

SBOMs and Cryptographic Algorithms

Status and Next Steps



The Crypto Identification Problem

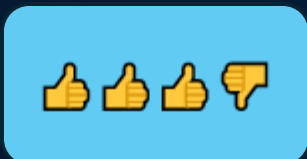
Imagine if crypto algorithms were declared using arbitrary formats – like restaurant reviews.



```
"AES-256 in use"
```



```
{"algorithm": "AES", "keySize": 256}
```



```
<crypto alg="AES256" />
```



```
# AES-256 encryption  
encrypted_message = AES.new(os.urandom(32), AES.MODE_EAX).encrypt("Some Encrypted Message")
```





Why Standardized Crypto Identification Matters

- **To our Key Stakeholders:**
 - Trade compliance teams need accurate ECCN classifications for Export Control
 - Security teams must adhere to NIST standards on CAVP (Crypto Algorithm Validation Program)
 - Companies are increasingly concerned about PQC (Post Quantum Cryptography)
 - Auditing requirements continue to grow

- **For the entire community and to SCANOSS:**
 - Standardization SAVES EFFORT and RESOURCES
 - Standardization boosts collaboration



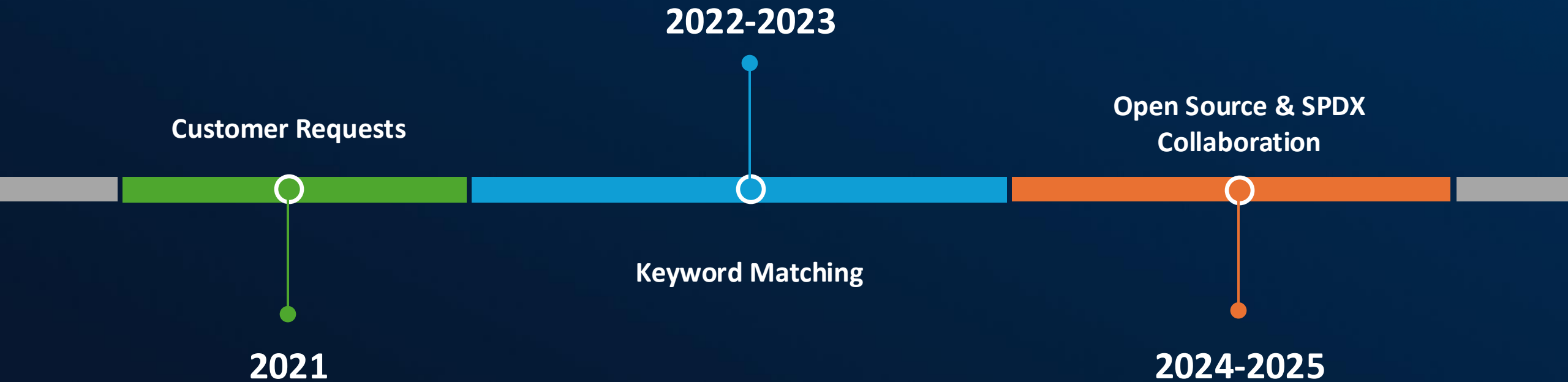
An Open Crypto Algorithm Dataset

- Crypto algorithm definition [list](#)
- Simple data structure and [attributes](#) (proto-taxonomy)
- [Machine-Readable](#) format, so extensible
- Reference [code](#) for algorithms' list detection
- Battle-tested in production





Our journey: ...towards Open Data





Driven by Customers Needs

- Customers frequently asked: 'Can you tell us which crypto algorithms are in this open-source project?'
- This wasn't just an internal need; it was a recurring request from real customers.
- We recognized the importance of addressing this critical need for our customers.





Keyword Matching: A Practical Start

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- Effective for large-scale scanning
- Allowed us to be precise on the detection

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2 algorithmName: Advanced Encryption Standard
3 securityStrength: "256"
4 keywords:
5   - GibberishAES
6   - aes.h
7   - tiny-AES-c
8   - AES_set_encrypt_key
9   - AES_set_decrypt_key
10  - AES_ige_encrypt
11  - AES_ofb128_encrypt
12  - AES_ecb_encrypt
13  - AES_cbc_encrypt
14  - AES_cfb8_encrypt
15  - AES_cfb128_encrypt
16  - AES_wrap_key
17  - AES_cfb1_encrypt
18  - AES_unwrap_key
19  - aes.js
20  - "require('aes-js')"
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22  - "require('crypto-js');"
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We realized:

- What about non open-source projects?
- New crypto libraries and frameworks
- The community was already involved

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Open to the World: Standardization and Community

- Released the dataset under [CC0 License](#)
- From de-facto standard → To SPDX collaboration

scanoss / crypto_algorithms_open_dataset (Public)

Code Issues 5 Pull requests 1 Actions Projects Security Insights

Files

main

Go to file

- .idea
- LICENSES
- definitions_crypto_algorithms
 - list_definitions_crypto_algorith...

