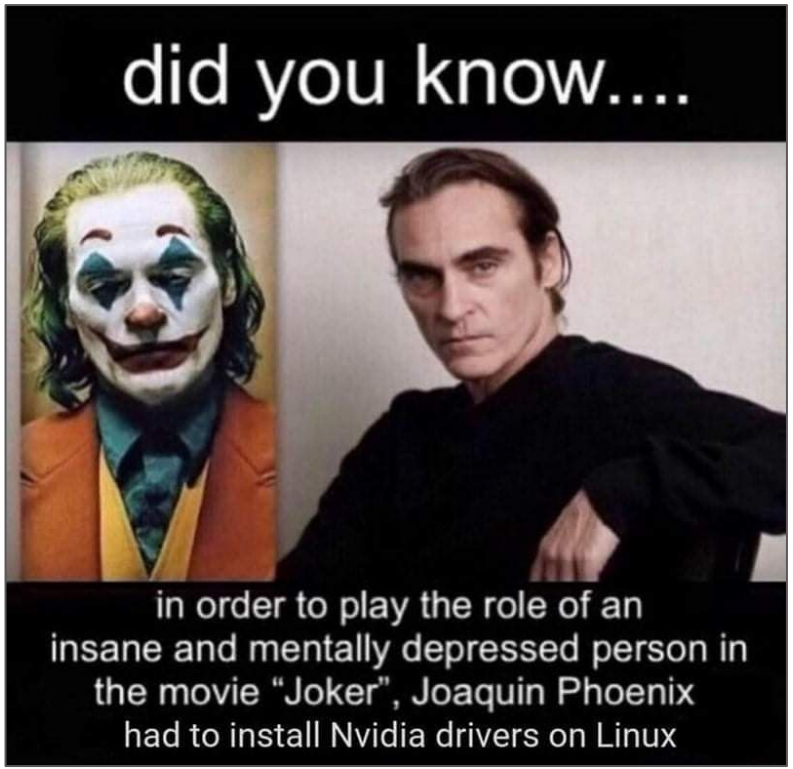
Create everything myself

Verify, then trust. Make attackers lives more difficult.

Create nothing and do no verification

I use Linux as my daily driver





I am obligated to tell you that. I’ll use many Linux-related examples.

The Digital Supply Chain Attack Surface

Reduced Visibility = Validation Challenges

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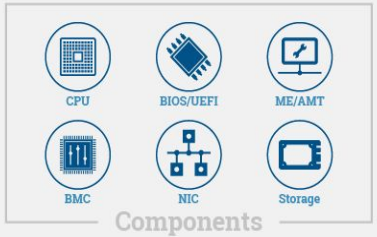

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Increased Customization & Control

Never trust HW/SW vendors whose name starts with

A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K,L,M,N,
O,P,Q,R,S,T,U,V,W,X,Y,Z

Real-world Supply Chain Attack Examples

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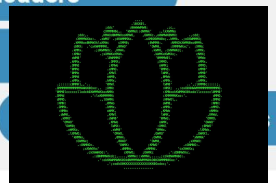

