

A Guide to Using The Cryptosoft SBOM Creation Utility

The OWASP® Dependency-Track offering requires a CycloneDX formatted SBOM (Software Bill-Of-Materials) as input to its capabilities. You can create this SBOM yourself or Cryptosoft provides a utility to help create one for you.

We provide GitHub Actions to create the SBOM or services to create one for your custom toolchain (we have provided an example for Jenkins).

1. Using Cryptosoft Github Actions in your Github Repository

We simplify that by making available GitHub Actions for inclusion into your Github workflow. Here is the link to our Actions in the Github Marketplace (<https://github.com/marketplace?type=&verification=&query=cryptosoft+>).

We have Four GitHub Actions: Two for uploading a GitHub repository’s SBOM to the Dependency-Track and two actions for aggregating a GitHub repository’s SBOM with an existing project in Dependency-Track

- [CryptosoftInc/Dependency-Track-Javascript@1.0.0](#)
- [CryptosoftInc/Dependency-Track@1.0.0](#)
- [CryptosoftInc/Aggregate-Sbom-Javascript@1.0.0](#)
- [CryptosoftInc/Aggregate-Sbom@1.0.0](#)

Languages Supported for - CryptosoftInc/Dependency-Track-Javascript@1.0.0

- All Javascript projects

Languages Supported for - CryptosoftInc/Dependency-Track@1.0.0 are given below:

Language/Platform	Package format	Transitive dependencies
java	maven (pom.xml [1]), gradle (build.gradle, .kts), scala (sbt), bazel	Yes unless pom.xml is manually parsed due to unavailability of maven or errors
php	composer.lock	Yes
python	pyproject.toml, setup.py, requirements.txt [2], Pipfile.lock, poetry.lock, bdist_wheel, .whl, .egg-info (Tool is under enhancement for poetry.lock file , for poetry.lock click here to generate SBOM and send to dependency-track)	Yes using the automatic pip install/freeze. When disabled, only with Pipfile.lock and poetry.lock
go	binary, go.mod, go.sum, Gopkg.lock	Yes except binary
ruby	Gemfile.lock, gemspec	Only for Gemfile.lock
rust	binary, Cargo.toml, Cargo.lock	Only for Cargo.lock

.Net	.csproj, packages.config, project.assets.json [3], packages.lock.json, .nupkg	Only for project.assets.json, packages.lock.json
dart	pubspec.lock, pubspec.yaml	Only for pubspec.lock
haskell	cabal.project.freeze	Yes
c/c++	conan.lock, conanfile.txt	Yes only for conan.lock
clojure	Clojure CLI (deps.edn), Leiningen (project.clj)	Yes unless the files are parsed manually due to lack of clojure cli or leiningen command

For more information about the supported languages, visit this link <https://github.com/CycloneDX/cdxgen>

How to implement our Action in your Repository

Pre-requisites:

1. Make sure the dependency file exists in the root directory of your GitHub repository.

A dependency file is the file that lists the external libraries, packages, or modules that a project depends on to function properly. It specifies the specific versions or ranges of versions that are compatible with the project.

Example:

JavaScript: package.json (used by npm, Yarn)

Python: requirements.txt (used by pip)

Ruby: Gemfile (used by Bundler)

Java: pom.xml (used by Apache Maven)

PHP: composer.json (used by Composer)

.NET: packages.config (used by NuGet)

Go: go.mod (used by Go Modules)

2. Create an Administrator API Key from the Dependency-Track UI.

The Administrator API key is used to authenticate the user to access the endpoint. It serves as a unique identifier or token that allows applications to authenticate themselves and gain access to specific resources.

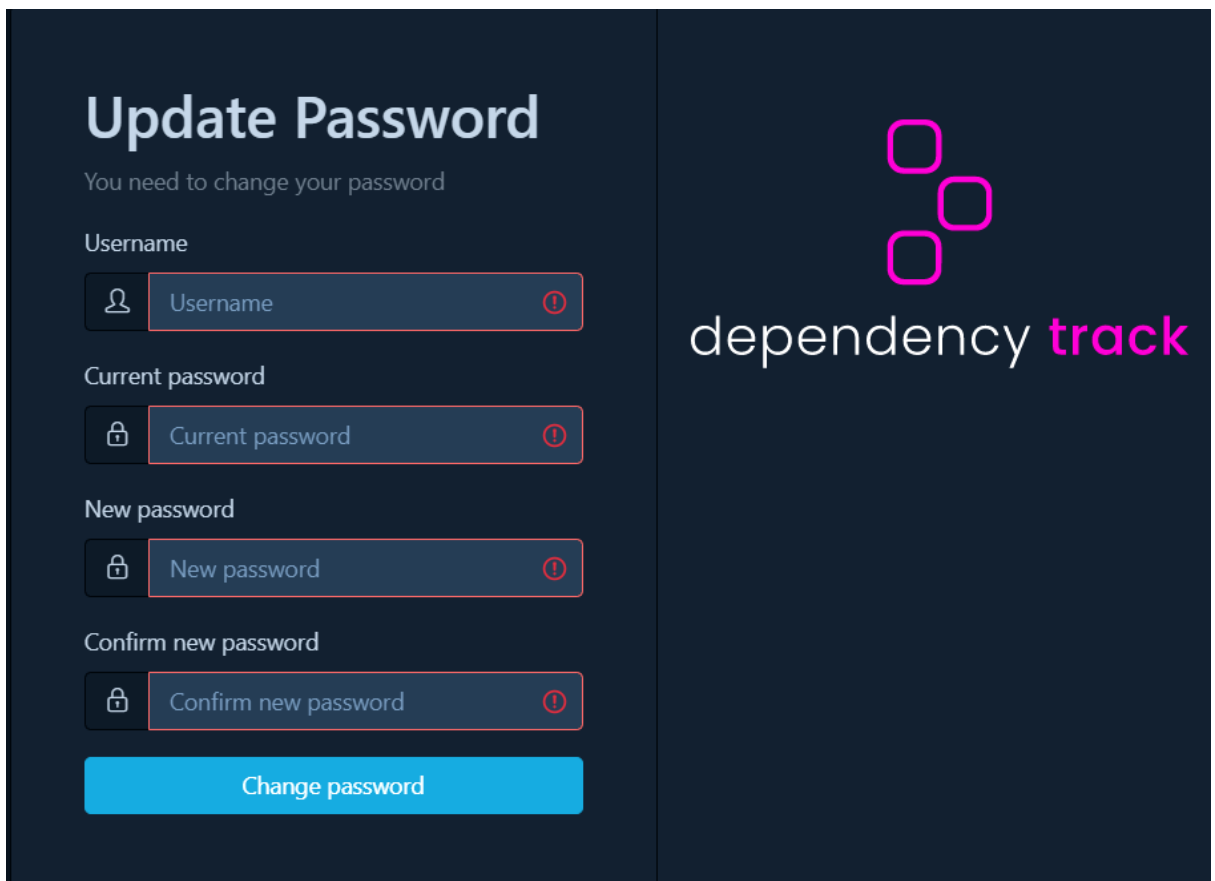
Steps to Create the Administrator API key:

1. Once you have successfully subscribed to the Cryptosoft OWASP Dependency-Track service you will receive two URLs, one is for your Dependency-Track instance and the second is a 'backend url' for use in creating your SBOM with this utility.
2. Enter the Dependency-Track instance URL in your browser.
3. Login using the default credentials.

