Composer in Depth Part 1

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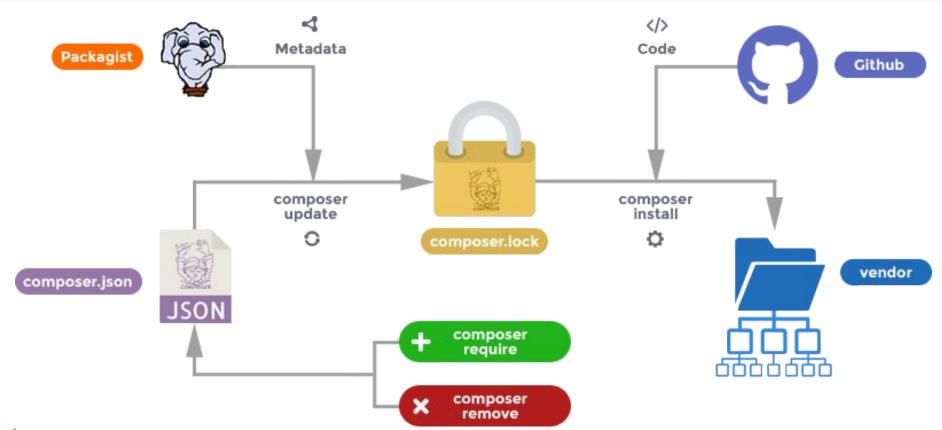
Private Packagist

https://packagist.com

Dependency Management

- **Dependency Management vs Package Management**
- **System state vs installation/update instructions**
- Configuration Management
 - Tool to manage system state (puppet, salt, ansible, chef, ...)
 - Description of state (master.pp, top.sls, ...)







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Working on "Libraries"

Publishing Packages

- README.md
 - What is it?
 - How do I use it?
 - How do I contribute? (Code of Conduct)
- Pick a License
 - **SPDX**
 - MIT, BSD, GPL
 - "proprietary"



Publishing Packages

CHANGELOG.md

- BC breaks If necessary create UPGRADE.md
- changes
- bugfixes
- new features



Versioning Libraries

Semantic Versioning

x.y.z

(BC-break).(new functionality).(bug fix)

http://semver.org/



Semantic Versioning

Promise of Compatibility

X.Y.Z

- Must be used consistently Dare to increment X!
- Only valuable if BC/Compatibility promise formalized
 - See http://symfony.com/doc/current/contributing/code/bc.html
 - Document in Changelog



Continuous Integration for Libraries

- Multiple runs
 - **composer install** from lock file
 - **composer update** for latest deps
 - **composer update --prefer-lowest --prefer-stable** for oldest (stable) deps
 - Potentially multiple composer.json files with different platform configurations
 - COMPOSER=composer-customer1.json php composer.phar update
 - COMPOSER=composer-customer1.json php composer.phar install
 - Don't use this except for testing



Working on "Applications"

Simple Versioning

- There are no other packages depending on yours BC - for Composer consumption - doesn't matter
- Options:
 - Don't use versions at all, rely on your VCS
 - Increment a single integer
 - Use semver if you ship the application



How to update?

- "composer update"
 - no isolation of problems unless run very frequently
- "composer update <package...>"
 - explicit conscious updates
- "composer update --dry-run [<package...>]"
 - Understanding and preparing effects of updates
 - Read CHANGELOGs
 - composer outdated



Versions Constraints

-	Exact Match:	1.0.0	1.2.3-beta2
-	Wildcard Range:	1.0.*	2.*
-	Hyphen Range:	1.0-2.0 >=1.0.0 <2.1	1.0.0 - 2.1.0 >=1.0.0 <=2.1.0
-	Unbounded Range: Bad!	>= 1.0	
-	Next Significant Release	~1.2 >=1.2.0 <2.0.0	~1.2.3 >=1.2.3 <1.3.0
-	Caret/Semver Operator	^1.2 >=1.2.0 <2.0.0	^1.2.3 >=1.2.3 <2.0.0



