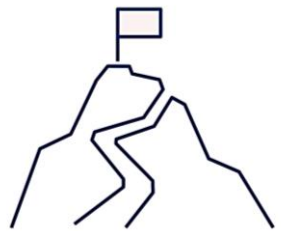


The Life of an SBOM: Where does it go and what do people do to it and with it?



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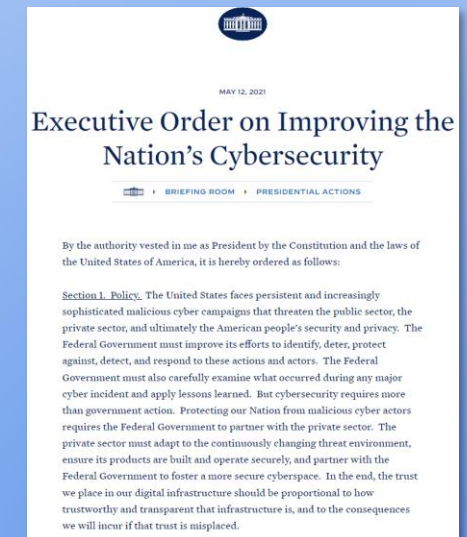


Introductions

- About the speakers: Ken Zalevsky and Anita D'Amico
 - Background
 - Interest in SBOMs
- About the audience:
 - Interest in SBOMs
 - Verticals
 - What you hope to learn

Motivation for SBOM Generation and Management

- **EO14028:** Executive Order on Improving the Nation's Cybersecurity
 - SBOMs required for all (non-open source) software acquired by US government
- **DHS CISA Attestation:** Mandates for adherence to Secure Software Development Framework (SSDF)
- **FDA Guidelines:** Compliance requirements for medical devices
 - October 2023: FDA's cybersecurity requirements for all cyber device manufacturers seeking FDA approval
- **Emerging U.S. Hospital Regulations:**
 - Anticipated new regulations impacting SBOM management in hospitals



Software Bill of Materials (SBOM)

- Comprehensive inventory of ingredients in software used in an application or device
- Usually generated by the product's team as part of the software development process (Source or Build SBOMs)
 - Can also be generated post deployment (Deployed SBOM)
- Delivered to consumer of product in SPDX, CycloneDX or SWID standard formats

Minimum data in SBOM

- Supplier name
- Component names
- Versions of each component
- Dependencies on each component
- Author of SBOM
- Other unique identifiers
- Time stamp

Types of Software Bill of Material (SBOM) Documents, published by CISA, 2023. <https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/2023-04/sbom-types-document-508c.pdf>

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Build SBOM (SPDX)

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SBOM Lifecycle Management aka SBOM Operations

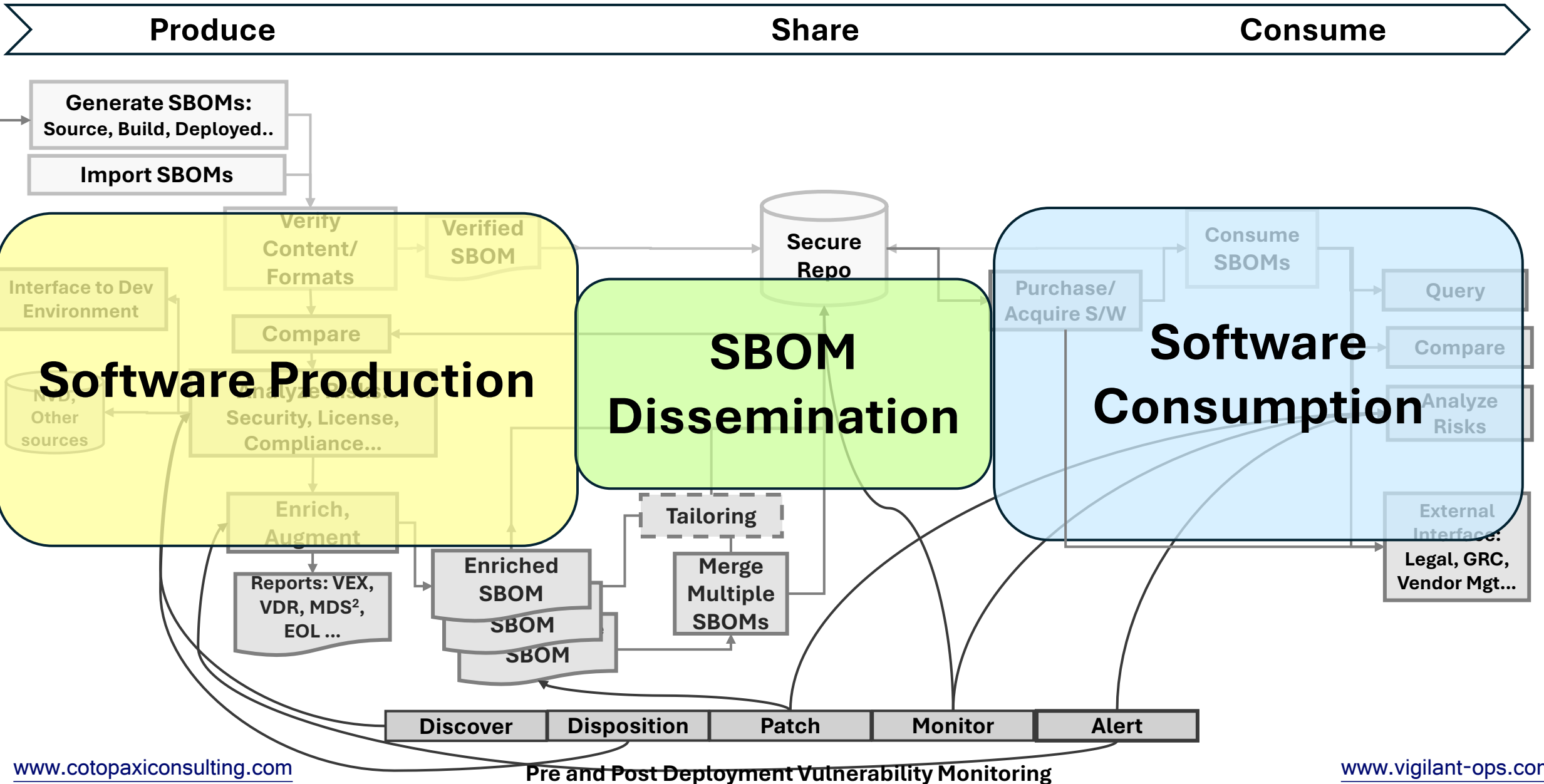
What you do with an SBOM

- Actions taken largely after initial SBOM generation
- By software producer, distributor and consumer
- To impact software security, supply chain transparency, regulatory and license compliance, procurement processes

