Software Assurance: Enabling Enterprise Resilience through Security Automation and Software Supply Chain Risk Management

Abstract:

The DHS Software Assurance (SwA) program works collaboratively with federal government and private sector partners to provide resources, tools and information to reduce the exploit potential of software. The SwA program sponsors security automation efforts that enable cost-effective, scalable processes and resources that advance the detection, prevention and mitigation of cyber threats at "machine speed." This better enables stakeholders to leverage information about exploitable weaknesses, vulnerabilities, malware and threat information to empower diverse types of organizations to easily influence corrective actions, and to choose what information share and which partners to share it with. The ultimate goal is to allow any organization's identification and analysis of suspicious code behavior and activity to inform preventive measures for the broader community as rapidly as possible. This presentation explores considerations for layered assurance in the context of resilience for enterprises through security automation and software supply chain risk management.

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