Operators: " " = AND, "||" = OR

Best Choice for Libraries

dev-master

Stabilities

- Order dev -> alpha -> beta -> RC -> stable

Automatically from tags

1.2.3 -> stable 1.3.0-beta3 -> beta

Automatically from branches

Branch -> Version (Stability)
2.0 -> 2.0.x-dev (dev)
master -> dev-master (dev)

myfeature -> dev-myfeature (dev)

- Choosing

"foo/bar": "1.3.*@beta"
"foo/bar": "2.0.x-dev"

"minimum-stability": "alpha"



In case of Errors

\$ php composer.phar validate

```
./composer.json is valid for simple usage with composer but has strict errors that make it unable to be published as a package:
See https://getcomposer.org/doc/04-schema.md for details on the schema name: The property name is required description: The property description is required require.composer/composer: unbound version constraints (dev-master) should be avoided
```

Common: Version entry in composer.json conflicts with tag

```
$ php composer.phar self-update
```

\$ php composer.phar update -vvv



Resolution Conflicts: Overly Strict Requirements

```
// composer.json
    "require": {
        "cool/alice": "~1.3",
        "lazy/bob": "~1.2"
// dependencies
    "name": "cool/alice",
    "require": {
        "monolog/monolog": "~1.6"
    "name": "lazy/bob",
    "require": {
        "monolog/monolog": "1.3.*"
```



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Resolution Conflicts: Overly Strict Requirements

Your requirements could not be resolved to an installable set of packages.

Problem 1

- Installation request for lazy/bob ~1.2 -> satisfiable by lazy/bob[1.4.0].
- Installation request for cool/alice ~1.3 -> satisfiable by cool/alice[1.3.0].
- lazy/bob 1.4.0 requires monolog/monolog 1.3.* -> satisfiable by monolog/monolog[1.3.0, 1.3.1]
 cool/alice 1.3.0 requires monolog/monolog ~1.6 -> satisfiable by monolog/monolog[1.6.0, 1.7.0]
- Can only install one of: monolog/monolog[1.6.0, 1.3.0].
- Can only install one of: monolog/monolog[1.6.0, 1.3.1].
- Conclusion: don't install monolog/monolog 1.3.1
- Conclusion: don't install monolog/monolog 1.7.0
- Conclusion: don't install monolog/monolog 1.3.0
- Conclusion: don't install monolog/monolog 1.6.0



Resolution Conflicts: Overly Strict Requirements

```
// composer.json
    "require": {
        "cool/alice": "~1.3",
        "lazy/bob": "~1.2"
// dependencies
    "name": "cool/alice",
    "require": {
        "monolog/monolog": "~1.6"
    "name": "lazy/bob",
    "require": {
        "monolog/monolog": "1.3.*"
```



```
// composer.json
    "minimum-stability": "beta",
    "require": {
        "monolog/monolog": "1.*",
        "symfony/symfony": "~2.4",
        "bad/package": "dev-master"
  dependencies
    "name": "bad/package",
    "require": {
        "monolog/monolog": "dev-master",
```



Your requirements could not be resolved to an installable set of packages.

Problem 1

- Installation request for bad/package dev-master -> satisfiable by bad/package[dev-master].
- bad/package dev-master requires monolog/monolog dev-master -> no matching package found.

```
// composer.json
    "minimum-stability": "beta",
    "require": {
        "monolog/monolog": "1.*",
        "symfony/symfony": "~2.4",
        "bad/package": "dev-master"
  dependencies
    "name": "bad/package",
    "require": {
        "monolog/monolog": "dev-master",
```



```
// composer.json
    "minimum-stability": "beta",
    "require": {
        "monolog/monolog": "1.*@dev",
        "symfony/symfony": "~2.4",
        "bad/package": "dev-master"
  dependencies
    "name": "bad/package",
    "require": {
        "monolog/monolog": "dev-master",
```



```
// monolog

"name": "monolog/monolog",
    "extra": {
        "branch-alias": {
            "dev-master": "1.12.x-dev"
        }
    }
```

- Installing monolog/monolog (dev-master 5ad421d) Cloning 5ad421d6a1d5d7066a45b617e5164d309c4e2852

