

What Are You Willing to Digest?

Multi-Arch Container Image Security

Understanding the snowflake risk surfaces of multi-architecture setups and automating security across pipelines.





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What are Containers?



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But who handles all these containers?





The ease of multi architecture container images can't be matched



and neither can their security problems!

Containers make your life easier



But what are they doing to your host?



Packages, based on the platform can contain hidden issues when unscanned, exposing your to a variety of vulnerabilities

So let's walk through an example





Simple Image



```
evansyeboahjr.@Evanss-MacBook-Air presentation_files % cat Dockerfile
FROM debian:bullseye-slim

RUN apt-get update && \
    apt-get install -y libexpat1=2.2.10-2+deb11u5
```

Install simple
XML
reading
package



Build for amd64 & arm64 platforms

```
evansyeboahjr.@Evanss-MacBook-Air presentation_files % docker buildx build --platform linux/arm64
-t poc:arm64 --load .
```



```
evansyeboahjr.@Evanss-MacBook-Air presentation_files % docker buildx build --platform linux/amd64
-t poc:amd64 --load .
```





Using grype for vulnerability analysis

```
evansyeboahjr.@Evanss-MacBook-Air presentation_files % grype poc:arm64 > arm64.txt
```

```
evansyeboahjr.@Evanss-MacBook-Air presentation_files % grype poc:amd64 > amd64.txt
```

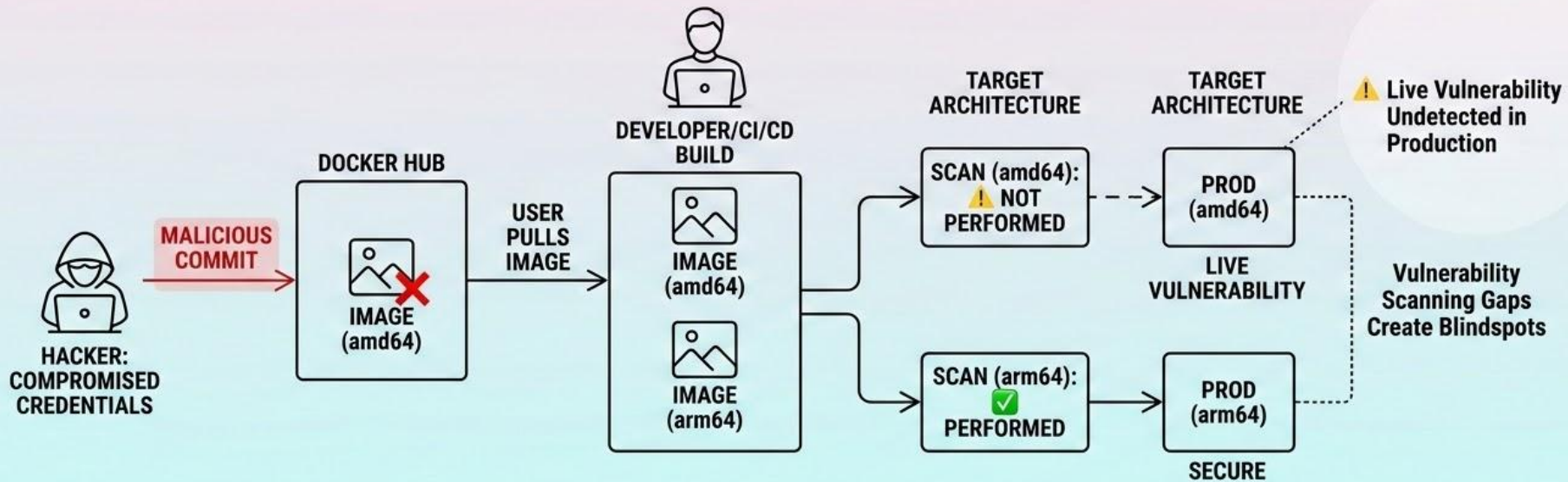


And a quick diff

```
evansyeboahjr.@Evanss-MacBook-Air presentation_files % diff arm64.txt amd64.txt
85c85
< coreutils      8.32-4          (won't fix)      deb      CVE-2016-2781
---
> coreutils      8.32-4+b1       (won't fix)      deb      CVE-2016-2781
135c135
< coreutils      8.32-4          deb            CVE-2025-5278
---
> coreutils      8.32-4+b1       deb            CVE-2025-5278
158c158
< coreutils      8.32-4          deb            CVE-2017-18018
---
> coreutils      8.32-4+b1       deb            CVE-2017-18018
```




So what's the big deal?



Multi Architecture Image Scan - GitHub Action

1. Tool Setup

Create `bin` dir, install  **`Syft`** (SBOM) & **`Grype`** (Scanner), update update `\$_GITHUB_PATH`

2. Input Parsing

e.g., image: `ghcr.io/user/app:v1`
platforms: `linux/amd64,linux/arm64`
severity: `high`

3. Discovery Phase

Find Arch Match?

Yes

No

Registry Check
Uses `docker buildx`
`imagetools inspect`

Local Daemon Fallback
Uses `docker image inspect`,
verifies local host arch

Skip Arch
Mark as Skipped
(Mismatch/Not Found)

Match Found

5. Reporting

Platform	Status	Explanation
linux/amd64	✘	Failed
linux/arm64	▶	Skipped

Summary
Append to
`\$_GITHUB_STEP_SUMMARY`

4. Vulnerability Scan

Analyze SBOM, compare packages vs CVEs, filter by Severity gate (e.g., `high`)

6. Kill Switch

Any Failures?

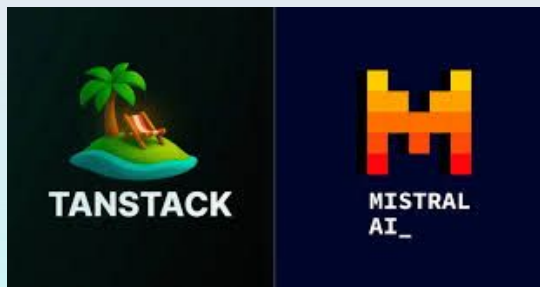
Exit 1
(Block Pipeline)

Exit 0
(Continue)





Ongoing Supply Chain Attack



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**Thank
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Multi Arch Scan Action



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