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Checking Your TPM

```
[paulda@wopr Downloads]$ sudo ./tpm-vuln-checker check
TPM Manufacturer:               AMD
TPM Spec Revision:              1.38
TPM Family:                     2.0
TPM Type:                       dTPM

Starting TPM vulnerabilities checks.. This may take few seconds!

CVE 2023-1017/2023-1018:        Vulnerable
Please apply the latest BIOS update to update the TPM firmware. OEMs/ODMs ship TPM updates as part of BIOS updates.
CVE 2017-15361:                 Not Vulnerable
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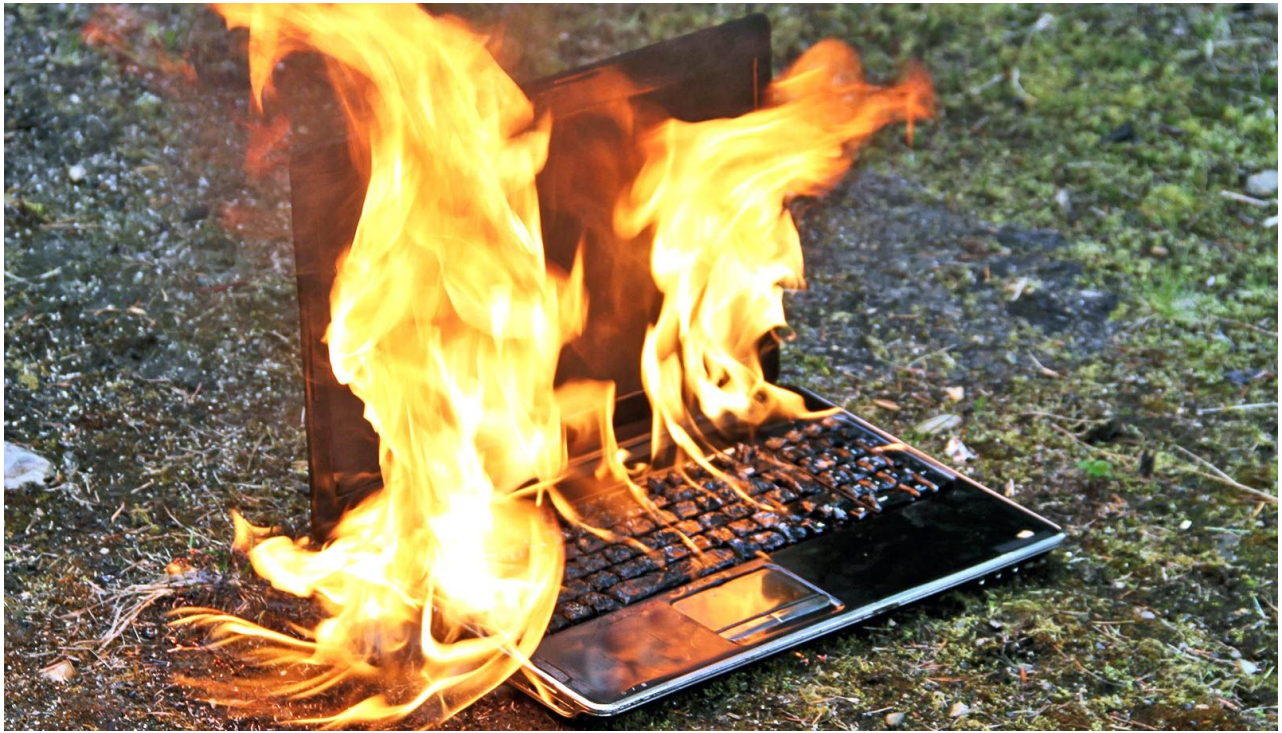
https://github.com/immune-gmbh/tpm-vuln-checker

What To Do?



https://blog.quarkslab.com/vulnerabilities-in-the-tpm-20-reference-implementation-code.html

```
[paulda@gibsonsr ~]$ fwupdmgr get-devices
Framework Laptop (12th Gen Intel Core)

├─12th Gen Intel Core™ i7-1280P:
     Device ID:          4bde70ba4e39b28f9eab1628f9dd6e6244c03027
     Current version:    0x00000429
     Vendor:             Intel
     GUIDs:              b9a2dd81-159e-5537-a7db-e7101d164d3f ← cpu
                         30249f37-d140-5d3e-9319-186b1bd5cac3 ← CPUID\PRO_0&FAM_06
                         ab855c04-4ff6-54af-8a8a-d8193daa0cd8 ← CPUID\PRO_0&FAM_06&MOD_9A
                         3ebbde86-d03e-549a-a8fd-02ebf9aa537a ← CPUID\PRO_0&FAM_06&MOD_9A&STP_3
     Device Flags:       • Internal device