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```
// monolog

"name": "monolog/monolog",
   "extra": {
        "branch-alias": {
            "dev-master": "2.0.x-dev"
        }
}
```



Your requirements could not be resolved to an installable set of packages.

Problem 1

- Installation request for monolog/monolog 1.*@dev -> satisfiable by monolog/monolog[1.12.0].
 - Installation request for bad/package dev-master -> satisfiable by bad/package[dev-master].
- bad/package dev-master requires monolog/monolog dev-master -> satisfiable by monolog/monolog[dev-master].
 - Can only install one of: monolog/monolog[1.12.0, dev-master].

We require "2.*@dev" instead

- Resolution works
- Project is probably broken:
 bad/package may not be compatible with 2.*



No error but unexpected result?

- composer why [--tree] foo/bar mydep/here 1.2.3 requires foo/bar (^1.0.3)
- composer why-not [--tree] foo/bar ^1.2
 foo/bar 1.2.3 requires php (>=7.1.0 but 5.6.3 is installed)



The Lock File

Contents

- all dependencies including transitive dependencies
- Exact version for every package
- download URLs (source, dist, mirrors)
- Hashes of files

Purpose

- Reproducibility across teams, users and servers
- Isolation of bug reports to code vs. potential dependency breaks
- Transparency through explicit updating process



Commit The Lock File

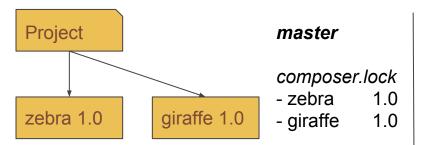
- If you don't
 - composer install without a lock file is a composer update
 - Conflict can randomly occur on install
 - You may not get the same code
 - You no longer manage change Change is managing you!
- The lock file exists to be committed!

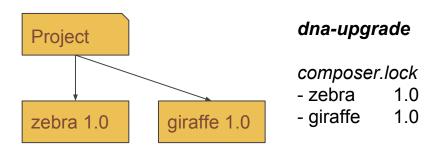




The Lock file will conflict

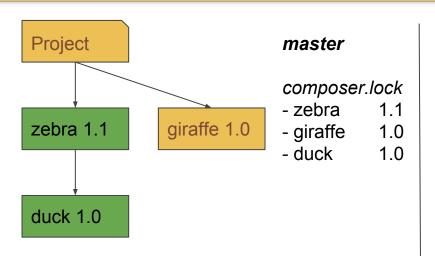
Day 0: "Initial Commit"

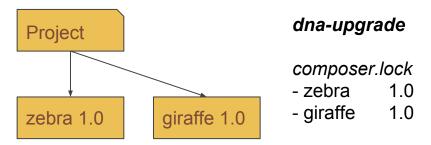






Week 2: Strange new zebras require duck

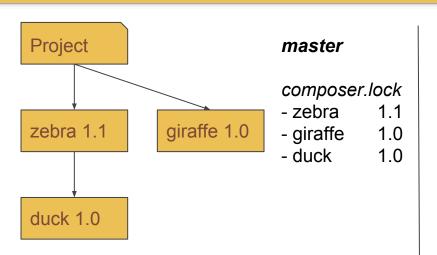


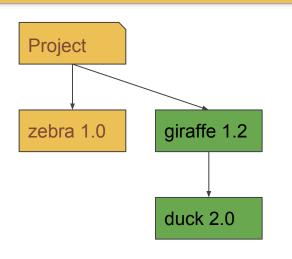






Week 4: Giraffe evolves to require duck 2.0





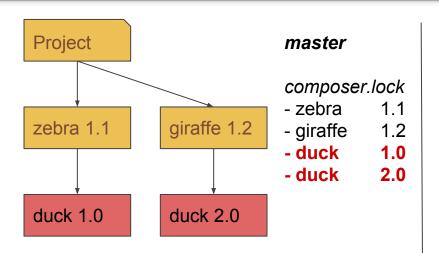
dna-upgrade

composer.lock

- zebra 1.0
- giraffe 1.2
- duck 2.0



Text-based Merge



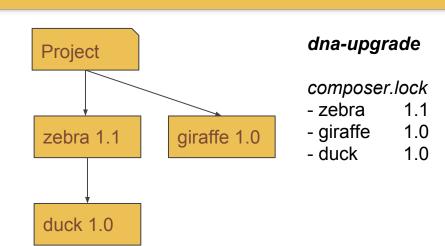
Merge results in invalid dependencies





Reset composer.lock

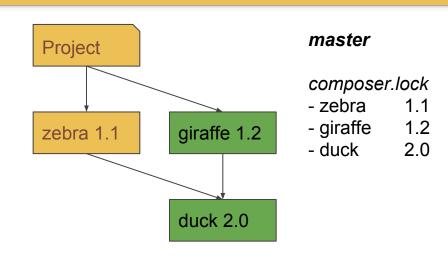
git checkout <refspec> -- composer.lock
git checkout master -- composer.lock





Apply the update again

composer update giraffe
 --with-dependencies





How to resolve lock merge conflicts?

- composer.lock cannot be merged without conflicts
 - contains hash over relevant composer.json values
- git checkout <refspec> -- composer.lock
 - git checkout master -- composer.lock
- Reapply changes
 - composer update <list of deps>



Deployment



Never Deploy without a Lock File

Do not run composer update during deployments

composer install performance

- Use --prefer-dist to avoid git clones
 - Will always download zip files if possible (default for stable versions)
- Store ~/.composer/cache between builds
 - How depends on CI product/setup you use



Autoloader Optimization

- composer install --optimize-autoloader
 - composer dump-autoload --optimize
- composer install --optimize-autoloader
 - --classmap-authoritative
 - composer dump-autoload --optimize --classmap-authoritative
- composer install --optimize-autoloader **--apcu-autoloader**
 - composer dump-autoload --optimize --apcu

https://getcomposer.org/doc/articles/autoloader-optimization.md



Autoloader Optimization

- Use this one composer dump-autoload --optimize --classmap-authoritative
- Requires PHP7 to be optimal
 - opcache can keep static array definition in shared memory
 - no loading overhead on PHP request startup
- Will not search for classes not in lookup table
 - not useful for development
 - not useful for dynamically generated code (don't do that!)



- Platform repository
 - implicitly defined additional package repository
 - contains packages for
 - PHP
 - extensions
 - system libraries (e.g. libxml)
 - packages cannot be updated/installed/removed



\$./composer.phar show --platform

