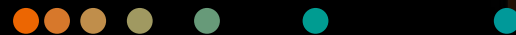


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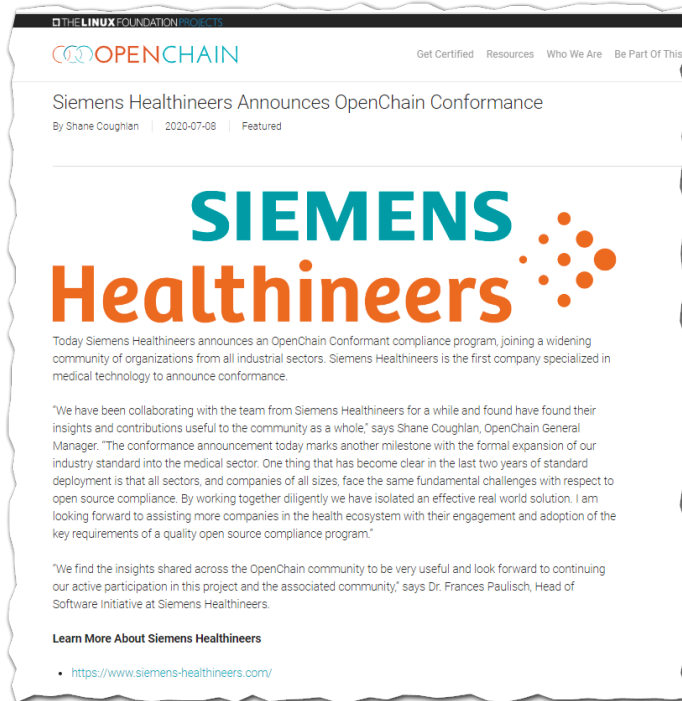
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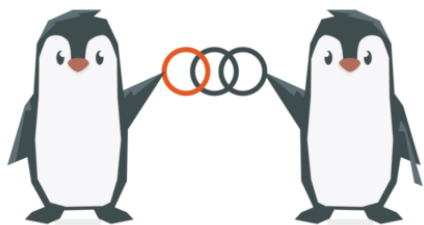
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# OpenChain - ISO/IEC 5230 Conformant Program



<https://www.openchainproject.org/community-of-conformance>



COMMUNITY OF CONFORMANCE

# Open Source tools for License Compliance

Source Code Scanning Application:



Component Catalog Application:



See also interesting related link [SCA the FOSS Way – Part 1: Software Composition Analysis - nexB](#)

**The letter “F” in “Compliance” is  
for “Fun”**

## What is SW360?

SW360 is an open-source software project licensed under the EPL-2.0 that provides both a web application and a repository to collect, organize and make available information about software components. It establishes a central hub for software components in an organization.

SW360 allows for:

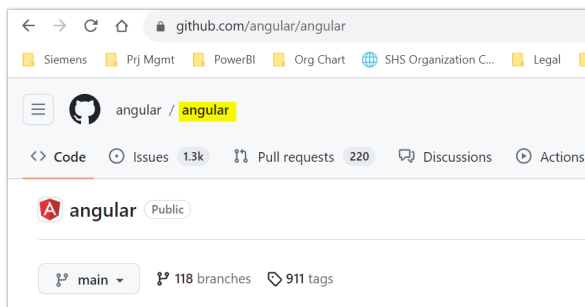
- Import & Export of SBOM-related information
- tracking components used by a project/product
- integrating security vulnerability tools
- maintaining license obligations
- enforcing policies and
- generating legal documents.



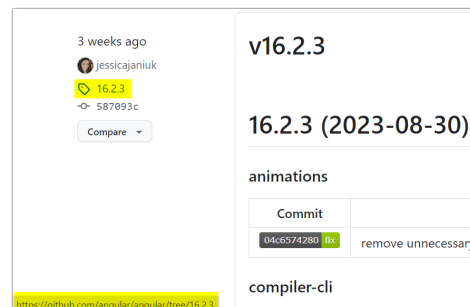
# SW360 – Recent improvements

- Features support for SBOM (Software Bill of Materials) Management
  - Capabilities include import, export, and view functions for SPDX and Cyclone DX
- Supports installation via Docker-Compose
- (ongoing) Transitioning to a new GUI (Graphical User Interface) framework
- Package Portlet – a new option for modelling packages as “first class citizens” (in addition to components and releases). This establishes the connection between binary package and the corresponding source repository and enables more efficient clearing by clearing the source code one time.