Username – admin

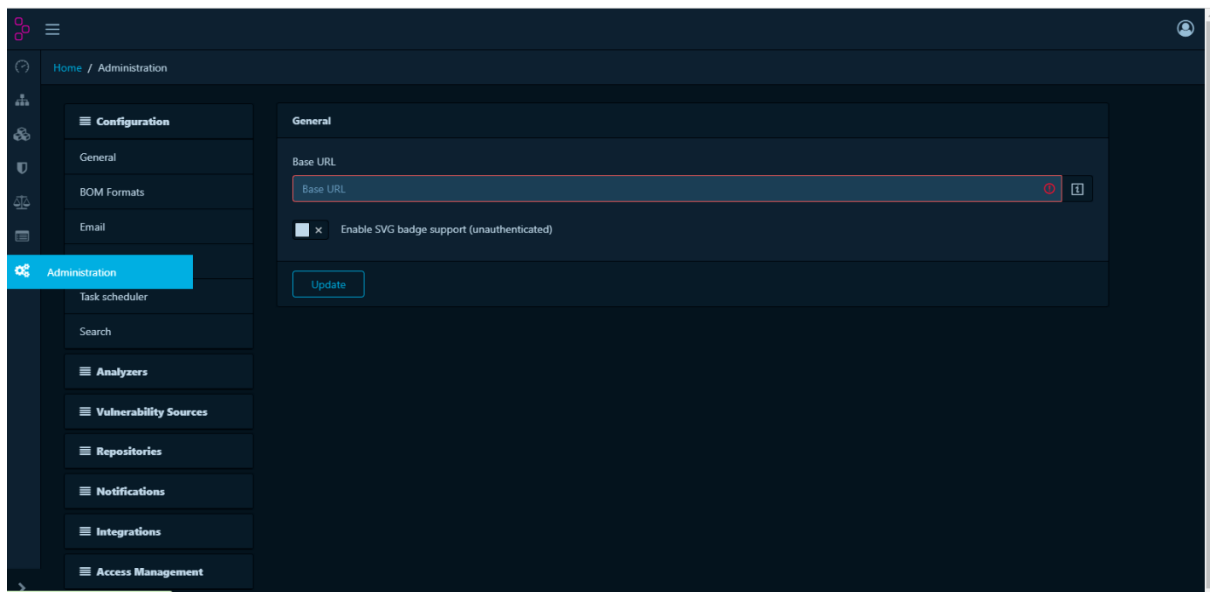
Password – admin

4. You will be asked to reset the password, please reset the password and login again to the Dependency-Track website.

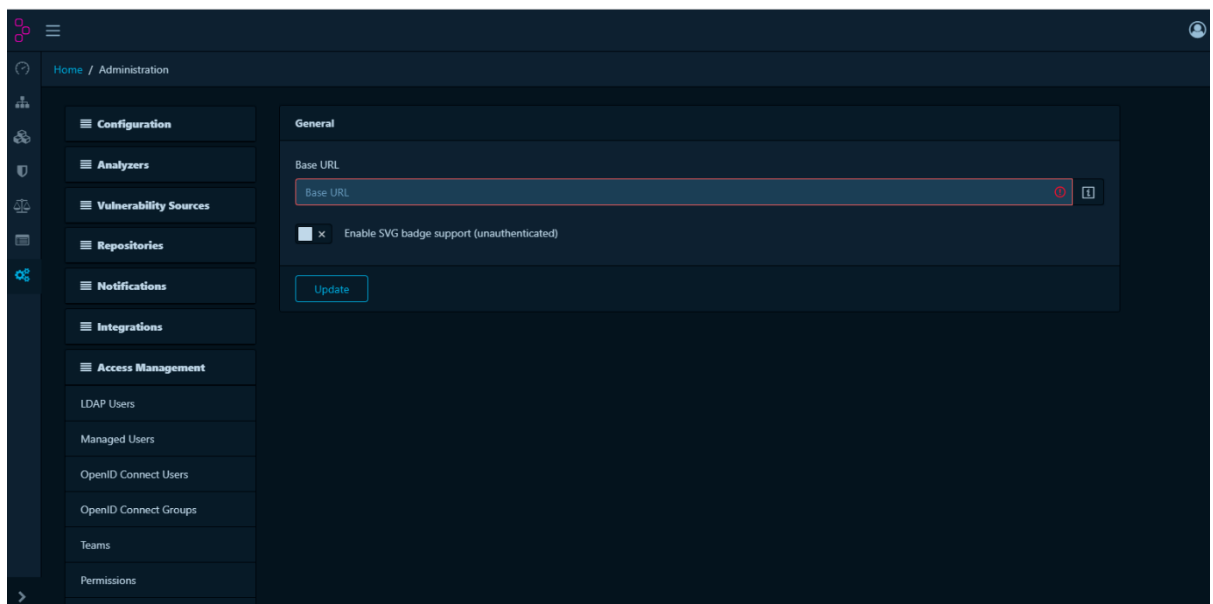


The screenshot shows the 'Update Password' interface. The title 'Update Password' is displayed in large white text. Below it, a subtitle reads 'You need to change your password'. The form contains four input fields, each with a red border and a red warning icon on the right: 'Username' (with a person icon), 'Current password' (with a lock icon), 'New password' (with a lock icon), and 'Confirm new password' (with a lock icon). A blue 'Change password' button is located at the bottom of the form. To the right of the form is the Dependency-Track logo, consisting of three pink squares and the text 'dependency track' in white and pink.

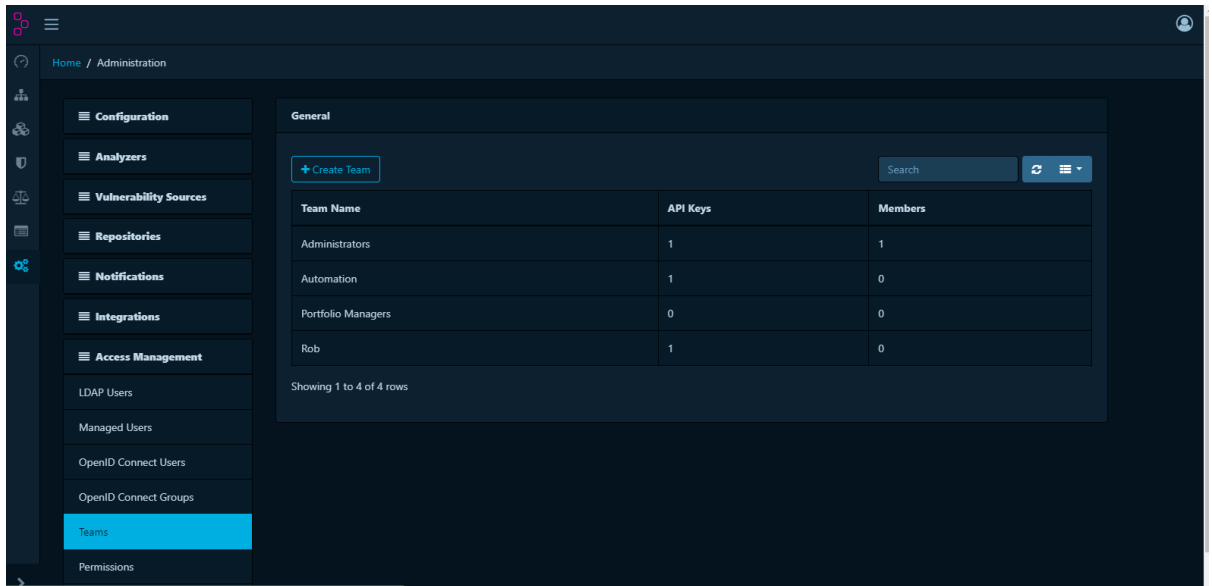
5. After login, In the left sidebar, click the “Administration” link