```
composer-plugin-api 1.1.0
                             The Composer Plugin API
                    5.1.8
                             The apcu PHP extension
ext-apcu
                    7.2.5
                             The ctype PHP extension
ext-ctype
ext-curl
                    7.2.5
                             The curl PHP extension
ext-date
                    7.2.5
                             The date PHP extension
                    20031129 The dom PHP extension
ext-dom
ext-fileinfo
                    1.0.5
                             The fileinfo PHP extension
ext-filter
                    7.2.5
                             The filter PHP extension
ext-ftp
                    7.2.5
                             The ftp PHP extension
                    1.0
ext-hash
                             The hash PHP extension
                    7.2.5
                             The iconv PHP extension
ext-iconv
                    1.1.0
ext-intl
                             The intl PHP extension
                    1.6.0
ext-json
                             The json PHP extension
ext-libxml
                    7.2.5
                             The libxml PHP extension
lib-curl
                    7.59.0
                             The curl PHP library
lib-ICU
                    58.2
                             The intl PHP library
lib-libxml
                    2.9.5
                             The libxml PHP library
lib-openssl
                    2.5.5
                             LibreSSL 2.5.5
                    8.41
                             The pcre PHP library
lib-pcre
                    7.2.5
php
                             The PHP interpreter
                    7.2.5
                             The PHP interpreter, 64bit
php-64bit
                    7.2.5
                             The PHP interpreter, with IPv6 support
php-ipv6
```



```
{
     "require": {
          "php": "^7.1.1"
     }
}
```

```
$ php -v
PHP 5.6.10
```

\$ composer update

Your requirements could not be resolved to an installable set of packages.

Problem 1

- This package requires php ^7.1.1 but your PHP version (5.6.10) does not satisfy that requirement.



- What if you maintain multiple projects on your local system to be deployed to different platforms?
 - e.g. Server A running PHP 7.0, Server B running PHP 7.2
- What if you want to build Composer automation tools
 - Private Packagist at packagist.com runs on a single PHP version, managed projects have lots of different requirements



No idea if dependencies even work on PHP 7.1.1