├─Alder Lake-P Integrated Graphics Controller:
     Device ID:          5792b48846ce271fab11c4a545f7a3df0d36e00a
     Current version:    0c
     Vendor:             Intel Corporation (PCI:0x8086)
     GUIDs:              eaad9970-8e4d-56da-88ab-41a8c1e2811f ← PCI\VEN_8086&DEV_46A6
                         ed0b9458-c2f1-54c5-9063-dea8f75b4039 ← PCI\VEN_8086&DEV_46A6&REV_0C
                         db02cc7b-e2bb-5004-919f-1ba0ad80000b ← PCI\VEN_8086&DEV_46A6&SUBSYS_F1110002
                         5b4382cf-0f8e-59f0-a8af-458d33d9ee6d ← PCI\VEN_8086&DEV_46A6&SUBSYS_F1110002&REV_0C
                         c4625510-a985-517c-8800-0ecfc6f68c8f ← PCI\VEN_8086&DEV_46A6&REV_00
                         2dd4191d-63d6-522c-882c-40887f5ace4d ← PCI\VEN_8086&DEV_46A6&SUBSYS_F1110002&REV_00
     Device Flags:       • Internal device
                         • Cryptographic hash verification is available

├─Fingerprint Sensor:
     Device ID:          4295296d98b3ba38c72f6baa33d24f03a1d428f6
     Summary:            Match-On-Chip fingerprint sensor
     Current version:    01000252
     Vendor:             Goodix (USB:0x27C6)
     Install Duration:   10 seconds
     Serial Number:      UIDF1DBE326_XXXX_MOC_B0
     GUIDs:              1e8c8470-a49c-571a-82fd-19c9fa32b8c3 ← USB\VID_27C6&PID_609C
                         34def4c7-9461-5a32-a945-5dde0ca57d88 ← USB\VID_27C6&PID_609C&REV_0100
     Device Flags:       • Updatable
                         • Device can recover flash failures
                         • Signed Payload

├─Internal SPI Controller:
     Device ID:          b04e387fb80d2b91f37a4d0c7b21461c451775e1
     Summary:            Memory Technology Device
     Vendor:             DMI:Framework
     GUIDs:              5f93d7e7-e282-59b9-b663-0146e382f8f6 ← MTD\NAME_0000:00:1f.5
                         7eea5b8c-cc2e-5d22-bd2b-07417a8a7423 ← MTD\VENDOR_Framework&NAME_0000:00:1f.5
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Which hardware do I have?

```
$ inxi

CPU: 24-core AMD Ryzen Threadripper 3960X (-MT MCP-)

speed/min/max: 2315/2200/4568 MHz Kernel:
5.15.108-1-MANJARO x86_64

Up: 3d 1h 39m Mem: 17725.7/257597.1 MiB (6.9%) Storage:
3.18 TiB (15.7% used)

Procs: 816 Shell: Bash inxi: 3.3.26
```

My HW may be around for a while.

