# The software supply chain of crypto and decentralization

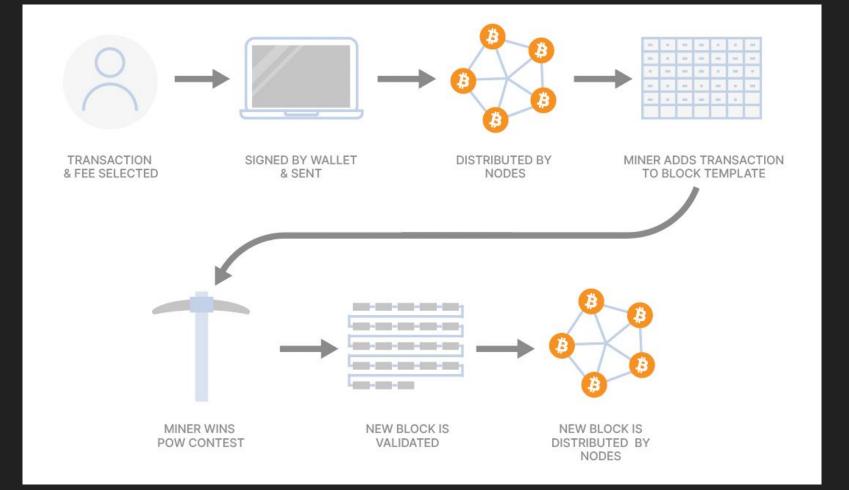
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## TL;DR: "The crypto ecosystem is as good as its software supply chain"

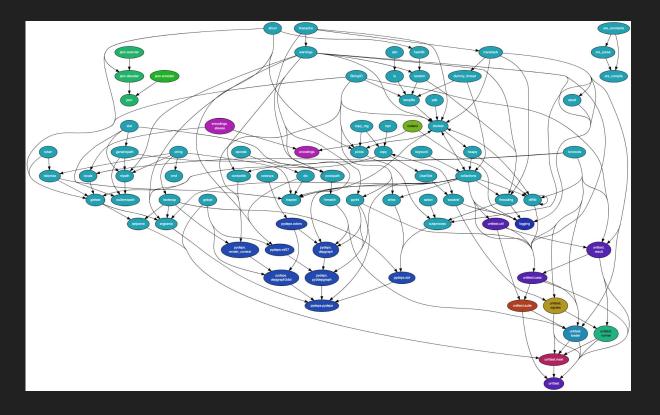
#### Software supply chain

"The set of all dependencies and tools used to build, deploy and run a software system"

#### Starting with

- The dependencies (Maven, NPM, etc)
- The core (compiler, linker, minifier)
- The pipelines (CI/CD)

#### Dependencies



Bugs? Breaking changes? Malicious code injection?

### Example attack on dependency (event-stream, target copay wallet)



#### Other examples

- DyDx
  - https://www.mend.io/resources/blog/popular-cryptocurrency-exchange-dydx-has-had-its-npm-account-hacked/
- Sushiswap
   <u>https://blog.sonatype.com/3-million-cryptocurrency-heist-malicious-github-commit?hsLangen-us</u>
- Cryptomining in docker
   <a href="https://www.darkreading.com/attacks-breaches/container-supply-chain-attacks-cashing-in-on-cryptojacking">https://www.darkreading.com/attacks-breaches/container-supply-chain-attacks-cashing-in-on-cryptojacking</a>
- And counting... <a href="https://chains.proj.kth.se/software-supply-chain-attacks-crypto.html">https://chains.proj.kth.se/software-supply-chain-attacks-crypto.html</a>

#### Countermeasures (KUTE)

- Know your dependencies (Software bill of materials)
  - https://github.com/CycloneDX
- Update your dependencies (Regularly and Automatically)
  - o Dependabot, Renovate, DepFu
- Track changes when updating (changelog/authors/keys)
  - https://github.com/lightbend-labs/jardiff
- Ensure at runtime (Software integrity)
  - https://chains-project.github.io

#### All of this is platform/language dependent

#### Know your dependencies (Ethereum Java Nodes)



### Challenges of Producing Software Bill Of Materials for Java

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Abstract—Software bills of materials (SBOM) promise to become the backbone of software supply chain hardening. We deep-dive into 6 tools and the accuracy of the SBOMs they produce for complex open-source Java projects. Our novel insights reveal some hard challenges for the accurate production and usage of SBOMs.

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Ethereum is the single largest programmable blockchain platform today. Ethereum nodes operate the blockchain, relying on a vast supply chain of third-party software dependencies.

#### Know your dependencies (Ethereum Java Nodes)

- Besu (Eth1)

- Teku (Eth2)

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Besu (Eth1)	Teku (Eth2)
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3,125	3,142
115	65
41	57
355	293
165	146
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171	150
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<sup>\$</sup> build-info-go

<sup>\$</sup> gradle dependencies --scan

#### Mitigate Build Attacks (reproducible)

"The ability to fully control the produced binaries in a deterministic way"



- Gitian (invented by bitcoin, 2010): <a href="https://gitian.org/">https://gitian.org/</a>
- Guix <a href="https://guix.gnu.org/">https://guix.gnu.org/</a> (bitcoin today)
- NIX <u>https://nixos.org/</u>
- Build attestations <a href="https://github.com/bitcoin-core/guix.sigs">https://github.com/bitcoin-core/guix.sigs</a>
- Geth builds are not reproducible