```
"require": {
                                  $ php -v
    "php":"^7.1.1",
                                  PHP 5.6.10
    "ext-intl": "*"
                                  $ composer update
"config": {"platform":{
                                  Success
    "php": "7.1.2",
    "ext-intl": "1.1.0"
```



- Watch out if you are using Plugins!
 - Composer plugins (Composer installers are plugins, too)
 - Packages with type "composer-plugin"
 - Will be installed before all other packages if dependencies allow it
 - Code will be executed in Composer process during update/install
 - Can be disabled with --no-plugins
 - no easy way to run them on prod later
- Watch out if you are using scripts
 - Use --no-scripts
 - Run them separately in production with **composer run-script <name>**



```
"require": {
    "php":"^7.1.1",
    "ext-intl": "*"
"config": {"platform":{
    "php": "7.1.2",
    "ext-intl": "1.1.0"
```

```
$ composer update
Success
```

- Create ZIP
- deploy to prod

PHP Fatal Error

Prod was actually still on PHP 5.6



```
"require": {
         "php":"^7.1.1",
         "ext-intl": "*"
}
"config": {"platform":{
         "php": "7.1.2",
         "ext-intl": "1.1.0"
```

- dev\$ composer update
- Create ZIP
- upload to prod
- composer check-platform-reqs
 - no error? switch to new code



Summary

- Library CI: composer update --prefer-lowest --prefer-stable
- git checkout
branch> -- composer.lock
- composer dump-autoload --optimize --classmap-authoritative
- composer why/why-not
- composer show --platform {"config":{"platform":{"php":"7.2.5"}}} composer check-platform-regs Watch out for plugins & scripts!

- Formalize BC promises for users of your libraries
- SemVer: Don't be afraid to increase the major version
- Document changes to dependencies

Commit the composer.lock file!



Composer in Depth Part 2

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A brief history of Composer

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- Jun 2018 185,000+ Packages with 1,200,000+ Versions



What is Dependency Management?

- Assembly
- Dependency Change Management
- Risk Analysis & Reduction

May happen at build time or at runtime



Dependency Assembly

- Installation of Libraries, Tools, etc.
 - composer install
 - apt-get install foo
 - Application of Configuration Management (Puppet, Chef, Ansible, Salt, ...)
- Configuration for Connections to Services, external APIs
 - Authentication
 - Glue Code
- Connection to Services (usually at Runtime)



Dependency Assembly

Past:

- Step-by-Step installation instructions
- Readmes, Delete and reinstall individual packages

Today:

- Description of a system state (e.g. composer.json, top.sls)
- Tools to move the system into the state (e.g. composer, salt)



Dependency Change Management

- Dependency Change
 - Adding, Removing, Updating, Replacing of Libraries
 - Replacing APIs
 - composer update
- Dependency Change Management
 - Balance Risks, Consequences, Cost & Advantages
 - Architecture Decisions which enable "Change"
 - Example: Abstraction to replace concrete service



Composer Architecture Decisions

- Separate independent tools and services
 - Avoid PEAR confusion and problems
- Build reusable code to allow for other tools and services to emerge
 - Check out https://github.com/composer



composer update/install

- Load all package metadata
- Resolve dependencies to create transaction (install/remove/update)
- Create lock file
- Download or checkout files from locations in lock file



Satis

- Static File Generator
- Big config file of all packages
- Archive creation for downloads possible
- No hooks to trigger updates
- Not suitable for building further tools or services on top of it
- Considerably cost to setup & maintain



Private Packagist

- Your own Composer repository done right
 - SaaS or on-premises https://packagist.com
- Easy setup
 - Integration with GitHub, Gitlab, Bitbucket
- Authentication
- Permission Management
- Foundation for future functionality to simplify dependency management



Load package metadata?

- Package repositories
- Path repositories
- VCS repositories
- Composer Repositories
 - Packagist (packagist.org)
 - Satis
 - Private Packagist (packagist.com)



Package Repository