https://github.com/smxi/inxi


```
[sudo] password for paulda:
System:
  Host: gibsonsr Kernel: 5.19.17-2-MANJARO arch: x86_64 bits: 64 compiler: gcc
    v: 12.2.0 Desktop: GNOME v: 43.4 Distro: Manjaro Linux base: Arch Linux
Machine:
  Type: Laptop System: Framework product: Laptop (12th Gen Intel Core) v: A8
    serial: FRANDACPA82341000X
  Mobo: Framework model: FRANMACP08 v: A8 serial: FRANMACPA82312006D
    UEFI: INSYDE v: 03.04 date: 07/15/2022
Battery:
  ID-1: BAT1 charge: 20.1 Wh (40.1%) condition: 50.1/55.0 Wh (91.0%)
    volts: 16.5 min: 15.4 model: NVT Framewo status: charging
CPU:
  Info: 14-core (6-mt/8-st) model: 12th Gen Intel Core i7-1280P bits: 64
    type: MST AMCP arch: Alder Lake rev: 3 cache: L1: 1.2 MiB L2: 11.5 MiB
    L3: 24 MiB
  Speed (MHz): avg: 2116 high: 3675 min/max: 400/4800:3600 cores: 1: 2000
    2: 2000 3: 2000 4: 2000 5: 2000 6: 2000 7: 3675 8: 2000 9: 2000 10: 2000
    11: 2645 12: 2000 13: 2000 14: 2000 15: 2000 16: 2000 17: 2000 18: 2000
    19: 2000 20: 2000 bogomips: 79900
  Flags: avx avx2 ht lm nx pae sse sse2 sse3 sse4_1 sse4_2 ssse3 vmx
Graphics:
  Device-1: Intel Alder Lake-P Integrated Graphics driver: i915 v: kernel
    arch: Gen-12.2 bus-ID: 00:02.0
  Device-2: Logitech C920 HD Pro Webcam type: USB
    driver: snd-usb-audio,uvcvideo bus-ID: 3-2.2:6
  Device-3: Realtek Laptop Camera type: USB driver: uvcvideo bus-ID: 3-7:5
  Display: server: X.org v: 1.21.1.8 with: Xwayland v: 23.1.1 driver:
    gpu: i915 note: X driver n/a resolution: 3440x1440~60Hz
  API: OpenGL v: 4.6 Mesa 23.0.2 renderer: Mesa Intel Graphics (ADL GT2)
    direct-render: Yes
Audio:
  Device-1: Intel Alder Lake PCH-P High Definition Audio driver: snd_hda_intel
    v: kernel bus-ID: 3-2.2:6
  Device-2: Logitech C920 HD Pro Webcam type: USB
    driver: snd-usb-audio,uvcvideo
  API: ALSA v: k5.19.17-2-MANJARO status: kernel-api
  Server-1: sndiod v: N/A status: off
  Server-2: JACK v: 1.9.22 status: off
  Server-3: PipeWire v: 0.3.70 status: n/a (root, process)
  Server-4: PulseAudio v: 16.1 status: active (root, process)
Network:
  Device-1: Intel Wi-Fi 6 AX210/AX211/AX411 160MHz driver: iwlwifi v: kernel
    bus-ID: a6:00.0
  IF: wlp166s0 state: up mac: 88:d8:2e:41:72:e7
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MSI Breach and the Supply Chain

- Ransomware operator known as Money Message has ~~***likely***~~ stolen 1.5TB of data including MSI source code, BIOS development framework, and private keys needed to sign modules.

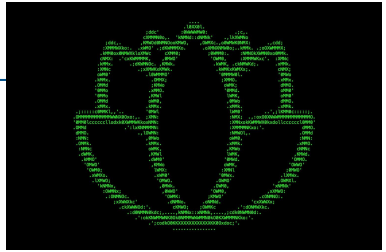
- Attackers will be able to **develop malicious UEFI firmware, insert backdoors into source code, or compromise infrastructure** used by many people around the world.

- The extreme risk already present on MSI systems due to a **lack of signatures on updates**. Without these signatures, enterprises and consumers have no way to verify known-good firmware binaries before installing them, creating a scenario ripe for abuse by any supply chain attacker.

https://eclypsium.com/blog/analyzing-your-risk-from-the-msi-breach/

https://eclypsium.com/blog/msi-incident-part-2-binary-analysis/

Black Lotus



- News in late 2022 of a new UEFI bootkit being sold for $5,000 on hacking forums called BlackLotus.
- The rootkit bypasses UEFI Secure Boot by exploiting a vulnerability in the Windows bootloader (CVE-2022-21894, AKA “Baton Drop”).
- An attacker with administrator privileges (and the ability to bypass UAC) can install an older, still-vulnerable boot manager version.
- With the vulnerable code in place, the attacker can install a signing key using the same MOK/Shim toolset used to enable UEFI Secure Boot on Linux. This allows boot-time persistence for a payload that alters the Windows kernel behavior, disabling multiple security protections

https://eclypsium.com/blog/blacklotus-a-threat-coming-to-a-system-near-you/

FWUPD and LVFS

- LVFS - Vendors submit firmware updates
- Fwupd - Linux software package to check and update firmware
- It's free and open-source software
- I interviewed the maintainer of this project, Richard Hughes here: https://eclypsium.com/podcasts/bts-8-richard-hughes/

