

# Principles of Supply Chain Security

How to gain and maintain control of your supply chain.

## Famous Supply Chain Attacks

### SolarWinds (2020)

Around 18,000 organizations downloaded the tainted update, including U.S. government agencies, Microsoft, and cybersecurity firms. The breach went undetected for months.

### NotPetya (2017)

It caused billions of dollars in damage globally, affecting companies like Maersk, FedEx, and Merck.

### CCleaner Attack (2017)

The infected version was downloaded by over 2.3 million users, and a second stage payload targeted major tech firms like Intel, Google, and Microsoft.

## THE KEY PRINCIPLES SEGMENTED INTO FOUR STAGES REPRESENTING THE PROCESS OF SECURING YOUR SUPPLY CHAIN

### 1. Understand the risks

- Understand what needs to be protected and why.
- Know who your suppliers are and build an understanding of what their security looks like.
- Understand the security risk posed by your supply chain.

### 2. Establish control

- Communicate your view of security needs to your suppliers.
- Set and communicate minimum security requirements for your suppliers.
- Build security considerations into your contracting processes and require that your suppliers do the same.
- Meet your own security responsibilities as a supplier and consumer.
- Raise awareness of security within your supply chain.
- Provide support for security incidents.

### 3. Check your arrangements

- Build assurance activities into your approach to managing your supply chain.

### 4. Continuous Improvement

- Encourage the continuous improvement of security within your supply chain.
- Build trust with suppliers.