Dynamic, Multi-Player Ecosystem

- Spans lifecycle of software: production, release, deployment, maintenance
- SBOM management users: software release engineers, AppSec teams, PSIRTs, risk/compliance teams, procurement, consumer's security team, incident responders

SBOM's Lifecycle: Three Major Stages



Who Cares? Industries and stakeholders most actively managing SBOMs

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Software Producers

- Medical device manufacturers
- Financial services
- US government suppliers
- B2B enterprise software
- Automotive manufacturers
- IoT, e.g., heating, security sensors

Stakeholders

- Software release engineering
- Product security
- Risk/compliance
- Field service reps

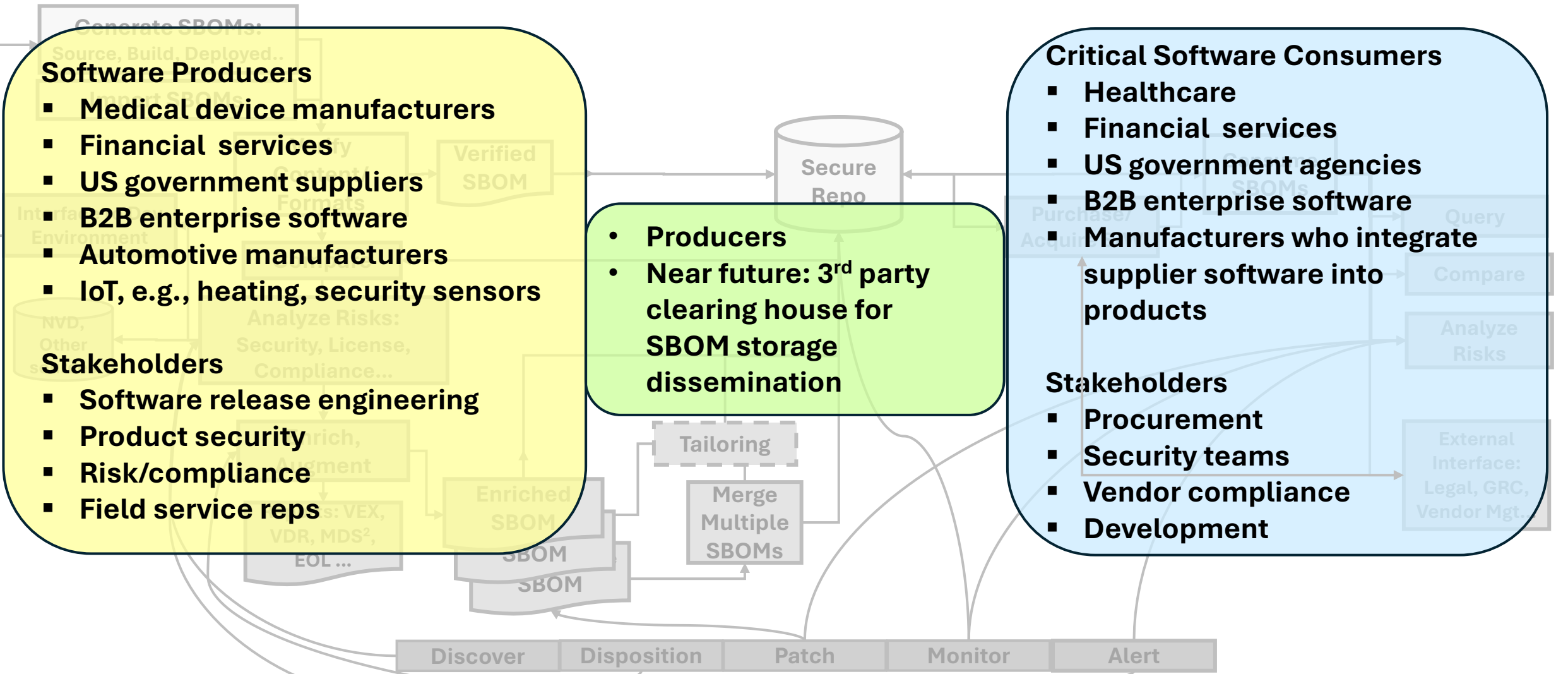
Critical Software Consumers

- Healthcare
- Financial services
- US government agencies
- B2B enterprise software
- Manufacturers who integrate supplier software into products

Stakeholders

- Procurement
- Security teams
- Vendor compliance
- Development

- Producers
- Near future: 3rd party clearing house for SBOM storage dissemination