```
N:~$ fwupdmgr security --force
Host Security ID: HSI:0! (v1.7.9)

HSI-1
✔ CSME override:                Locked
✔ CSME v0:12.0.70.1652:         Valid
✔ Intel DCI debugger:           Disabled
✔ SPI write:                    Disabled
✔ UEFI platform key:            Valid
✘ CSME manufacturing mode:      Unlocked
✘ SPI BIOS region:              Unlocked
✘ SPI lock:                     Disabled
✘ TPM v2.0:                     Not found

HSI-2
✔ Intel BootGuard:              Enabled
✔ Intel DCI debugger:           Locked
✘ IOMMU:                        Not found
✘ Intel BootGuard ACM protected: Invalid
✘ Intel BootGuard OTP fuse:     Invalid
✘ Intel BootGuard verified boot: Invalid

HSI-3
✘ Intel BootGuard error policy: Invalid
✘ Intel CET Enabled:            Not supported
✘ Pre-boot DMA protection:      Invalid
✘ Suspend-to-idle:              Disabled
✘ Suspend-to-ram:               Enabled

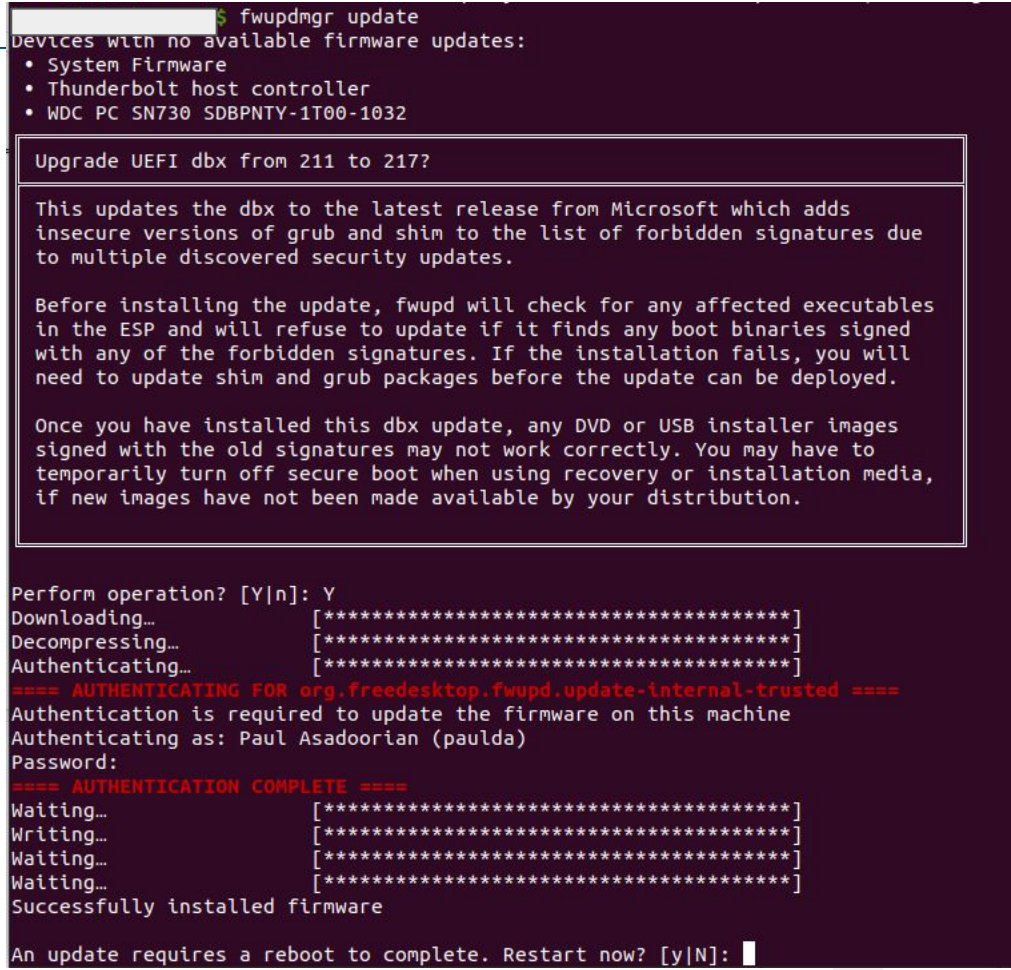
HSI-4
✔ Intel SMAP:                   Enabled
✘ Encrypted RAM:                Not supported