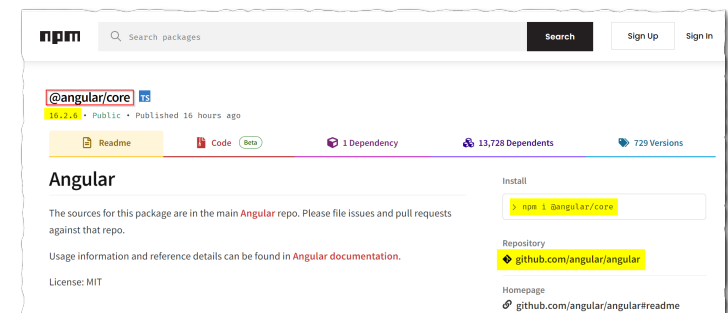
Component



Release



Package



# Package details page (example)

Packages > @microsoft/applicationinsights-common

Summary [Edit Package](#)

Change Log

@MICROSOFT/APPLICATIONIN

### Summary

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Description:	Microsoft Application Insights Common JavaScript Library
Package Manager Type:	Npm
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Created by:	<a href="#">Arun Azhakesan</a>

# What is a Software Bill of Material (SBOM) – Overview

## Key Points

- Similar to “bill of material” in other areas
- An overview of all the software packages and components used in the product, with provenance information and (optionally) licensing
- Able to accompany distribution or deployment
- Various requirements to provide e.g. various government and regulatory authorities
- SBOM standards now more complex with rapid expansion of types and purposes

## Formats for SBOMs

- SPDX
- CycloneDX
- SWID

## Minimum elements of an SBOM

- Per component
  - Supplier Name
  - Component Name
  - Version of the Component
  - Other Unique Identifiers
  - Dependency Relationship
  - Author of SBOM Data
  - Timestamp
- Information about component completeness
- Information about frequency

## Further characteristics

- Machine readable
- Association between components (e.g. “includes”)
- Handling of missing or non-applicable data
- Plus further information about the processes, tools, etc.





# “The 'SB' in SBOM does not stand for Silver Bullet”

– Allan Friedman, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA, USA)

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# Example of SW360's registration Items for software components

- Component Name
- Categories
- Component Type
- Languages
- Software Platforms
- Operating System
- Vendors
- Main Licenses
- Programming Languages
- Operating Systems
- CPE ID
- Software Platforms
- Release Date
- Download URL

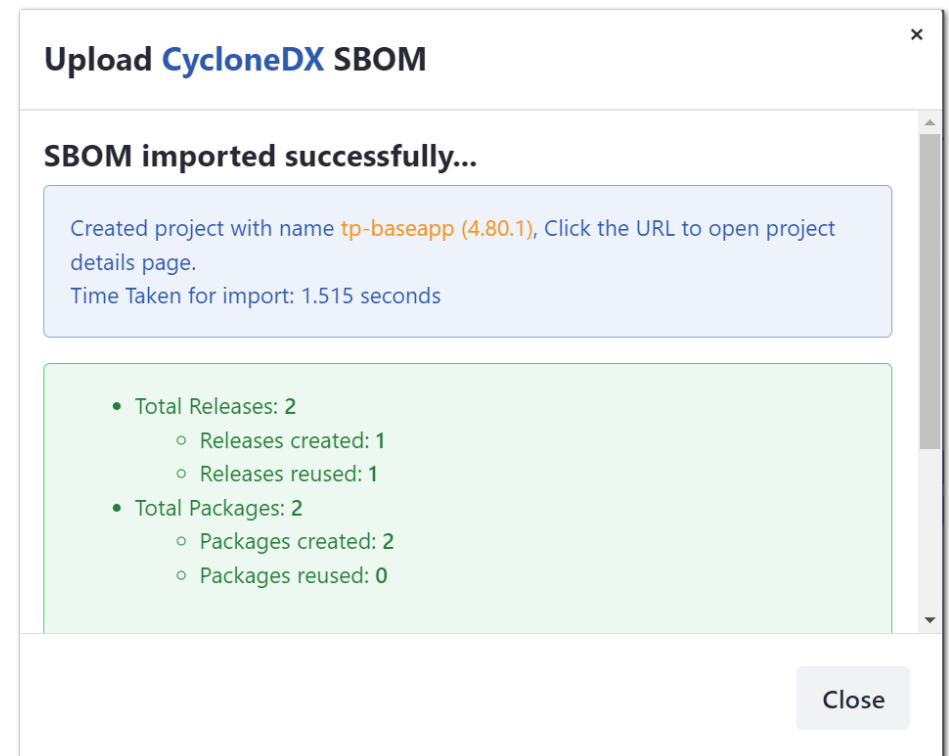
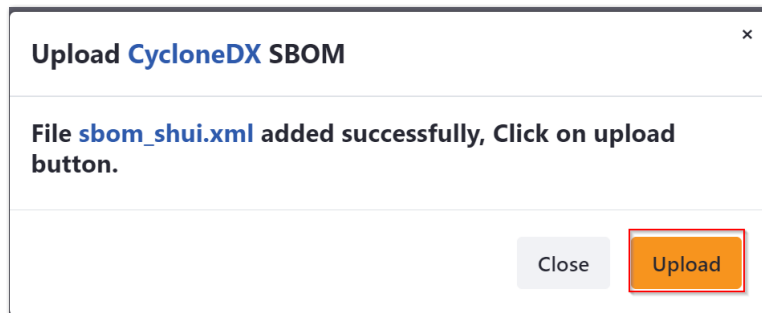
The screenshot shows a 'Create Release' form with the following fields:

- Release Summary** (Section Header)
- Vendor**: Click to set vendor
- Name \***: Android (with a tooltip: Name of the component.)
- Version \***: Enter Version
- Programming Languages**: e.g., Java,C++, C#,...
- Operating Systems**: e.g.,Linux,MAC,Windows,...
- CPE ID**: Enter CPE ID (with a tooltip: Learn more about the CPE ID format.)
- Software Platforms**: e.g.,Adobe AIR,.NET,Qt,...
- Release Date**: Enter Release Date
- Licenses**: Click to set Licenses
- Download URL**: Enter URL
- Clearing State**: New
- Release Mainline State**: Open (with a tooltip: Learn more about mainline states.)
- Created on**: 09/12/2019
- Created by**: Will be set automatically
- Contributors**: Click to edit
- Moderators**: Click to edit

You can centralize and register SBOM-related data both through GUI and API

# Importing a Cyclone DX SBOM

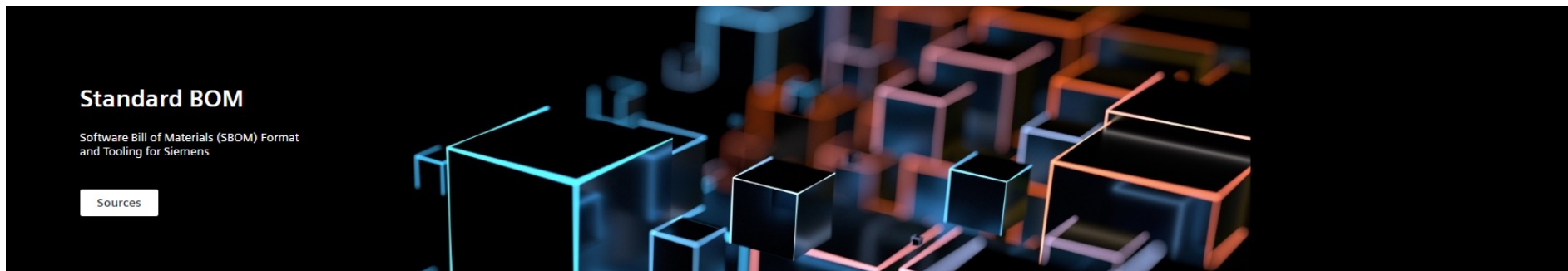
- Once the selected SBOM is added successfully, Click **Upload**.
- The status of successful SBOM import is displayed along with following details:
  - Time taken for import
  - Count of Releases and Packages created



# Standard SBOM Format at Siemens and Siemens Healthineers

The Siemens Standard SBOM is a standardized SBOM format with tooling for Siemens and Siemens Healthineers.

You can read information on the format here: <https://sbom.siemens.io>



## Standard BOM



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- Use Cases
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A standardized description of a Software Bill of Materials (SBOM), plus some tooling for generation and consumption of *standard-bom* SBOMs.

*Standard BOM* is:

- a subset of [CycloneDX](#)
- programming language agnostic
- independent of the source ecosystem (Java, .NET, Python, TypeScript, ...)
- independent of its consumers, although an SBOM can be tailored towards a specific use case

## Closing Thoughts

- The license clearing and cybersecurity communities are distinct, but they have increasingly common interests.
- Many tools e.g. Software Composition Analysis (SCA) tools, tend to focus on either vulnerabilities OR licensing
- Open Source tools and the Open Source community offer advantages and we expect this to lead to an improved common understanding across these two disciplines and across the global software community.