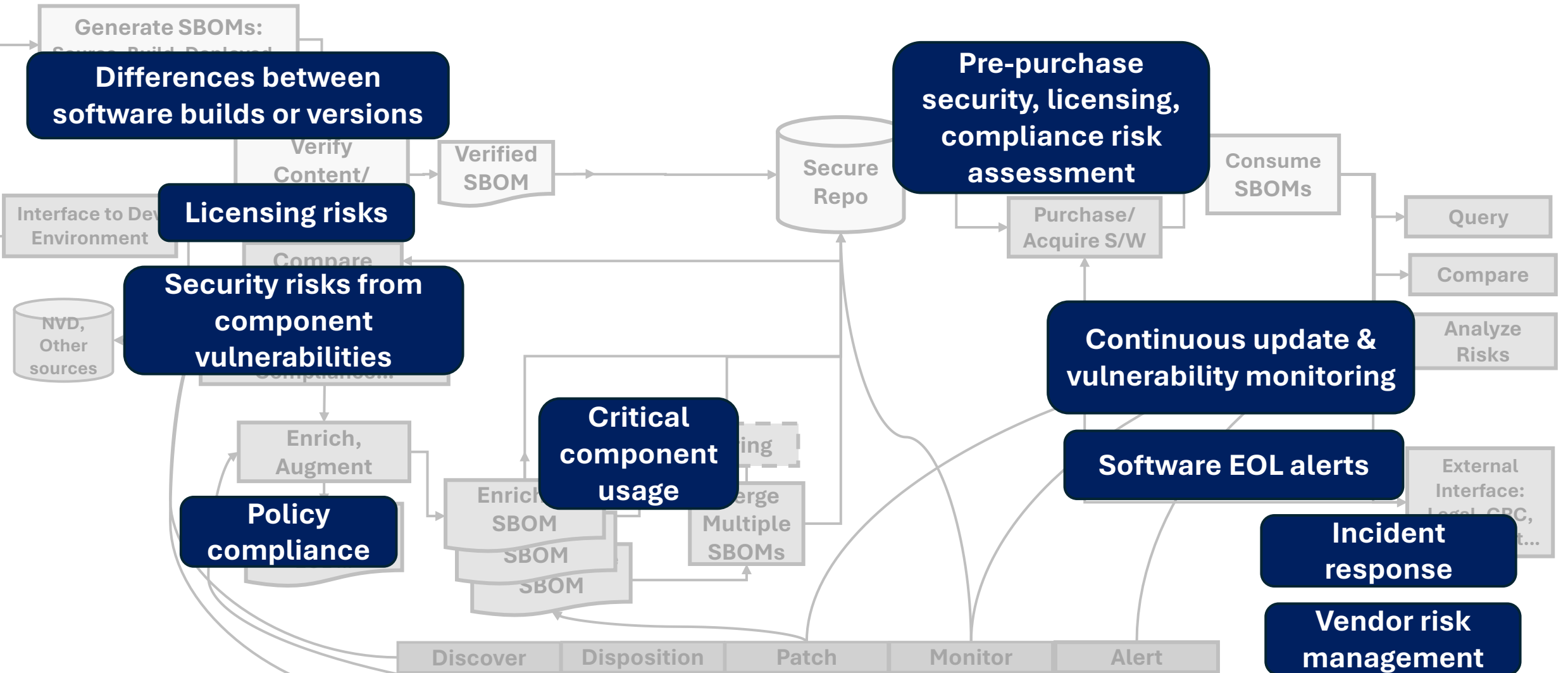


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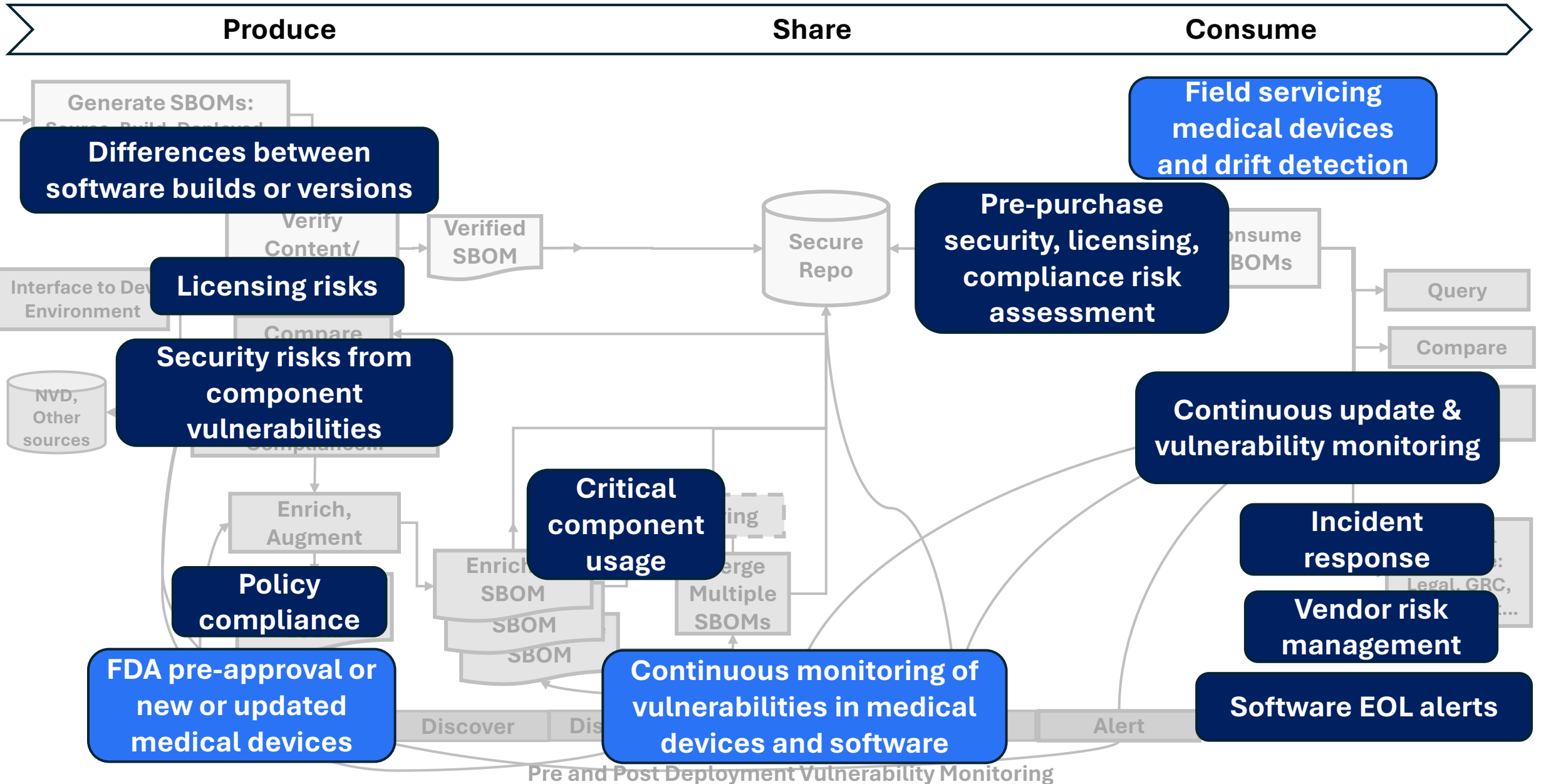
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Why Do Medical Technology and Healthcare Care? Sample use cases