```
"repositories": [
        "type": "package",
        "package": {
            "name": "vendor/package",
            "version": "1.0.0",
            "dist": {
                "url": "http://example.org/package.zip",
                "type": "zip"
            },
"source": {
                "url": "git://example.org/package.git",
                "type": "git",
                "reference": "tag name, branch name or commit hash"
"require": {
    "vendor/package": "1.0.0"
```



Monorepo

repo/projectA/composer.json

```
"repositories": [
    {"type": "path", "url": "../projectB"}
"require": {
    "vendor/projectB": "dev-master"
```

repo/projectB/composer.json

```
"name": "vendor/projectB",
"version": "dev-master"
```



VCS Repository

- Information is inferred from composer.json files in tags & branches
- dist download URLs only for known hosts, e.g. github, bitbucket, gitlab



Using Forked Packages

Custom repositories have priority:

```
"repositories": [
       "type": "vcs",
       "url": "https://github.com/naderman/symfony"
"require": {
   "symfony/symfony": "dev-master"
```



Using Forked Packages

Custom branches are available (composer show -v symfony/symfony)

```
"repositories": [
       "type": "vcs",
        "url": "https://github.com/naderman/symfony"
"require": {
   "symfony/symfony": "dev-my-patch"
```



Using Forked Packages

Aliases allow other dependencies to resolve against custom branches:

```
"require": {
    "symfony/symfony": "dev-my-patch as 3.1.0"
   "other/package": "1.23"
"name": "other/package"
"require": {
   "symfony/symfony": "^3.1"
```



Editing Packages You Own

Define the appropriate installation method

```
"config": {
    "preferred-install": {
        "acme/*": "source",
        "*": "dist"
"require": {
   "acme/foo": "^1.2",
    "other/package": "^1.4"
```



Composer Repository



Composer Repository: Satis

```
packages.json:
    packages: {
        "seld/private-test": {
            "dev-master": {
                name: "seld/PRivate-test",
                version: "dev-master",
                version_normalized: "9999999-dev",
                source: {
                dist: {
                require: {
                    php: ">=5.3.0",
```



Composer Repository: packagist.org

```
packages.json:
    packages: [ ],
    notify: "/downloads/%package%",
    notify-batch: "/downloads/",
    providers-url: "/p/%package%$%hash%.json",
    search: "/search.json?q=%query%&type=%type%",
    provider-includes: {
        p/provider-2013$%hash%.json: {
            sha256: "eb67fda529996db6fac4647ff46cf41bb31065536e1164d0e75f911d160f6b9f"
        p/provider-archived$%hash%.json: {
            sha256: "444a8f22af4bc0e2ac0c09eda1f5edc63158a16e9d754100d7f774b930a38ae6"
        p/provider-latest$%hash%.json: {
            sha256: "b0e0065f1e36f061b9fd2bbb096e7986321421f9eedc3d5e68dc4780d7295c33"
```



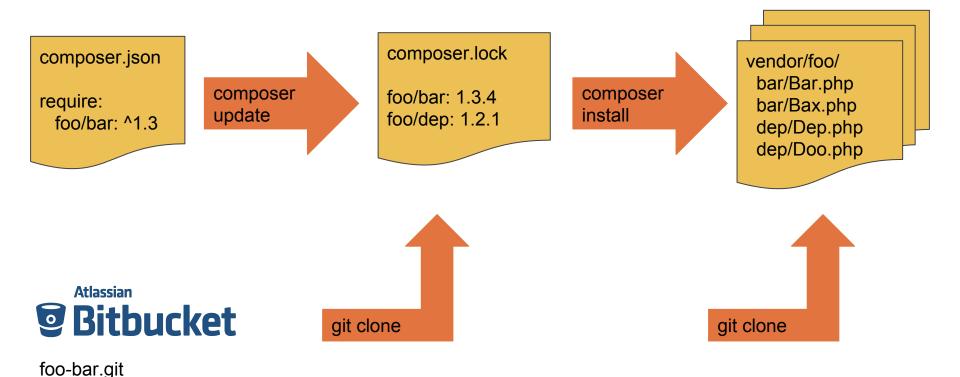
Composer Repository: Private Packagist