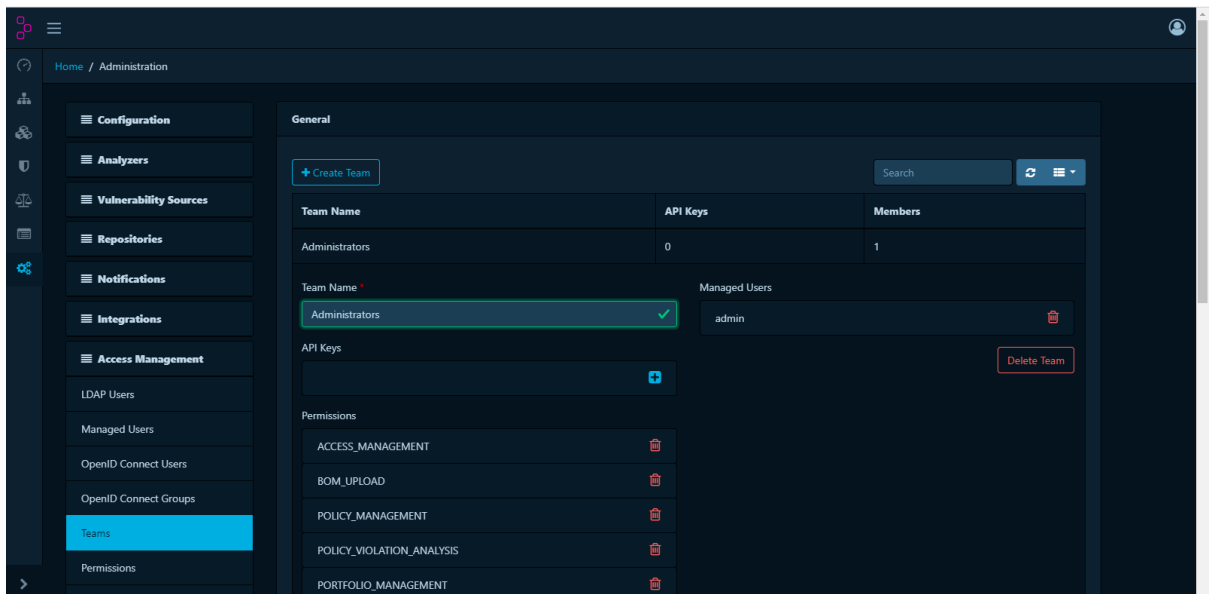
6. In the Administration page, click “Access Management”



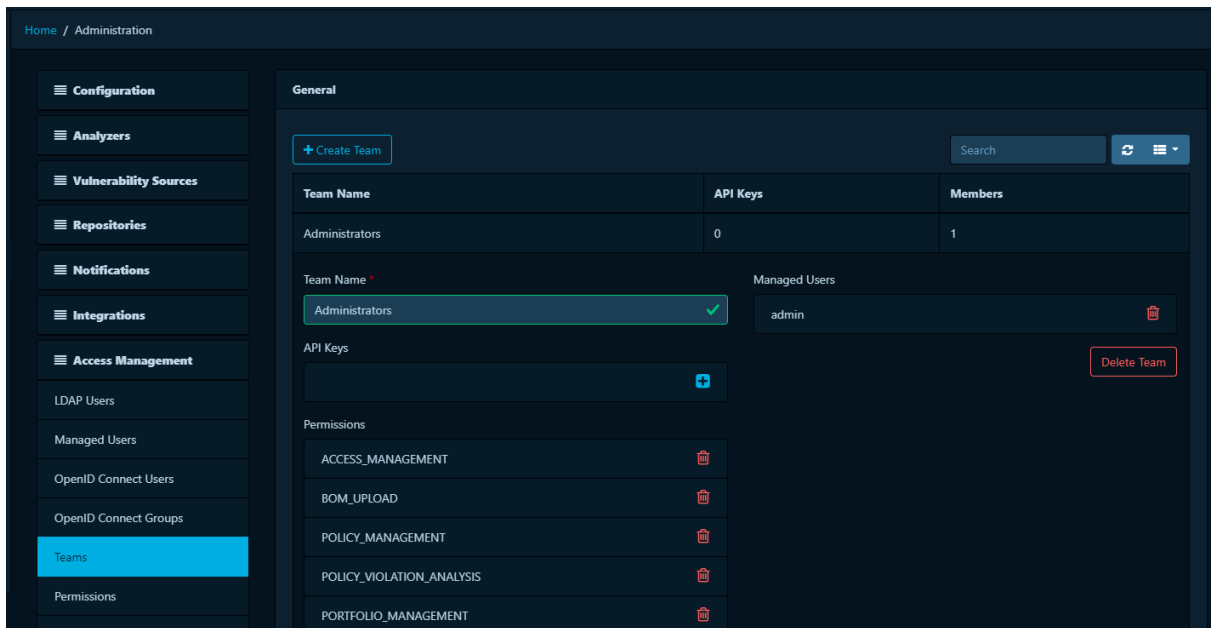
7. Click on “Teams” under Access Management



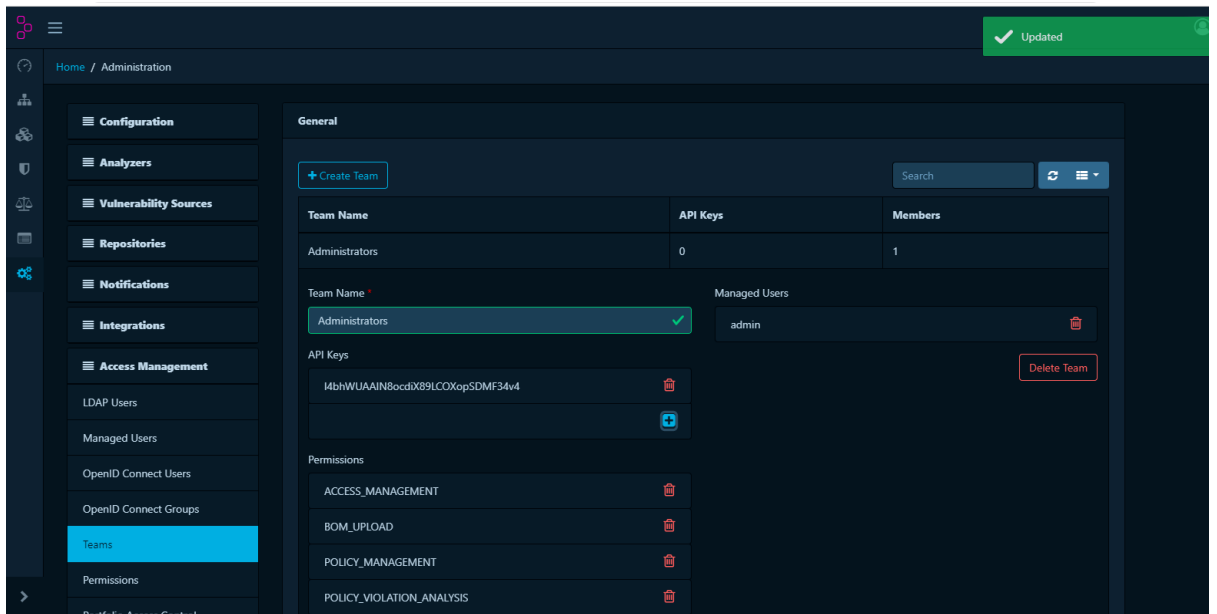
8. Click on “Administrators” under the Team Name



9. Click on the + icon under API Keys



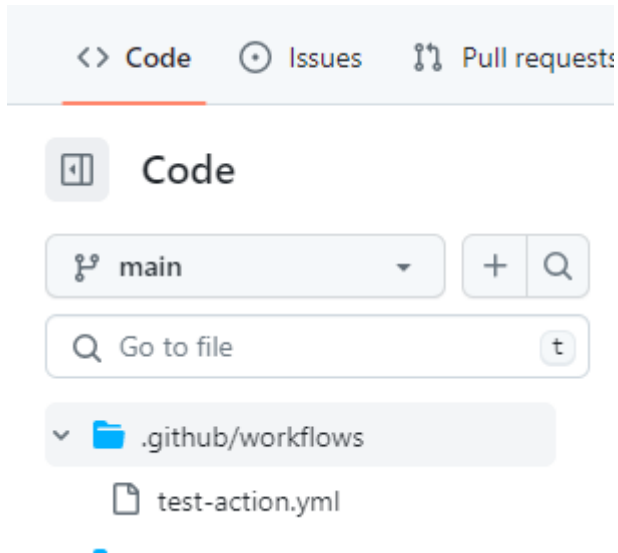
10. A new API key will now be generated



Steps to run our Action:

1. Create a workflow in the root of your GitHub repository as shown.

.github/workflows/<filename>.yml



2. Copy/paste our GitHub Action code snippet in the created workflow yml file.

```
name: Your-Workflow-Name
on: push
jobs:
  myJob:
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest
    steps:
      - name:Cryptosoft-SBOM-generator
        id: Cryptosoft-SBOM-generator
        uses: CryptosoftInc/Dependency-Track-Javascript@1.0.0
        with:
          dt-url: <your dt url>
          api-key: ${{ secrets.apiKey }}
          project-name: <your project name>
          project-version: <your project version >
```

Provide the inputs as mentioned:

project-name: Enter your project name

project-version: Enter the project version

dt-url – Enter your Dependency-Track “backend URL”

api-key – Place your API Key in the GitHub secrets and pass the secrets ref or directly pass the API Key in inputs

Example:

test-python / .github / workflows / in master

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```
1 name: Build SBOM and send to dt-api
2 on: push
3 jobs:
4   myJob:
5     runs-on: ubuntu-latest
6     steps:
7     - name: Cryptosoft-SBOM-DT
8       uses: CryptosoftInc/Dependency-Track@1.0.0
9       with:
10        dt-url: "https://dt-api.staging.cryptosoft.com"
11        api-key: "1DMIXAnGtTieTQDdd1HSvpj6d3as174S"
12        project-name: "action-test"
13        project-version: "1.0.0"
14
15
16
```

3. Click on the “Commit changes” button.

test-python / .github / workflows / in master Cancel changes Commit changes...

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```
1 name: Build SBOM and send to dt-api
2 on: push
3 jobs:
4   myJob:
5     runs-on: ubuntu-latest
6     steps:
7     - name: Cryptosoft-SBOM-DT
8       uses: CryptosoftInc/Dependency-Track@1.0.0
9       with:
10        dt-url: "https://dt-api.staging.cryptosoft.com"
11        api-key: "1DMIXAnGtTieTQDdd1HSvpj6d3as174S"
12        project-name: "action-test"
13        project-version: "1.0.0"
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```

This action builds a CycloneDX Format Software Bill of Materials (SBOM) for a repository and sends it to a OWASP DT server

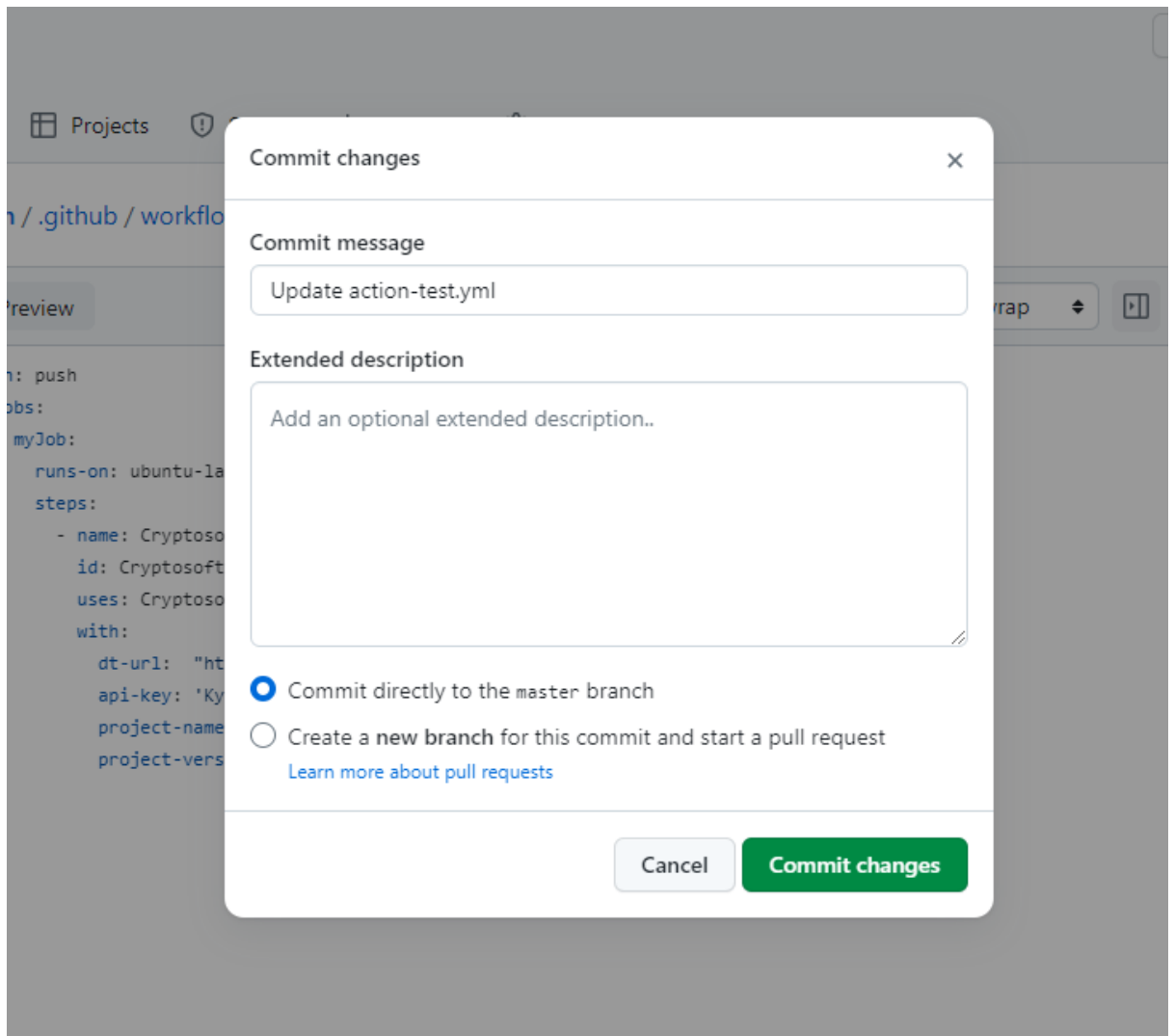
[View full Marketplace listing](#)

Installation
Copy and paste the following snippet into your .yml file.

Version: 1.0.0