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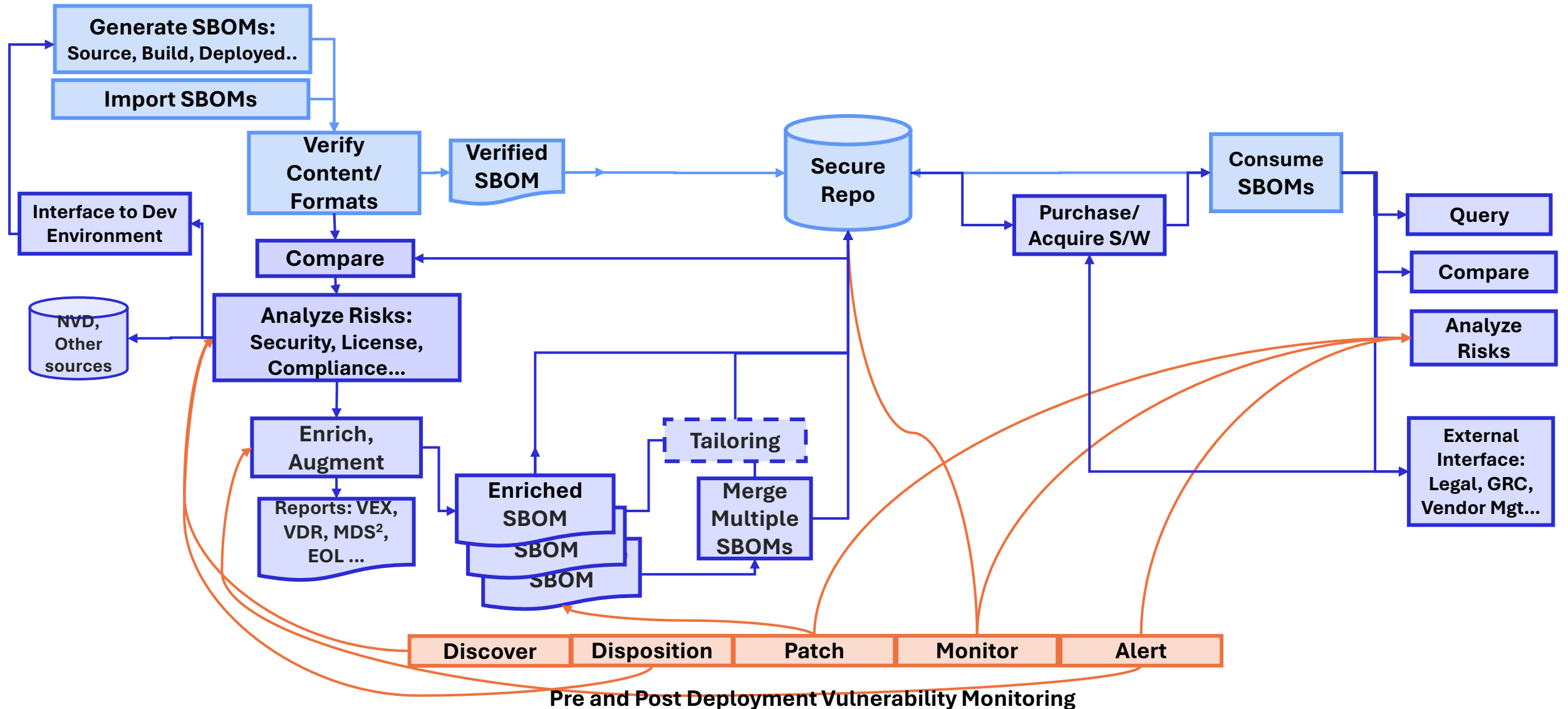
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Essential SBOM Management

Basic Functions for Production, Dissemination and Consumption of SBOMs

SBOM Management/Operations

Essential SBOM Management



Generate SBOMs:
Source, Build, Deployed..

Import SBOMs

Verify
Content/
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Typical Requirements

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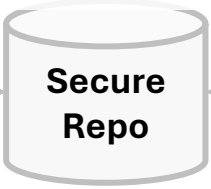
- Generate Source or Build SBOMs in CI/CD pipeline
- NTIA minimum elements
- CycloneDX, SPDX, SWID standard formats
- Transitive dependencies

- Import JSON, XML, CSV
- Import SPDX, CDX, SWID
- Convert formats

Verify Content/Formats

- Verify NTIA elements
- Verify SPDX, CDX or SWID formats compliance
- Industry-specific: Review and approve SBOM workflow, with audit logs

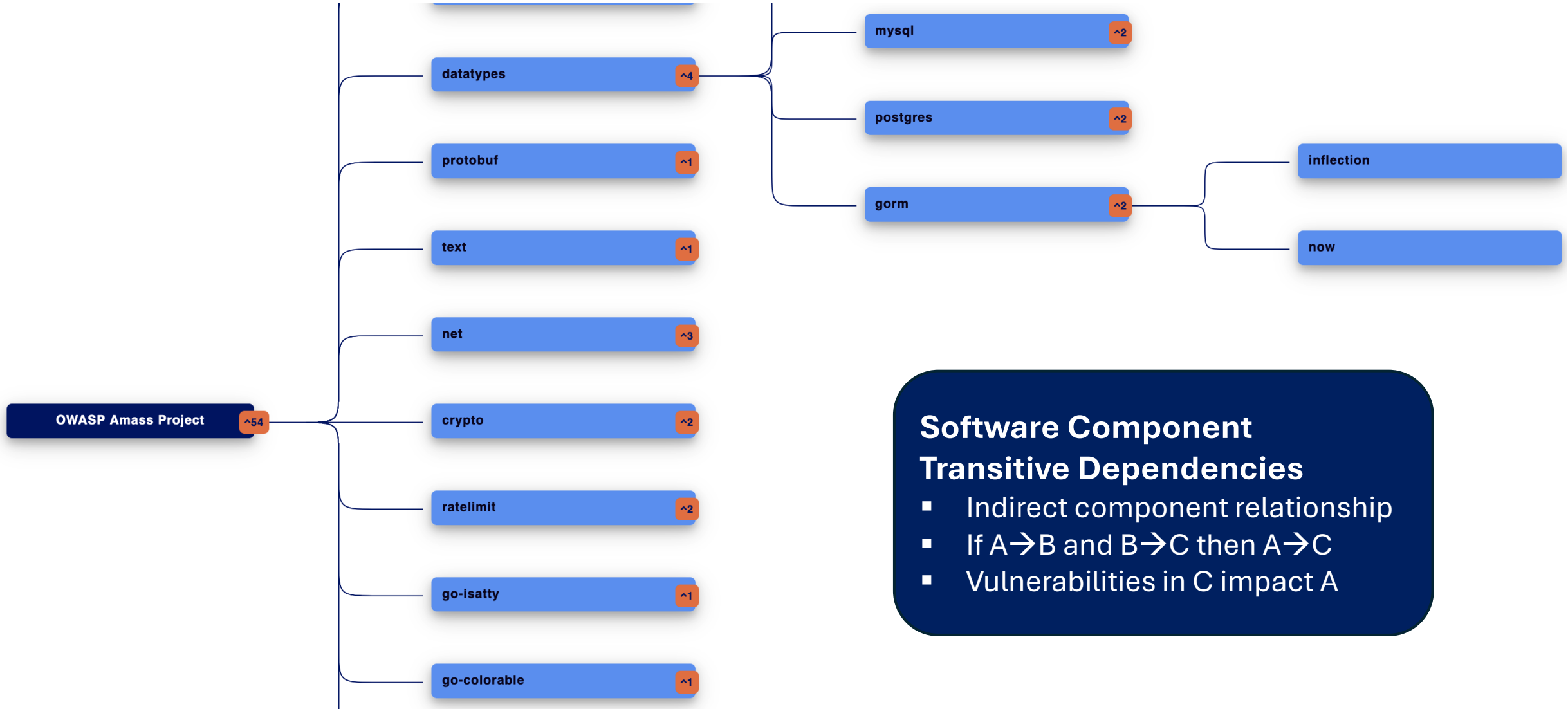
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Consume SBOMs