```
packages.json:
    packages: {
        "seld/private-test": {
            "dev-master": {
                name: "seld/PRivate-test",
    providers-lazy-url: "/myorg/p/%package%.json",
    mirrors: [
            dist-url:
"https://repo.packagist.com/packagist-nosync/dists/%package%/%version%/%reference%.%type%",
            preferred: true
```

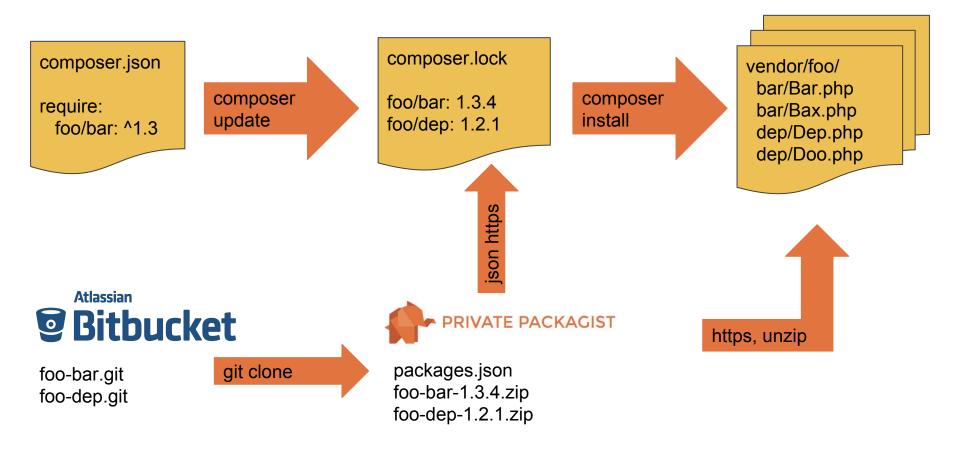


Composer with Private Dependencies

foo-dep.git



Composer with Private Dependencies: Private Packagist



Risk Analysis: Availability

Affects Assembly

Examples:

- Open Source Library deleted
- Payment Service unavailable
- EU VATId Service out of order
- Jenkins not accessible

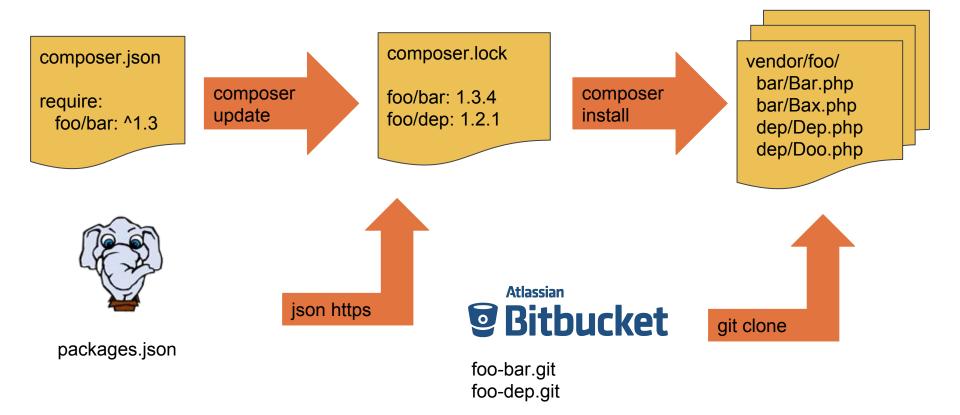


Risk Reduction: Availability

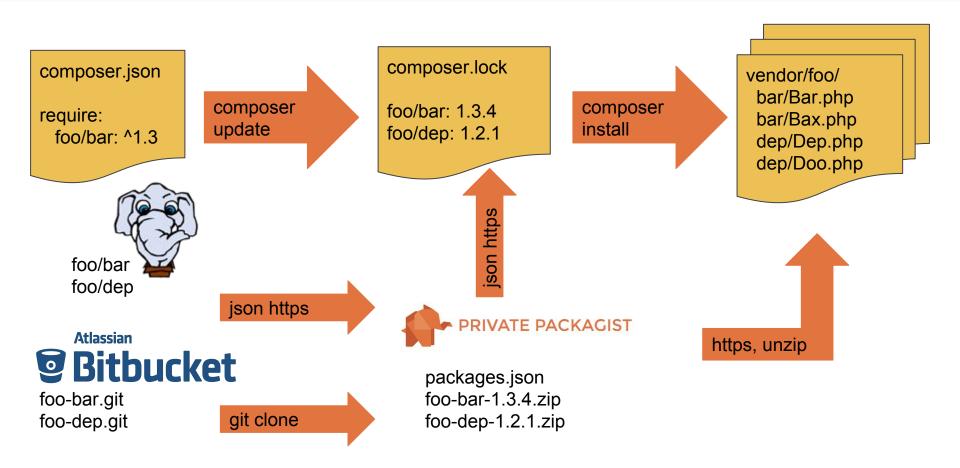
- Software is available when you have a copy
 - composer cache
 - Forks
 - Private Packagist or Satis



Composer with Open Source Dependencies



Composer with Open Source Dependencies: Private Packagist



Downloading files from the lock file