```
- name: Cryptosoft-SBOM-DT
# You may pin to the exact commit or the versio
# uses: CryptosoftInc/Dependency-Track@b331f3f1
uses: CryptosoftInc/Dependency-Track@1.0.0
with:
# The URL of the Dependency-Track API server
dt-url:
# The API key used to authenticate with the D
api-key:
# Project name.
project-name:
# Project version.
project-version:
# Parent Project name.
parent-name:
```

4. Click on the “Commit changes” button in the dialog box

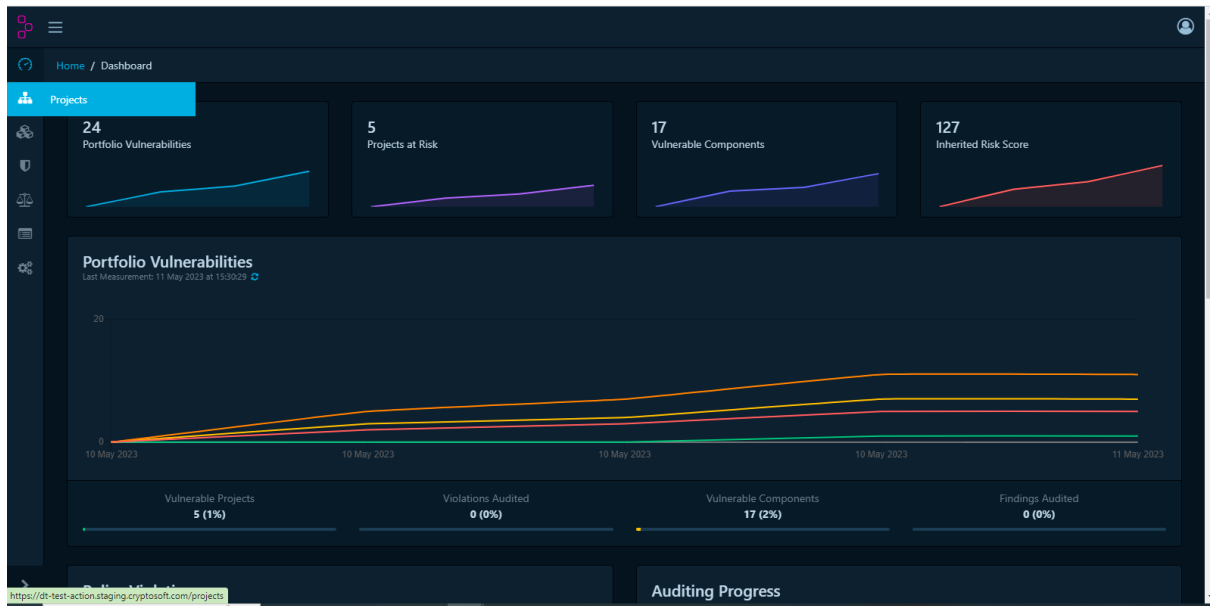


5. After clicking the “Commit changes” button, the Action will be run, the SBOM will be generated for the GitHub repository and it will be uploaded to the provided Dependency-Track backend url.
6. You can see your GitHub Action status by clicking on “Actions” tab as shown below:



7. Enter the Dependency-Track instance URL in the browser.
8. Login to the website

9. Go to the Projects



10. Click on the created project name.

11. Click on components in the navigation bar to view components of the project.

View Details

Overview Components 183 Services 0 Dependency Graph 0 Audit Vulnerabilities 4 Exploit Predictions 4 Policy Violations 0

+ Add Component - Remove Component Upload BOM Download BOM Search

Component	Version	Group	Internal	License	Risk Score	Vulnerabilities
abort-controller	3.0.0			MIT	0	0
accepts	1.3.8			MIT	0	0
address	4.1.4	sideway		BSD-3-Clause	0	0
agent-base	6.0.2			MIT	0	0
argparse	2.0.1			Python-2.0	0	0
array-flatten	1.1.1			MIT	0	0
arrify	2.0.1			MIT	0	0
asynckit	0.4.0			MIT	0	0
auth-token	3.0.3	octokit		MIT	0	0
axios	0.27.2			MIT	0	0

12. Click on “Audit Vulnerabilities” in the navigation bar to view the vulnerabilities.

The screenshot shows a software interface with a navigation bar at the top containing tabs for Overview, Components (183), Services (0), Dependency Graph (0), Audit Vulnerabilities (4), Exploit Predictions (4), and Policy Violations (0). Below the navigation bar are buttons for Apply VEX, Export VEX, Export VDR, and Reanalyze, along with a checkbox for 'Show suppressed findings' and a search bar. The main content is a table with the following data:

	Component	Version	Group	Vulnerability	Severity	Analyzer	Attributed On	Analysis	Suppressed
>	jsonwebtoken	8.5.1		NVD CVE-2022-23539	High	OSS Index	10 May 2023	-	
>	jsonwebtoken	8.5.1		NVD CVE-2022-23540	High	OSS Index	10 May 2023	-	
>	jsonwebtoken	8.5.1		NVD CVE-2022-23541	Medium	OSS Index	10 May 2023	-	
>	simple-git	3.7.1		NVD CVE-2022-25912	Critical	OSS Index	10 May 2023	-	

Showing 1 to 4 of 4 rows

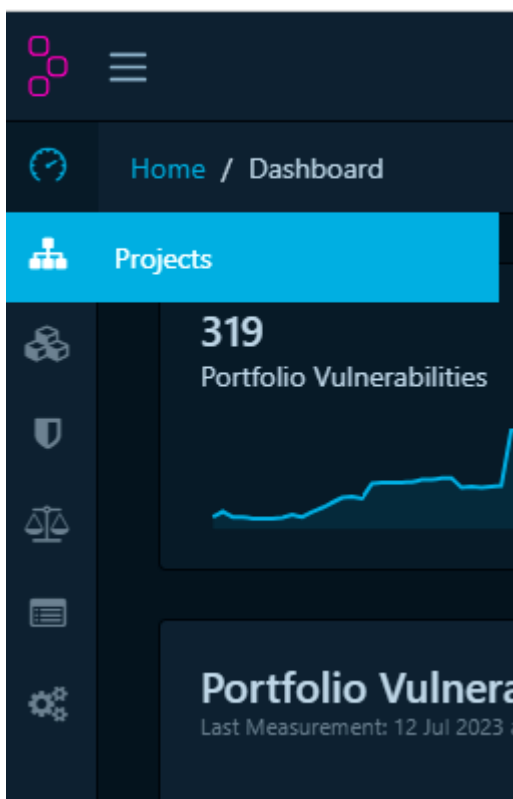
2. Creating multiple repositories within a single parent project

In the previous steps we learned how to create an SBOM for a project using our GitHub Actions. The following steps will guide you on how to create SBOMs for multiple repositories within a single Dependency-Track parent project.

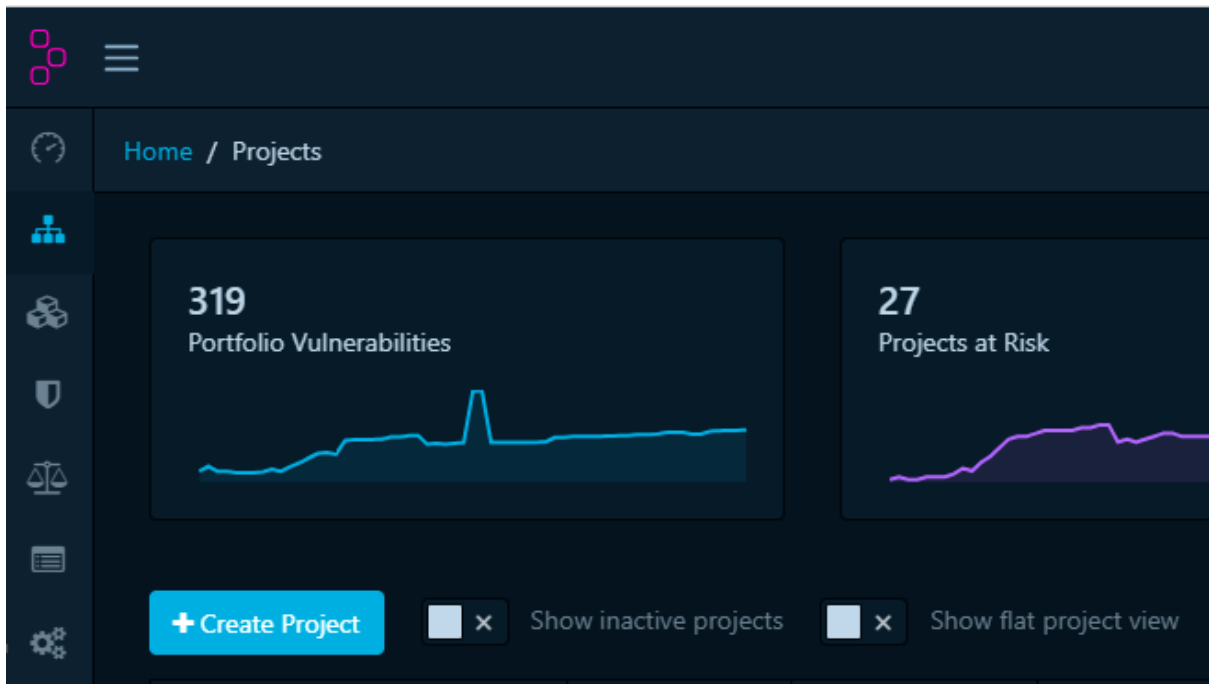
The first step is to create the parent project for the repositories.

2.1 Creating the parent project:

- i) Login to the Dependency-Track using your credentials. If you haven't set up the Administrator API key yet, Please follow the steps in the [Steps to Create the Administrator API key](#) section.
- ii) Click the “projects” link in the sidebar



iii) Now the Projects page will be displayed. On the Projects page, Click the “Create Project” button



iv) A “Create Project” popup will be displayed. Fill in the project details - project name, project version and classifier. Then click the “Create” button to create a new project.

Create Project

General Identity

Project Name *
cryptosoft ✓ ⓘ

Version
1.0.0 ✓ ⓘ

Classifier *
Application ✓ ⓘ

Parent
Type to search parent ▼

Description
[Empty text area]

Tags
Add Tag

Close Create

v) Now that we have created a parent project, we can proceed to create multiple repositories below it.

2.2. Creating multiple repositories within a parent project

1. After creating a parent project, follow the steps in [Steps to run our Action](#), to create a workflow.
2. Copy/paste our GitHub Action code snippet in the created workflow yml file.