Runtime Suffix -!
✔ fwupd plugins:                Untainted
✘ Linux kernel:                 Tainted
✘ Linux kernel lockdown:        Disabled
✘ Linux swap:                   Unencrypted
✘ UEFI secure boot:             Disabled

This system has a low HSI security level.
 » https://github.com/fwupd/fwupd/wiki/Low-host-security-level
```

Secure Boot

- You should enable it
- You should also keep the DBX up-to-date
- Fwupd can detect dangerous situations (e.g. a DBX update that includes a hash for the existing bootloader)
- https://twitter.com/esetresearch/status/1641008260487471106 - Vulnerable UEFI binaries Revoked in August 2022 DBX update were revoked incorrectly



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3CX

- This was a nested supply chain attack - Trading Technologies X_TRADER -> 3CX build systems where 3CX was backdoored
- Attackers exploited old bugs (https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/microsoft/10-year-old-windows-bug-with-opt-in-fix-exploited-in-3cx-attack/) allowing them to bypass code signing.
- The vendor handled the situation very poorly
- We still do not know the extent of the damages

A Linux Example

- The Arch team is working to make this better
- Package maintainers in AUR can select which files are validated and which ones are not
- Pay attention when you are updating systems!

```
==> Validating source files with sha256sums...
    PHP_Linux-x86_64.tar.gz ... Skipped
    start.sh ... Skipped
==> Making package: vulnerable-package 4.0.0-2
==> Checking runtime dependencies...
==> Checking buildtime dependencies...
==> Retrieving sources...
  -> Found PHP_Linux-x86_64.tar.gz
  -> Found start.sh
```

https://blog.nietaanraken.nl/posts/aur-packages-expired-domains/

Verify Then Trust

```
$ pamac update -a
Preparing...
Synchronizing package databases...
Refreshing AUR...
Cloning brave-bin build files...
Generating brave-bin information...
Checking brave-bin dependencies...
Cloning google-chrome build files...
Generating google-chrome information...
Checking google-chrome dependencies...
Cloning microsoft-edge-dev-bin build files...
Generating microsoft-edge-dev-bin information...
Checking microsoft-edge-dev-bin dependencies...
Checking pulse-sms dependencies...
Cloning spotify build files...
Generating spotify information...
Checking spotify dependencies...
The PGP key E27409F51D1B66337F2D2F417A3A762FAFD4A51F is needed to verify spotify source files.
Trust Spotify Public Repository Signing Key <tux@spotify.com> and import the PGP key ? [y/N]
```

You are part of the chain of trust!

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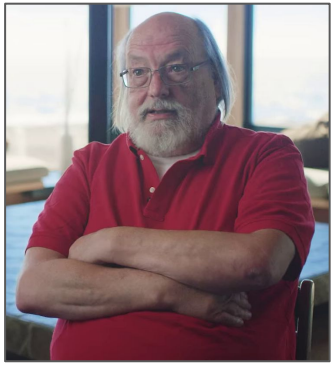
“You can't trust code that you did not totally create yourself.”

“No amount of source-level verification or scrutiny will protect you from using untrusted code.”



“Reflections on Trusting Trust” - Ken Thompson, August 1984, Volume 27 Number 8, Communications of the ACM

https://www.cs.cmu.edu/~rdriley/487/papers/Thompson_1984_ReflectionsonTrustingTrust.pdf