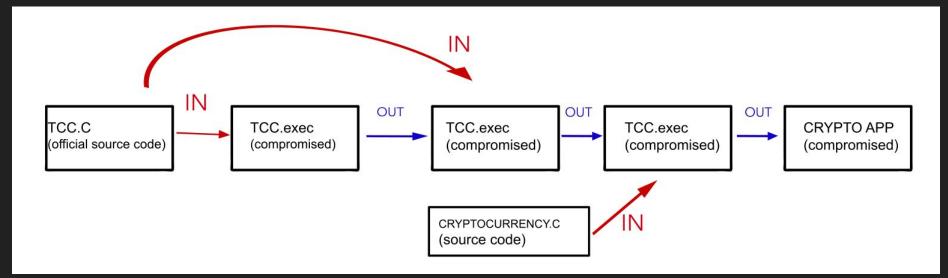
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https://github.com/chains-project/bt c-supply-chain

#### Mitigate Trusting Trust Attacks

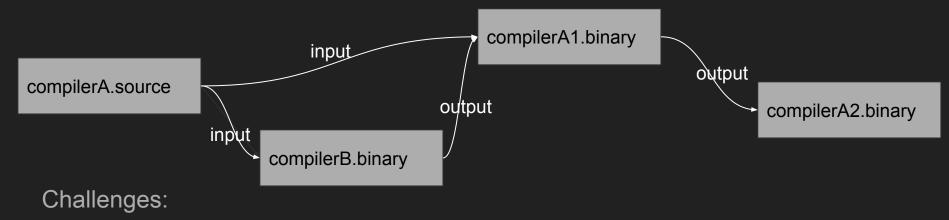
"To what extent should one trust a statement that a program is free of Trojan horses."



Niklas Rosencrantz's Master's thesis, KTH, 2022

#### Diverse Double Compilation

"The usage of two different compilers for the same language to counter trusting trust attacks"



- Have two different compatible compilers
- Integrate them in mainstream continuous delivery of compilers

#### Software supply chain of decentralization

- "Governance code ("Code is law")
  - o Example:
    - Voting code
    - Tax code
    - Grant allowance code
- Core properties
  - Transparency = Democracy
  - Immutability = Political Stability
- State-of-the-art: "Decentralized Autonomous Organization" (DAO)

#### Smart contracts for governance

https://github.com/MolochVentures/moloch/blob/master/contracts/Moloch.sol

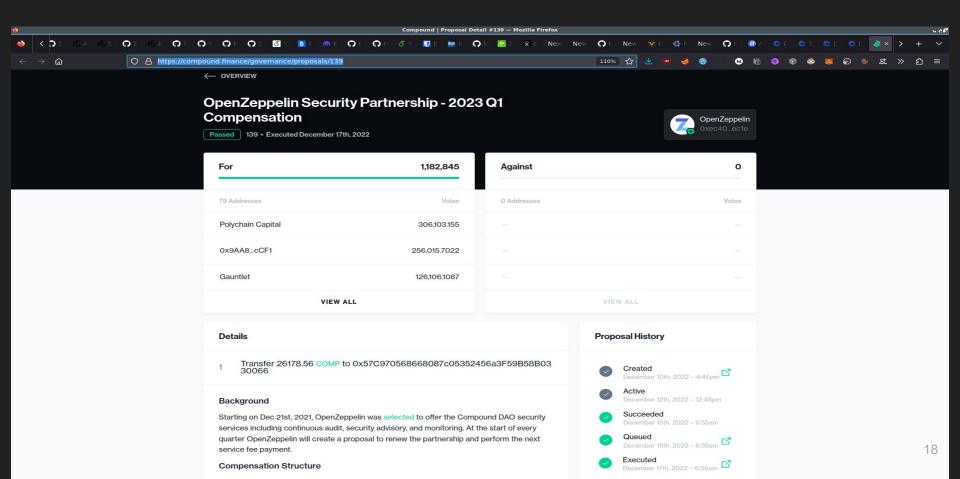
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                ○ A https://github.com/MolochVentures/moloch/blob/master/contracts/Moloch.sol
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        pragma solidity 0.5.3;
        import "./SafeMath.sol";
        import "./IERC20.sol";
        import "./ReentrancyGuard.sol";
        contract Moloch is ReentrancyGuard {
            using SafeMath for uint256;
            GLOBAL CONSTANTS
            uint256 public periodDuration; // default = 17280 = 4.8 hours in seconds (5 periods per day)
            uint256 public votingPeriodLength; // default = 35 periods (7 days)
            uint256 public gracePeriodLength; // default = 35 periods (7 days)
            uint256 public proposalDeposit; // default = 10 ETH (~$1,000 worth of ETH at contract deployment)
            uint256 public dilutionBound; // default = 3 - maximum multiplier a YES voter will be obligated to pay in case of mass ragequit
            uint256 public processingReward; // default = 0.1 - amount of ETH to give to whoever processes a proposal
            uint256 public summoningTime; // needed to determine the current period
            address public depositToken; // deposit token contract reference; default = wETH
            // HARD-CODED LIMITS
            // These numbers are quite arbitrary; they are small enough to avoid overflows when doing calculations
            // with periods or shares, yet big enough to not limit reasonable use cases.
            uint256 constant MAX_VOTING_PERIOD_LENGTH = 10**18; // maximum length of voting period
            uint256 constant MAX_GRACE_PERIOD_LENGTH = 10**18; // maximum length of grace period
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#### The DAO update regression

- Problem: how to secure a governance update? (= a code update)
- Prerequisite: Votes on patches
- Solution: Automated deployment with high integrity



#### https://compound.finance/governance/proposals/139



## "Governance in programmable societies vitally requires software integrity"



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