- Generate Deployed SBOMs in production and operations

Transitive Dependencies



Software Component Transitive Dependencies

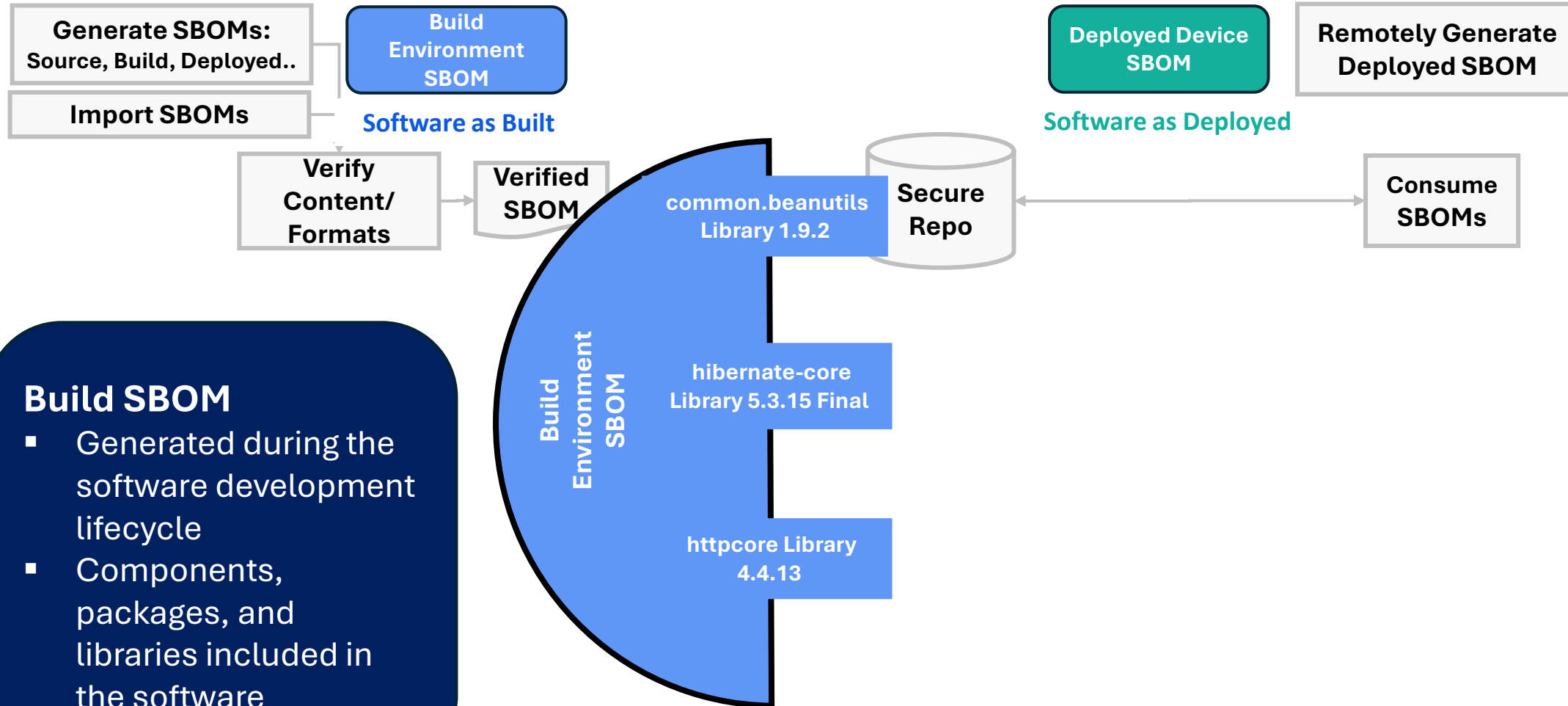
- Indirect component relationship
- If $A \rightarrow B$ and $B \rightarrow C$ then $A \rightarrow C$
- Vulnerabilities in C impact A