```
name: Your-Workflow-Name
on: push
jobs:
  myJob:
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest
    steps:
      - name: Cryptosoft-SBOM-generator
        id: Cryptosoft-SBOM-generator
        uses: CryptosoftInc/Dependency-Track-Javascript@1.0.0
        with:
          dt-url: <your dt url>
          api-key: ${{ secrets.apiKey }}
          project-name: <your project name>
          project-version: <your project version >
          parent-name: <your parent project name>
          parent-version: <your parent project version >
```

Provide the inputs as mentioned:

parent-name: Enter your parent project name

parent-version: Enter the parent project version

project-name: Enter your project name

project-version: Enter the project version

dt-url: Enter your Dependency-Track “backend URL”

api-key: Place your API Key in the GitHub secrets and pass the secrets ref or directly pass the API Key in inputs

Example

```
name: sbom-test
on: push
jobs:
  myJob:
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest
    steps:
      - name: Cryptosoft-SBOM-generator
        id: Cryptosoft-SBOM-generator
        uses: CryptosoftInc/Dependency-Track-Javascript@1.0.0
        with:
          dt-url: "https://dt-api.staging.cryptosoft.com/api/v1/bom"
          api-key: "1DMIXAnGtTIeTQDddlHSvpj6d3as174S "
          project-name: "cs-backend"
          project-version: "1.0.0"
          parent-name: "cryptosoft"
          parent-version: "1.0.0"
```

3. Follow the steps in [Steps to run our Action](#) to execute the action and view the project in Dependency-Track
4. Login to the Dependency-Track UI and navigate to the “Projects” page, and you will see the new project has been created under the designated parent project.

▼ cryptosoft	1.0.0	Application	-	-
cs-backend	1.0.0	Application	13 Jul 2023 at 20:14:03	CycloneDX 1.4

3. Creating an SBOM from multiple repositories under a single project

The upcoming steps will guide you in combining a GitHub repository's SBOM with an existing Dependency-Track project to aggregate the SBOMs.

By using this method, we can upload the SBOMs of multiple repositories to a single project, which results in obtaining the aggregated SBOM within the single project.

For Javascript projects, use [CryptosoftInc/Aggregate-Sbom-Javascript@1.0.0](#)

For non-Javascript projects, use [CryptosoftInc/Aggregate-Sbom@1.0.0](#)

These actions will enable you to aggregate the SBOMs accordingly.

1. Follow the steps in [Steps to run our Action](#), to create a workflow.
2. Copy/paste our GitHub Action code snippet in the created workflow yml file.

```
name: Your-Workflow-Name
on: push
jobs:
  myJob:
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest
    steps:
      - name: Cryptosoft-SBOM-Dependency-Track
        id: Cryptosoft-SBOM-Dependency-Track
        uses: CryptosoftInc/Aggregate-Sbom@1.0.0
        with:
          dt-url: <your dt url>
          api-key: ${{ secrets.apiKey }}
          project-name: <your project name>
          project-version: <your project version >
```

Provide the inputs as mentioned:

project-name: Enter your project name

project-version: Enter the project version

dt-url: Enter your Dependency-Track “backend URL”

api-key: Place your API Key in the GitHub secrets and pass the secrets ref or directly pass the API Key in inputs

Example

```
1 name: Build SBOM and send to dt-api
2 on: push
3 jobs:
4   myJob:
5     runs-on: ubuntu-latest
6     steps:
7     - name: CryptoSoftInc-Aggregated-SBOM
8       uses: CryptosoftInc/Aggregate-Sbom@1.0.0
9       with:
10         dt-url: "https://dt-api.staging.cryptosoft.com"
11         api-key: "${{ secrets.API_KEY }}"
12         project-name: "test-aggregate"
13         project-version: "1.0.0"
14
15
```

5. Follow the steps in [Steps to run our Action](#) to execute the action and view the project in Dependency-Track.
6. After logging into the Dependency-Track UI, navigate to the “Projects” page. You will be able to see the new project if it has been successfully created. In case the project already exists, you will find the aggregated SBOMs associated with that project.

4. Using a custom toolchain

The process consists of two steps: SBOM generation and uploading it to Dependency-Track.

For SBOM generation, you have various options available depending on your project requirements. You can utilize tools like [CycloneDX Tool Center](#), [Syft Tool](#), or [Microsoft SBOM Tool](#). These tools enable you to generate an SBOM tailored to your specific project. We have provided later a sample for Jenkins which was created using the [cdxgen](#) tool.

Moving on to the second step, you need to invoke the [Dependency-Track API](#) with the necessary inputs to successfully upload the SBOM. To accomplish this, you can employ a sample curl command as follows:

```
curl -k -X POST "{Dependency-Track-backend-url}/api/v1/bom" \  
  -H "Content-Type:multipart/form-data" \  
  -H "X-API-Key:${<DT-API-key>}" \  
  -F "autoCreate=true" \  
  -F "projectName=<your-project-name>" \  
  -F "projectVersion=<your-project-version>" \  
  -F "bom=@<Generated-SBOM-file>"
```

*****Generated SBOM file supported formats .xml and .json***

GENERAL TEMPLATE FOR USING THE SBOM UTILITY FOR JENKINS:

In the explanation below we are demonstrating how to generate the SBOM using Jenkins and upload it to Dependency-Track. We are using the [cdxgen](#) tool for the SBOM generation.

Jenkins Setup:

- Install **Git** plugin
- Go to the Jenkins Dashboard→Manage Jenkins→Tools where we can see the Git plugin.

Dashboard > Manage Jenkins > Tools

Git installations

Git

Name
Default

Path to Git executable ?
git

Install automatically ?
Add Installer

Add Git

- Click on Add NodeJs and provide the name as **“git”** and check the Install automatically option with the latest version.
- Click on Apply with the above setting and then Click on Save.
- Install NodeJS plugin
- Go to the Jenkins Dashboard→Manage Jenkins→Tools where we can see the NodeJs plugin.
- Click on “Add NodeJs” and provide the name as **“node”** and check the Install automatically option with the latest version.
- Click on “Apply” with the above setting and then Click on Save.

Dashboard > Manage Jenkins > Tools

NodeJS

NodeJS installations ^ Edited

NodeJS installations
List of NodeJS installations on this system

Add NodeJS

NodeJS
Name
node

Install automatically ?

Install from nodejs.org

Version
NodeJS 20.3.0

For the underlying architecture, if available, force the installation of the 32bit package. Otherwise the build will fail

Force 32bit architecture

Save Apply

- The Jenkinsfile pipeline below will support NodeJS, ReactJs, Angular.
- Make sure the Jenkinsfile exists in the root directory of your Github repository.

