

Remediation and Disclosure

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The CycloneDX Approach

- Easy to adopt – easy to contribute
- Identify risk to as many adopters as possible, as quickly as possible
- Avoid any/all blockers that prevent the identification of risk
- Continuous improvement – Innovate quickly, improve over time
- Encourage innovation and competition through extensions
- Produce immutable and backward compatible releases
- **Facts first – Dynamic facts and observations enabled through extensions**
- Automation and optimization of BOM creation
- Full-stack BOM specification

CycloneDX Core

- The main (default) schema
- Supports static factual information

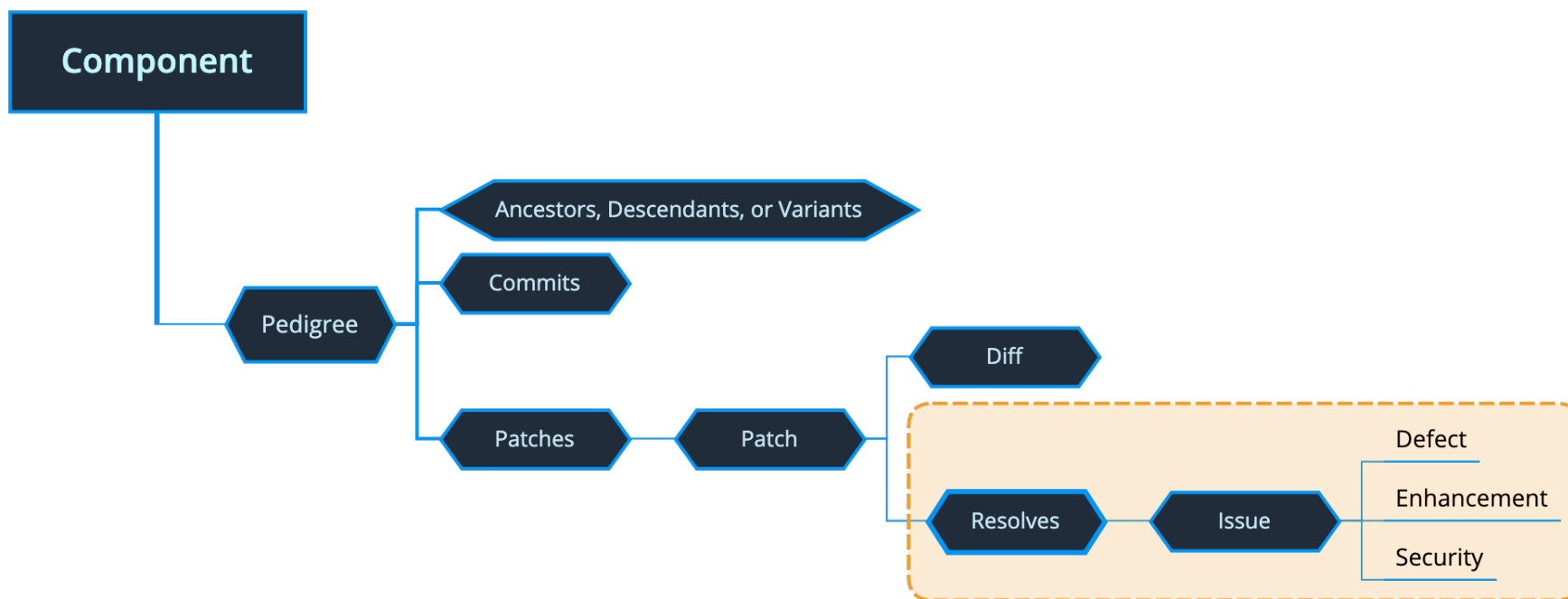
CycloneDX Extensions

- Provides optional capabilities on top of the core
- Supports opinions, observations, and dynamic factual information

Remediation and Disclosure

- CycloneDX natively supports remediation
 - Static facts – does not change
- CycloneDX supports disclosing component vulnerabilities
 - Dynamic facts - available through an extension