Difference between Build and Deployed SBOMs

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Build SBOM

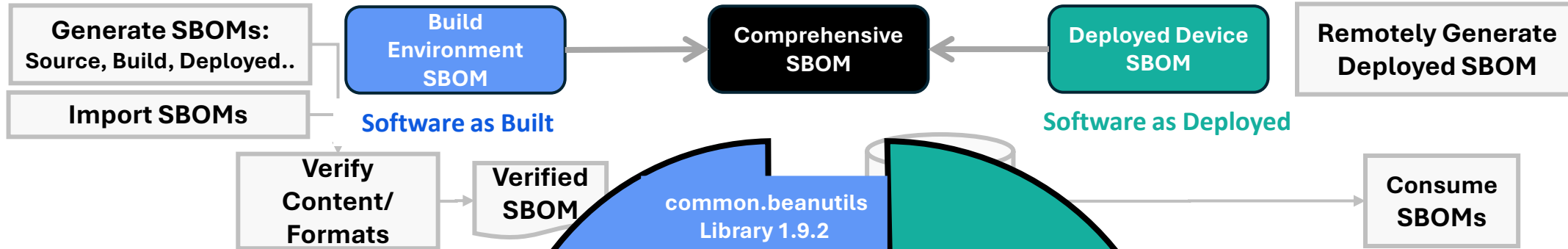
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- Components, packages, and libraries included in the software

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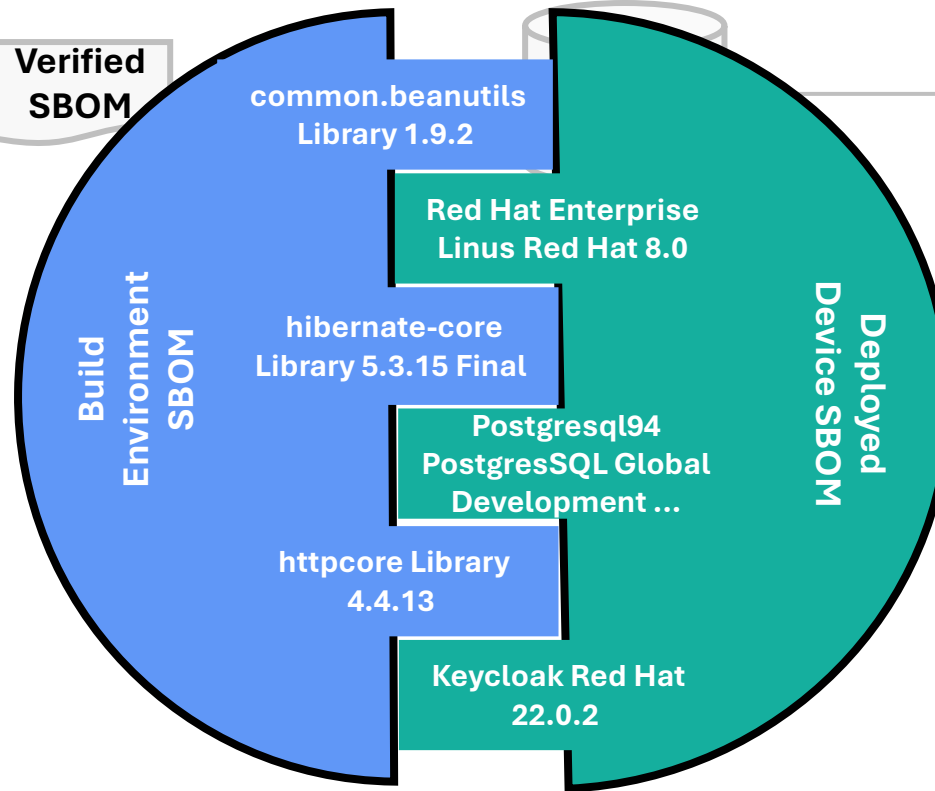
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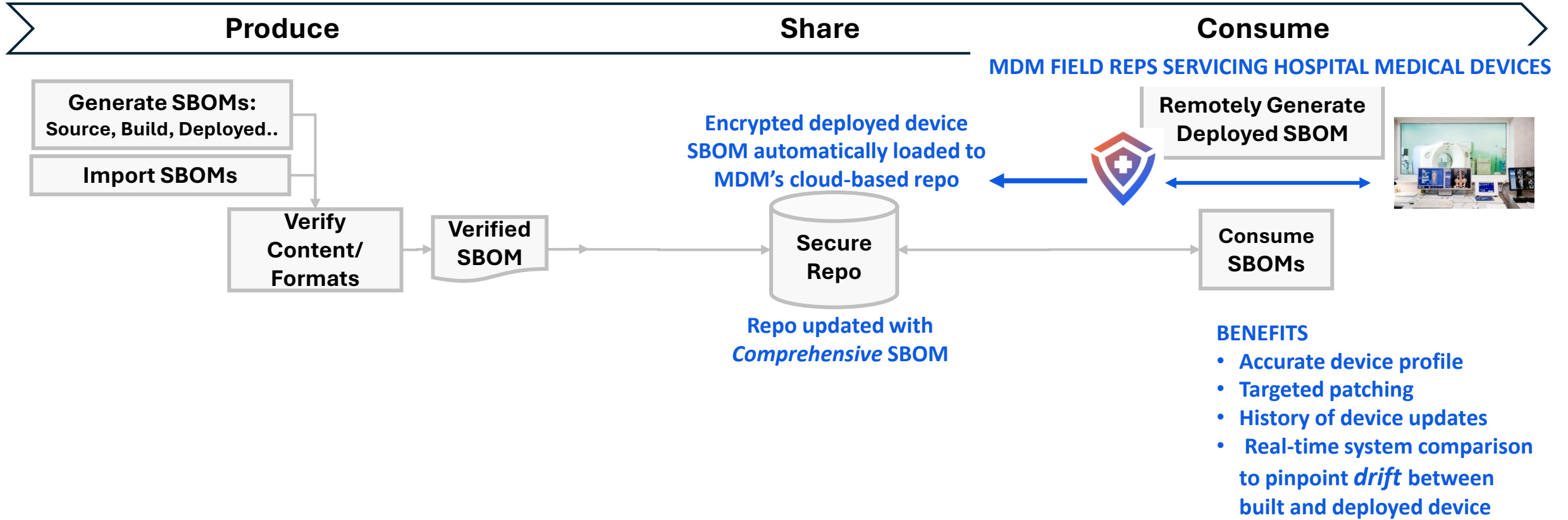
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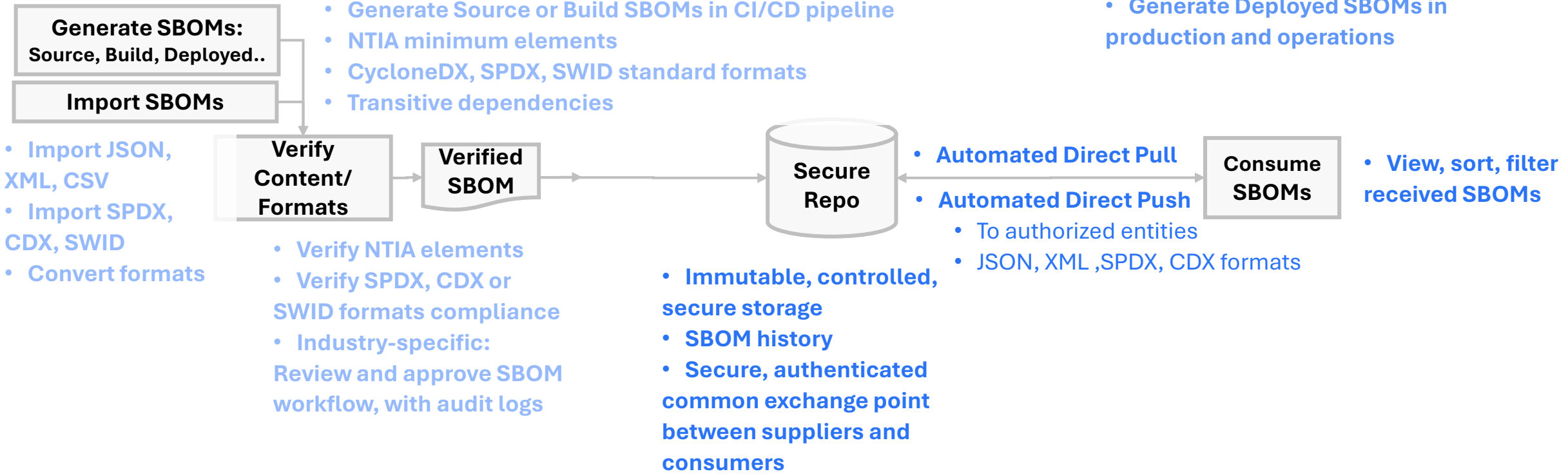
- Generated after system is deployed
- Software components actively running on the deployed software