```

pipeline {
  agent any
  tools {
    nodejs "node" STEP 1
  }
  stages {
    stage('Checkout') {
      steps {
        checkout scm
      }
    }
    stage('Install Dependencies') {
      steps {
        sh 'npm install' STEP 2
      }
    }
    stage('Install SBOM tool') {
      steps {
        sh 'npm install -g @cyclonedx/cdxgen@8.6.0' STEP 3'
      }
    }
    stage('Generate SBOM') {
      steps {
        sh 'export FETCH_LICENSE=true && cdxgen -r -o bom.json'
        script {
          def sbom = readFile('bom.json')
          echo "Generated SBOM:\n\n${sbom}" STEP 4
        }
      }
    }
    stage('Upload SBOM to Dependency-Track') {
      steps {
        withCredentials([string(credentialsId: '<Your apikey name>', variable:
'X_API_KEY')]) {
          sh """
          curl -k -X POST "https://<Your dependency-track backend
url>/api/v1/bom" \
          -H "Content-Type:multipart/form-data" \
          -H "X-Api-Key:${X_API_KEY}" \
          -F "autoCreate=true" \
          -F "projectName=<your project name>" STEP 5
          -F "projectVersion=<Your project version>" \
          -F "bom=@bom.json"
          """
        }
      }
    }
  }
}

```

For other programming languages use project specific commands in **STEP 2** to install project dependencies.

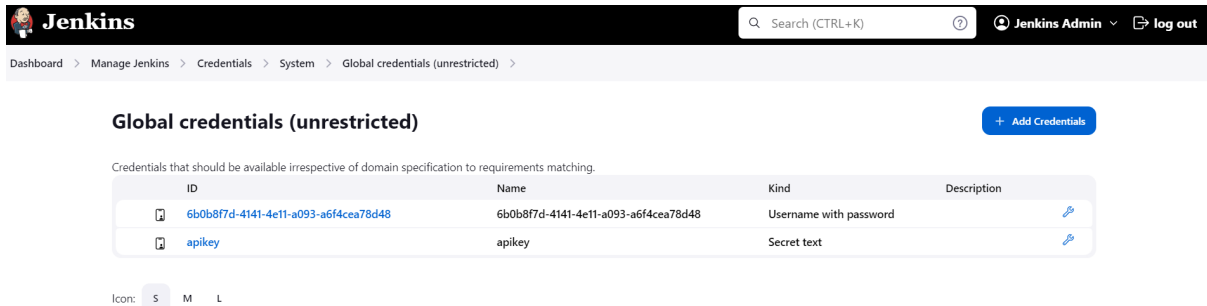
Ex: Golang- “*go mod why*” , Python - “*pip install*” etc. as shown below:

```
stage('Install Dependencies') {  
    steps {  
        sh 'go mod why' STEP 2  
    }  
}
```

- Once the changes are committed by adding the Jenkinsfile to your GitHub repository, we need to connect the GitHub repository to Jenkins and create a secret for storing the Dependency-Track APIKEY.

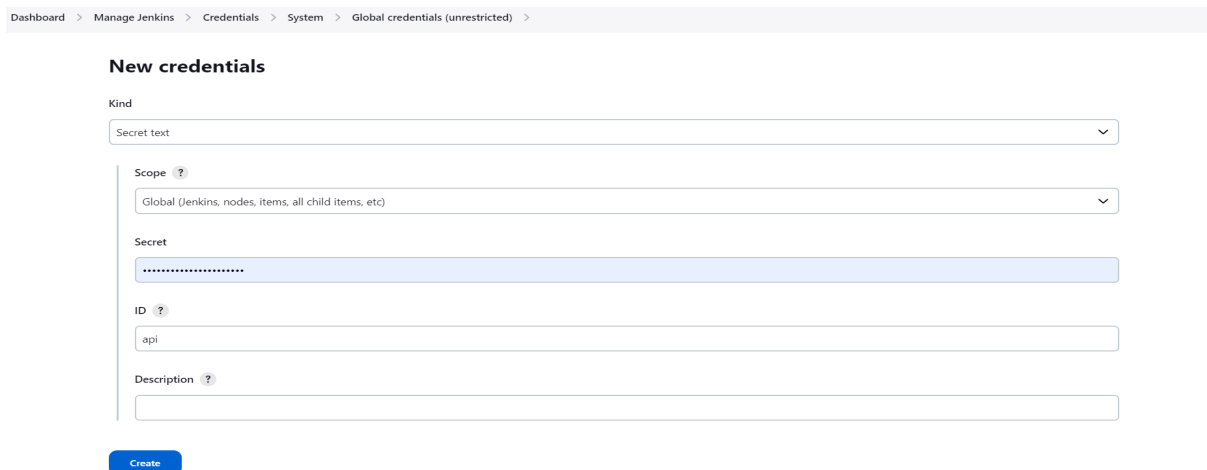
Generation of the Dependency-Track APIKEY as a Secret in Jenkins

- In the Jenkins pipeline we are passing the APIKEY of Dependency-Track as secret which needs to be added in the Credentials.
- Go to the Jenkins Dashboard→Manage Jenkins→Credentials→System→Global credentials (unrestricted) and click on **Add Credentials**.



The screenshot shows the Jenkins interface for managing global credentials. The breadcrumb trail is: Dashboard > Manage Jenkins > Credentials > System > Global credentials (unrestricted). The page title is "Global credentials (unrestricted)" with an "Add Credentials" button. Below the title, it says "Credentials that should be available irrespective of domain specification to requirements matching." There is a table with columns: ID, Name, Kind, and Description. The table contains two entries: one with ID "6b0b87d-4141-4e11-a093-a6f4cea78d48", Name "6b0b87d-4141-4e11-a093-a6f4cea78d48", Kind "Username with password", and Description "Username with password"; and another with ID "apikey", Name "apikey", Kind "Secret text", and Description "Secret text". Below the table, there is an "Icon:" section with radio buttons for "S", "M", and "L".

- Now select the kinds as **Secret Text** and paste the APIKEY in the Secret option and provide a name in the ID



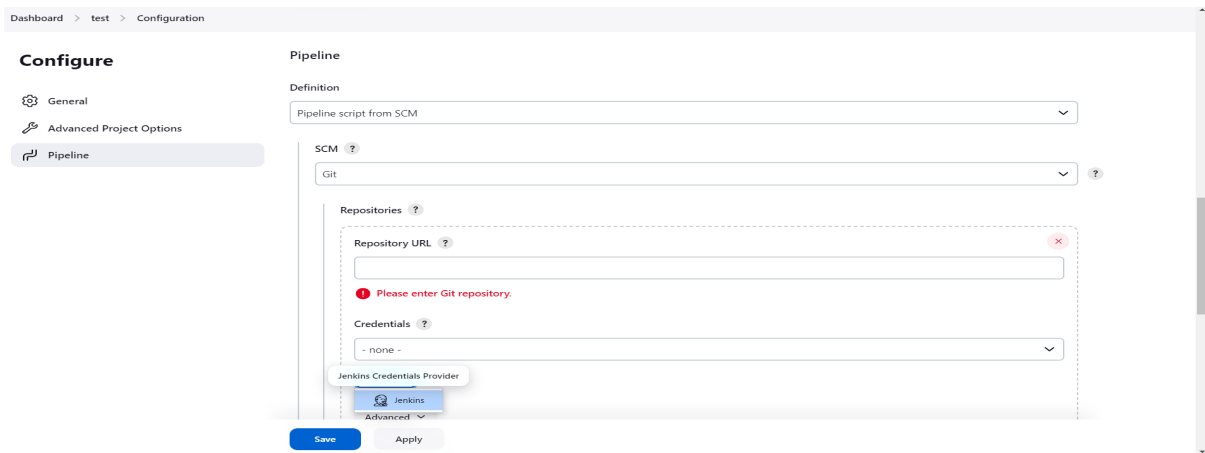
The screenshot shows the "New credentials" form in Jenkins. The breadcrumb trail is: Dashboard > Manage Jenkins > Credentials > System > Global credentials (unrestricted). The form title is "New credentials". The "Kind" dropdown is set to "Secret text". The "Scope" dropdown is set to "Global (Jenkins, nodes, items, all child items, etc)". The "Secret" field contains a masked value ".....". The "ID" field contains "api". The "Description" field is empty. There is a "Create" button at the bottom.

- Click on “Create”.
- This Secret will be used in the Jenkins pipeline for pushing the SBOM to the Dependency-Track backend.