Component Remediation



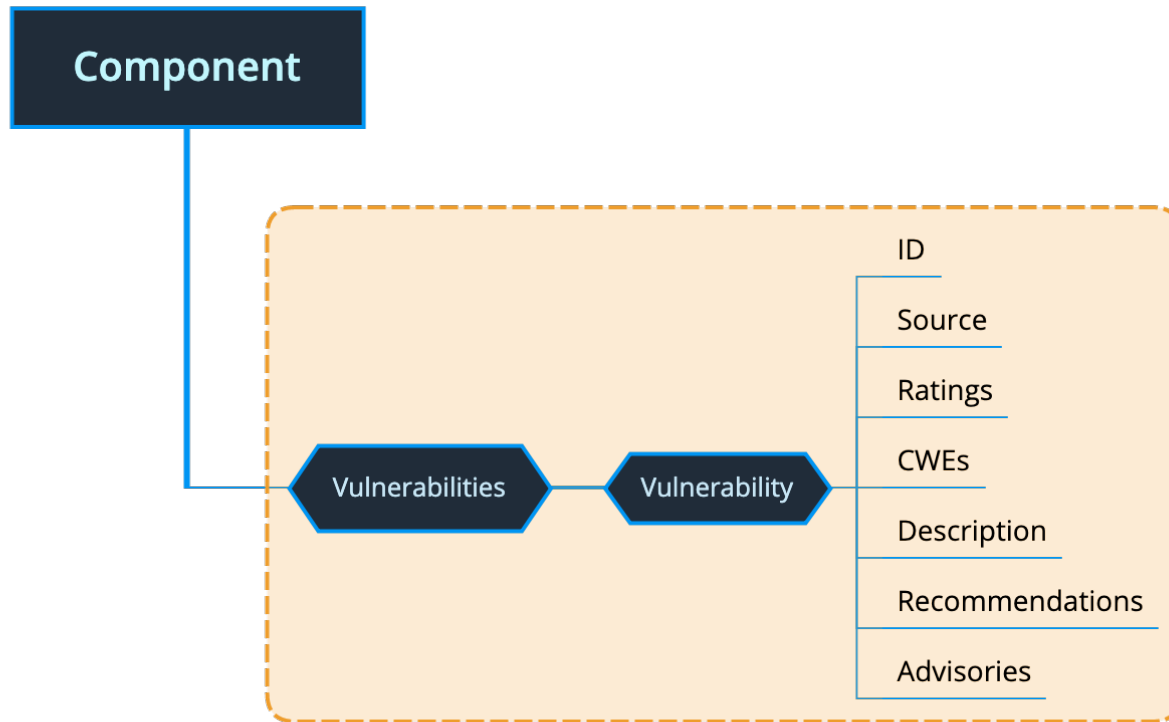
Component Remediation

```
1 <patch type="backport">
2   <diff>
3     <text content-type="text/plain" encoding="base64">ZXhhbXBsZSBkaWZmIGhlcmU=</text>
4     <url>uri/to/changes.diff</url>
5   </diff>
6   <resolves>
7     <issue type="security">
8       <id>CVE-2019-9997</id>
9       <name>CVE-2019-9997</name>
10      <description>Issue description here</description>
11      <source>
12        <name>NVD</name>
13        <url>https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln/detail/CVE-2019-9997</url>
14      </source>
15      <references>
16        <url>http://some/other/site-1</url>
17        <url>http://some/other/site-2</url>
18      </references>
19    </issue>
20  </resolves>
21 </patch>
```

Remediation Notes

- CycloneDX does not attempt to communicate remediation effectiveness
 - Out of scope for core (expert opinion)
- CycloneDX does not describe build, runtime, or environmental remediation
 - Out of scope for spec
 - Possible to describe in configuration management tools

Vulnerability Disclosure



Vulnerability Disclosure

```
1 <v:vulnerability ref="pkg:maven/com.fasterxml.jackson.core/jackson-databind@2.9.9">
2   <v:id>CVE-2018-7489</v:id>
3   <v:source name="NVD">
4     <v:url>https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln/detail/CVE-2018-7489</v:url>
5   </v:source>
6   <v:ratings>
7     <v:rating>
8       <v:score>
9         <v:base>9.8</v:base>
10        <v:impact>5.9</v:impact>
11        <v:exploitability>3.0</v:exploitability>
12      </v:score>
13      <v:severity>Critical</v:severity>
14      <v:method>CVSSv3</v:method>
15      <v:vector>AV:N/AC:L/PR:N/UI:N/S:U/C:H/I:H/A:H</v:vector>
16    </v:rating>
17  </v:ratings>
18  <v:cwes>
19    <v:cwe>184</v:cwe>
20    <v:cwe>502</v:cwe>
21  </v:cwes>
22  <v:description>Description Here</v:description>
23  <v:recommendations>
24    <v:recommendation>Upgrade</v:recommendation>
25  </v:recommendations>
26  <v:advisories>
27    <v:advisory>https://github.com/FasterXML/jackson-databind/issues/1931</v:advisory>
28  </v:advisories>
29 </v:vulnerability>
```

Disclosure Notes

- Vulnerability extension communicates instances of vulnerabilities
 - Vulnerability can only apply to a single component
 - Possible to risk rate each instance independently
 - May increase BOM size – unable to reuse vulnerabilities
- Miscellaneous design improvements
 - Working with Snyk
 - <https://github.com/CycloneDX/specification/issues/38>