```
FROM scratch

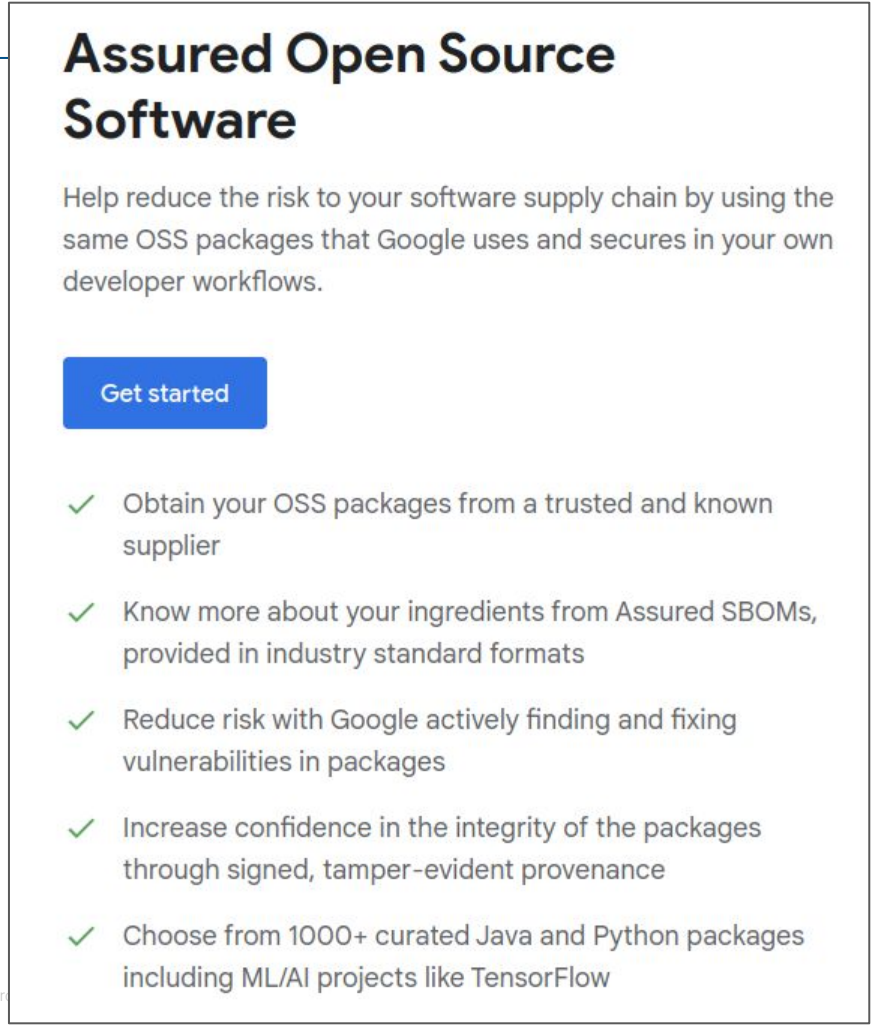
# Currently the rootfs from Debian Buster Slim
ADD rootfs.tar.xz /