Medical Device Manufacturer (MDM) Use Case for Build + Deployed SBOMs



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What Organizations Do To SBOMs to Increase Their Value

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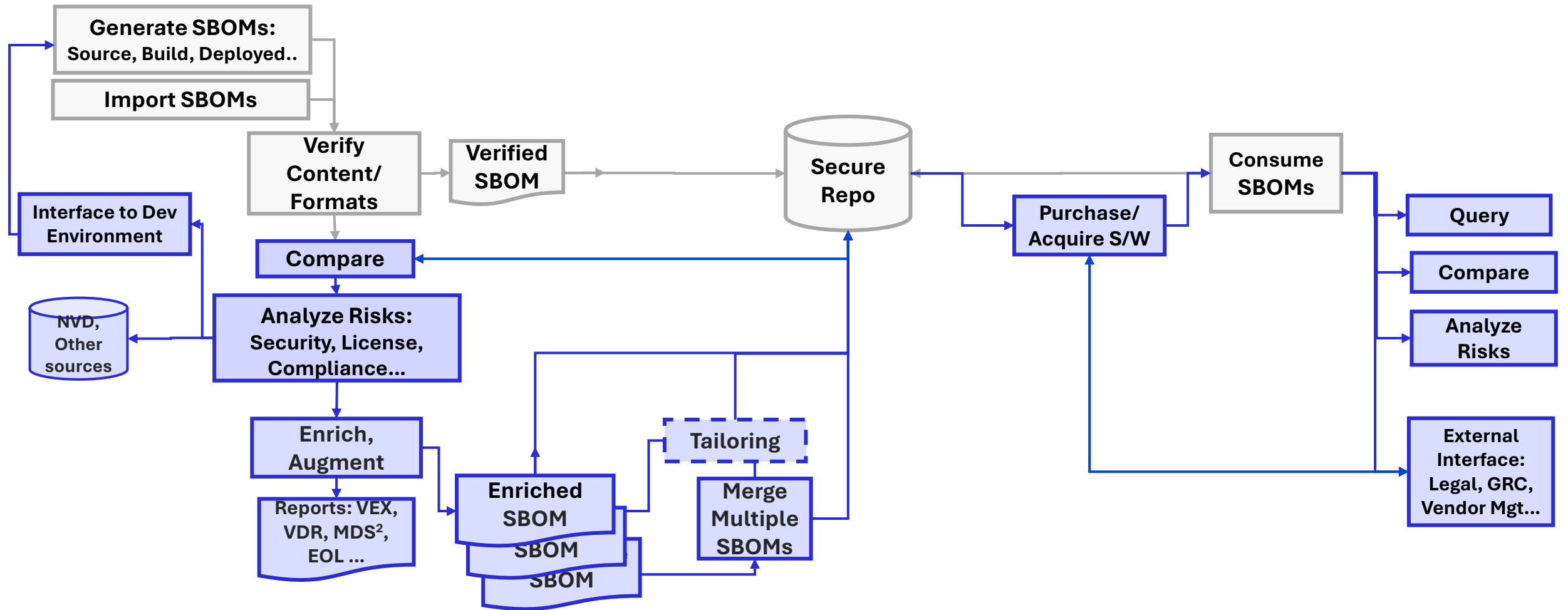