3des.yaml

3way.yaml

ASN1.yaml

CMAC.yaml

X509.yaml

aes.yaml

aria.yaml

bcrypt.yaml

blakex.yaml

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toscalix remove salsa as name. We refer to chacha algorithm 9b252d1 · 3 weeks ago History

Name	Last commit message	Last commit date
..		
3des.yaml	added algorithm_name	3 months ago
3way.yaml	added algorithm_name	3 months ago
ASN1.yaml	Update ASN1.yaml (#20)	3 months ago
CMAC.yaml	added algorithm_name	3 months ago
X509.yaml	added algorithm_name	3 months ago
aes.yaml	Update aes.yaml (#21)	3 months ago
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DEMO



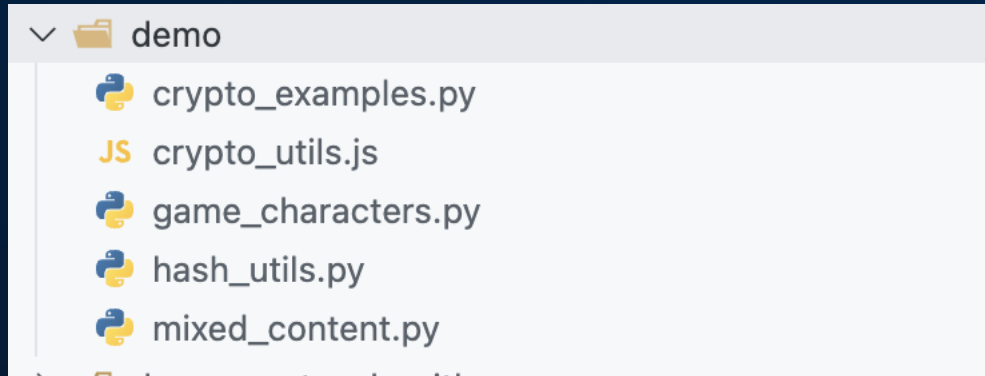
Seeing it in Action

[Demo repo branch](#)

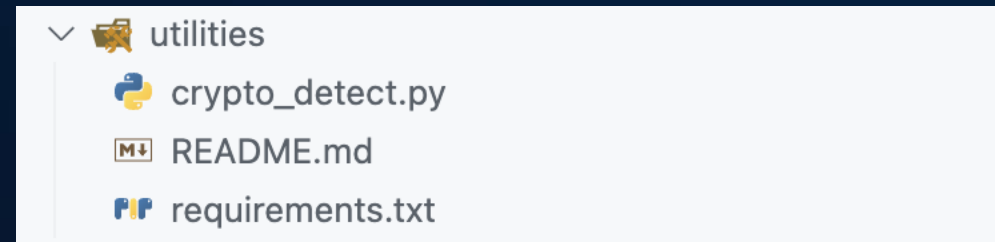




Seeing it in Action



Files containing crypto algorithms



Example script for detection



Seeing it in Action



```
python utilities/crypto_detect.py demo
```



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```
1  "files": [  
2    {  
3      "file": "demo/mixed_content.py",  
4      "crypto": [  
5        {  
6          "keyword": "SHA-2",  
7          "def_files": [  
8            {  
9              "def_file": "shax.yaml"  
10           }  
11         ]  
12       },  
13       {  
14         "keyword": "sha256(",  
15         "def_files": [  
16           {  
17             "def_file": "shax.yaml"  
18           }  
19         ]  
20       },  
21       {  
22         "keyword": "md5_",  
23         "def_files": [  
24           {  
25             "def_file": "md5.yaml"  
26           }  
27         ]  
28       }  
29     ]  
30   },
```



Beyond Keyword Matching: Addressing Context

- Keyword in a different context:

```
1 class Character:
2     def __init__(self, name, health, power):
3         self.name = name
4         self.health = health
5         self.power = power
6
7
8 # Character roster for our RPG game
9 characters = [
10     Character("Fortuna", 100, 15), # The goddess of luck
11     Character("Lady Fortuna", 120, 18),
12     Character("Fortune Teller", 80, 12),
13 ]
14
15
16 def get_character_fortuna():
17     """Returns the Fortuna character stats"""
18     return next(char for char in characters if char.name == "Fortuna")
```



```
1 {
2     "file": "demo/game_characters.py",
3     "crypto": [
4         {
5             "keyword": "fortuna",
6             "def_files": [
7                 {
8                     "def_file": "fortuna.yaml"
9                 }
10            ]
11        }
12    ]
13 }
```



Beyond Keyword Matching: Addressing Context

- Misleading comment:



```
1 # Example usage showing we're using SHA-256, not MD5
2 hasher = HashGenerator()
3 data = "Hello, World!"
4 hash_value = hasher.generate_hash(data)
5 print(f"SHA-256 Hash: {hash_value}")
6
7 # Note: MD5 is mentioned here in comments but we're not actually using it
8 # The following would be the old MD5 way:
9 # md5_hash = hashlib.md5(data.encode()).hexdigest()
```



```
1 {
2   "file": "demo/hash_utils.py",
3   "crypto": [
4     {
5       "keyword": "md5_",
6       "def_files": [
7         {
8           "def_file": "md5.yaml"
9         }
10      ]
11    }
12  ]
13 }
```



Looking Ahead

- Software Transparency Foundation
- New Implementations
- Community Growth





Call For Participation

- Improve the Dataset
- Create New Implementations
- Share Real-World Use Cases
- Explore AI/ML for Context





Speaking The Same Language

Standardized crypto identification enables better collaboration and a more secure software ecosystem





Thank You!

- SCANOSS SCA Open-Source Tools: <https://github.com/scanoss>
- Crypto Algorithms Open Dataset:
https://github.com/scanoss/crypto_algorithms_open_dataset
- Purl to CPE: <https://github.com/scanoss/purl2cpe>
- STF Web: <https://www.softwaretransparency.org>
- osskb.org Web: <https://osskb.org>