```
stage('Upload SBOM to Dependency-Track') {
  steps {
    withCredentials([string(credentialsId: 'api', variable: 'X_API_KEY')]) {
      sh """
      curl -k -X POST "https://dt-api-jenkins-test.staging.cryptosoft.com/api/v1/bom" \
      -H "Content-Type:multipart/form-data" \
      -H "X-Api-Key:${X_API_KEY}" \

```

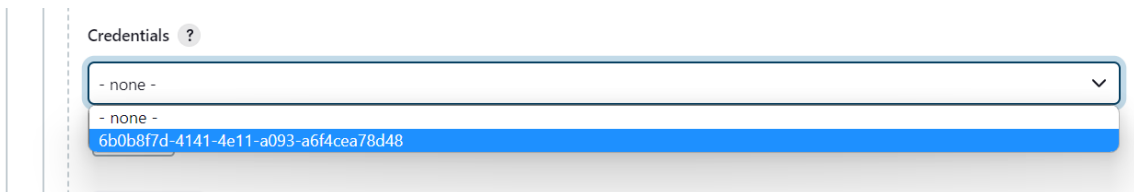

- Create the Jenkins pipeline project and then select the
 - Definition — Pipeline script from SCM
 - SCM — Git
 - Repository URL — GH repository for SBOM



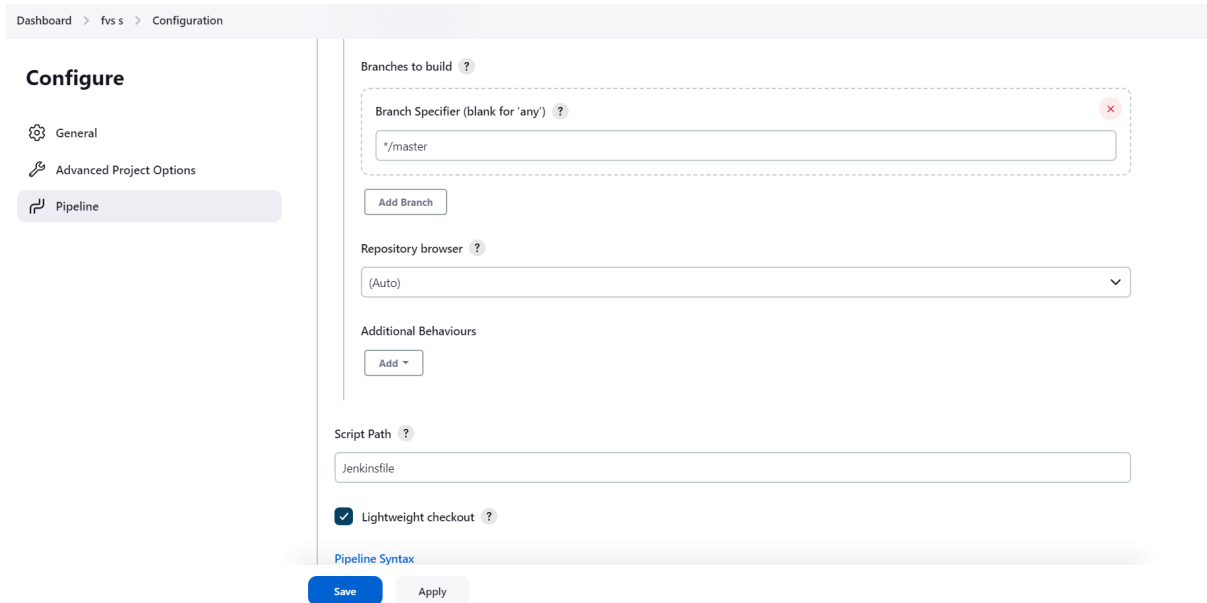
- Credentials — Add GitHub username and password as secret



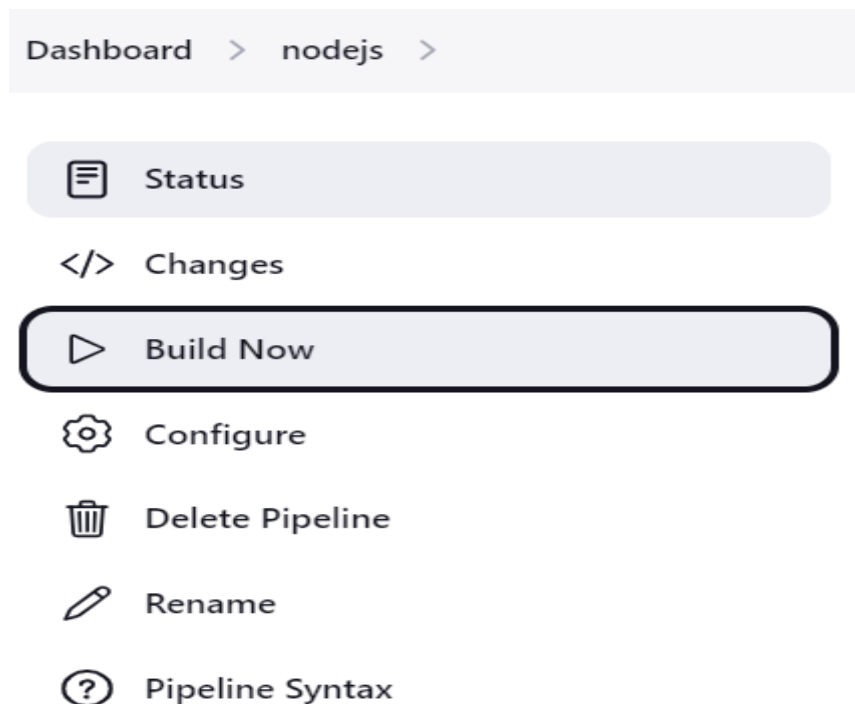
- Once the GitHub username and password are set as secret then we can use the name of the secret or ID which has been generated during the secret creation for connecting the GitHub repository.



- Mention the branch name and the Jenkinsfile for creating the SBOM



- Click on Apply
- Once the Jenkins Project is created then Click on the project and then click on the **Build Now** option on the left sidebar.



- Then we will see the build has been started which will run the Steps from the Jenkinsfile.
- Once the build process is completed successfully we can check the SBOM project name has been pushed to Dependency-Track.
- Go to the Dependency-Track frontend url and you will see the Project has been created with the version number.

- **Failure/Error Case**

- If the Jenkins server is running in kubernetes and the build steps have been killed or terminated with any memory error then we need to add the snippet below to the initiating pipeline in your Jenkinsfile:

```
pipeline {
  agent {
    kubernetes {
      cloud 'kubernetes'
      yaml """
        apiVersion: v1
        kind: Pod
        spec:
          containers:
            - name: jnlp
              image: jenkins/inbound-agent:3107.v665000b_51092-15
              resources:
                limits:
                  cpu: '1'
                  memory: '2Gi'
                requests:
                  cpu: '900m'
                  memory: '1Gi'
              tty: true
            """
    }
    // Your Rest pipeline steps
  }
}
```

GITHUB WORKFLOW TO GENERATE SBOM FOR PYTHON WITH POETRY.LOCK

For Python projects with a poetry.lock dependency file, create a workflow in the root of your GitHub repository as shown in this [step](#). Use the code snippet below to generate the SBOM and upload it to Dependency-Track.

```
name: test-actions
on:
  push:
jobs:
  myJob:
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest
    steps:
      - uses: actions/checkout@v2
      - name: Setup Python
        uses: actions/setup-python@v3.1.4
      - name: Install tool
        run: pip install cyclonedx-bom
      - name: Generate BOM
        run: |
          cyclonedx-py --poetry --format xml -o sbom.xml

      - name: Submit SBOM
        run: |
          curl -k -X POST "<Your DT URL>/api/v1/bom" \
            -H "Content-Type: multipart/form-data" \
            -H "X-API-Key:<Your API_KEY>" \
            -F "autoCreate=true" \
            -F "projectName=<Your project Name>" \
            -F "projectVersion=<Your project version>" \
            -F "bom=@sbom.xml"
```

* Substitute your Dependency-Track url , api-key , project name and project version at the highlighted place.

END