```
"content-hash": "bb557b05609c879265a30bc052ef77e4",
"packages": [
        "name": "aws/aws-sdk-php",
        "version": "3.25.6",
        "source": {
            "type": "git",
            "url": "https://github.com/aws/aws-sdk-php.git",
            "reference": "fe98140a4811abbe9104477b167dc3c7f9a8391b"
        "dist": {
            "type": "zip",
            "url": "https://api.github.com/repos/aws/aws-sdk-php/zipball/fe...",
            "reference": "fe98140a4811abbe9104477b167dc3c7f9a8391b",
        require": {
            "guzzlehttp/guzzle": "^5.3.1|^6.2.1",
```



Downloading files from the lock file with Private Packagist

```
"packages": [
            "name": "aws/aws-sdk-php",
            "version": "3.25.6",
            "source": {
                "url": "https://github.com/aws/aws-sdk-php.git",
            "dist": {
                "type": "zip",
                "url": "https://api.github.com/repos/aws/aws-sdk-php/zipball/...",
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                        "preferred": true
```



Risk Reduction: (New) Dependencies

Quality Criteria for software libraries (and services)

- Number of Maintainers / Developers
- Actively Developed?
- How many users?
 - Packagist shows installation count
- Where is a library being installed from?
 - GitHub, self-hosted svn server? -> Availability
- Alternatives / how easy to replace? Complexity?
 - Could you take over maintenance?



Risk Reduction: Compatibility

Semantic Versioning (Semver) promises Compatibility

X.y.Z

- Must be used consistently
- Only valuable if BC/Compatibility promise formalized
 - See http://symfony.com/doc/current/contributing/code/bc.html
- Otherwise choose narrower Version Constraints, check more frequently
 - e.g. ~1.2.3 instead of ^1.2.3



Risk Reduction: Compatibility

- **Automated**
 - Tests
 - Static Analysis
- Manual
 - Read Changelogs (and write them!)
 - Experience which libraries break BC



Risk Minimization: Compliance / Legal

- Affects Change Management
- Example
 - Viral Copy-Left License not compatible with proprietary product
- composer licenses
- Private Packagist License Review



Assessing & Managing Risk

- Formulate a Plan B
- Identify problems which are probable and which have great effects
- **Dependencies are great!** They can save tons of money and time
- Only spend resources on reducing risk until the risk is acceptable
- Private Packagist can help you manage and reduce these risks by being the one central place for all your third party code



How is Private Packagist helping?

- Faster and more reliable composer operations
- Work with private dependencies more efficiently
 - Automatic synchronization of packages, teams, users, permissions
 - **Authentication Tokens**
- One central place for all your dependencies Improved understanding of and control over open-source usage
 - Statistics and references between internal code and open-source code
 - License review
- Much more to come!



Thank you!

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