# Install Debian base packages for the vuln scan class containers
# They should all have SSH and osquery
RUN apt-get update && \
    apt-get upgrade -y --no-install-recommends && \
    export DEBIAN_FRONTEND=noninteractive && \
    apt-get install -y ca-certificates openssl openssh-server && \
    apt-get clean && \
    rm -rf /var/lib/apt/lists/* &&\
    mkdir /var/run/sshd && \
    sed -i 's/#PermitRootLogin prohibit-password/PermitRootLogin yes/' /etc/ssh/sshd_config && \
    sed -i 's/#PasswordAuthentication yes/PasswordAuthentication yes/' /etc/ssh/sshd_config && \
    sed -ri 's/UsePAM yes/#UsePAM yes/g' /etc/ssh/sshd_config && \
    echo 'root:toor' | chpasswd
```

Use The Google?

- Only Java and Python (For now)
- SBOMs - SPDX and VEX
- Verifiable SLSA (Supply Chain Levels for Software Artifacts) compliance

https://cloud.google.com/assured-open-source-software



Conclusions

In the areas of hardware, firmware, 3rd party software and application software - Develop a strategy and plans for validating the supply chain

Monitor for changes - Look for changes in BMC firmware, UEFI, bootloaders and kernel drivers - If they happen independent of a known update, something is wrong.

Compare SBOMs - Continuously verify and validate firmware and software. Has it changed? Does it match what is intended to be installed?

Huge Thanks!

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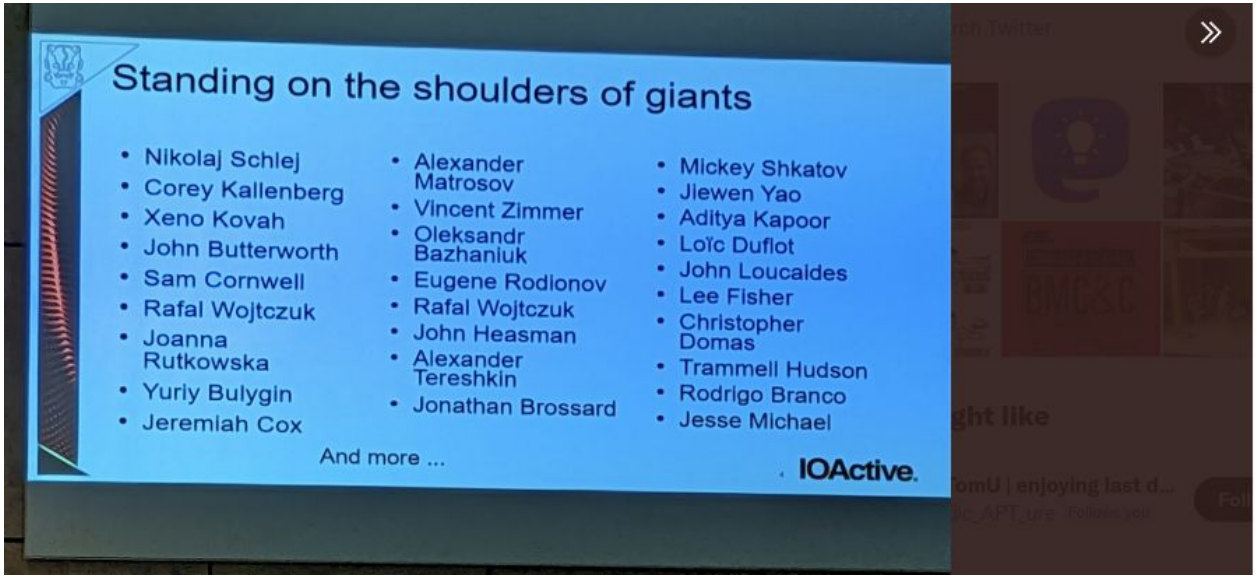

Resources

Firmware Enumeration with Open Source Tools (Video/Webinar)

BHIS | Firmware Enumeration Using Open Source Tools | Paul Asadoorian | 1-Hour (Video/Webinar)

Firmware Security Realizations – Part 1 – Secure Boot And Dbx (Blog post)

Firmware Security Realizations – Part 2 – Start Your Management Engine (Blog Post)

Firmware Security Realizations – Part 3 – Spi Write Protections (Blog Post)

UEFI & SMM Vulnerabilities - Jesse Michael - PSW #764 (Video/Podcast)

Not-So-Secure Boot - Jesse Michael, Mickey Shkatov - PSW #751 (Video/Podcast)