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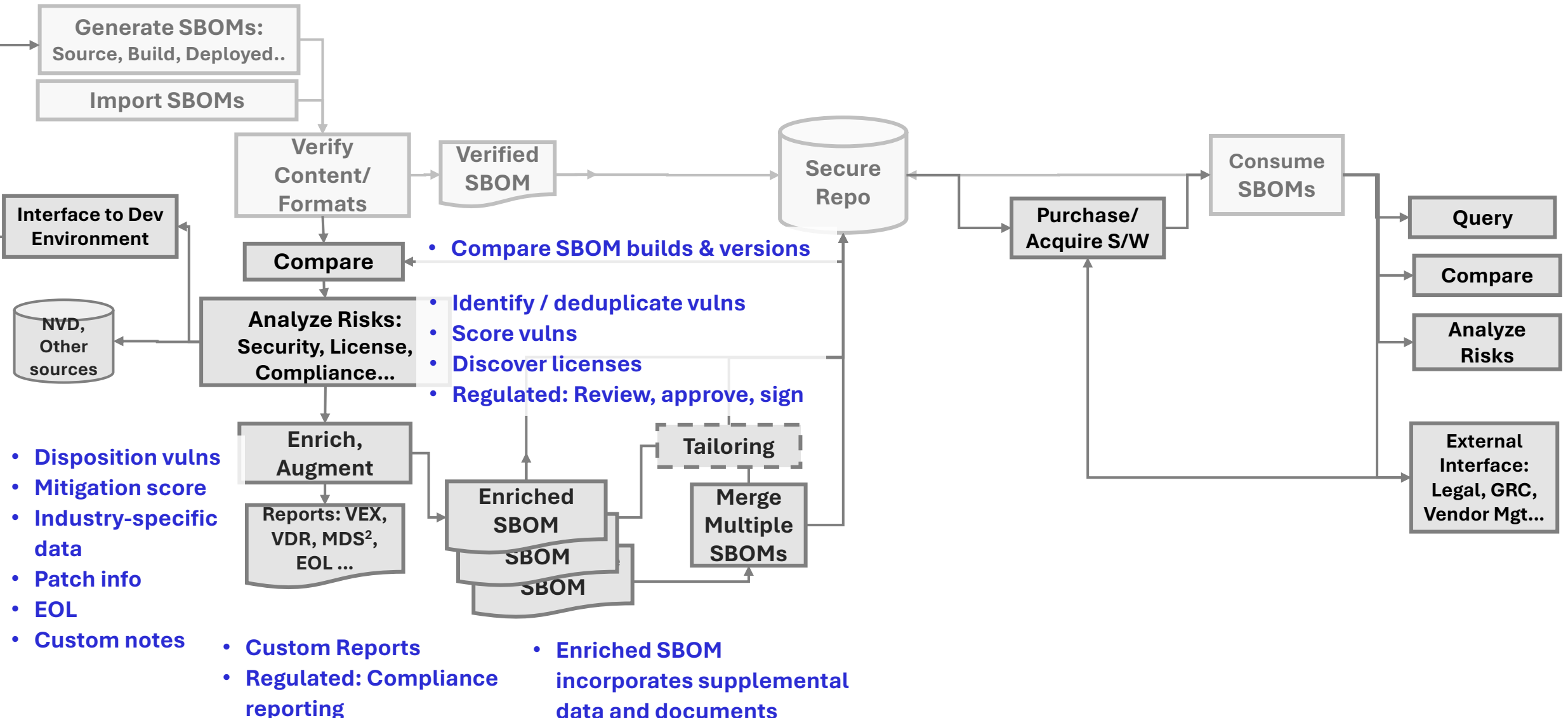
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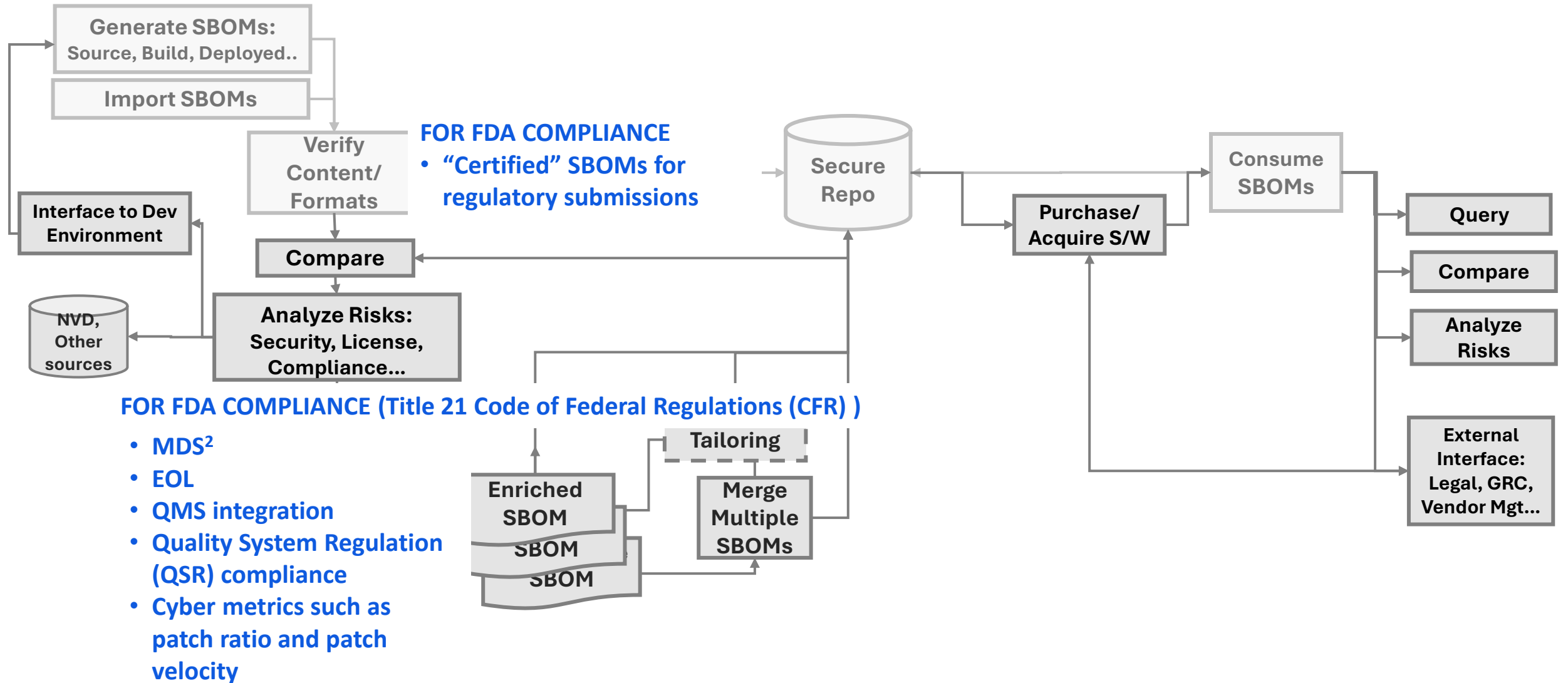


Product Documentation Required to Supplement SBOMs of Medical Device Software

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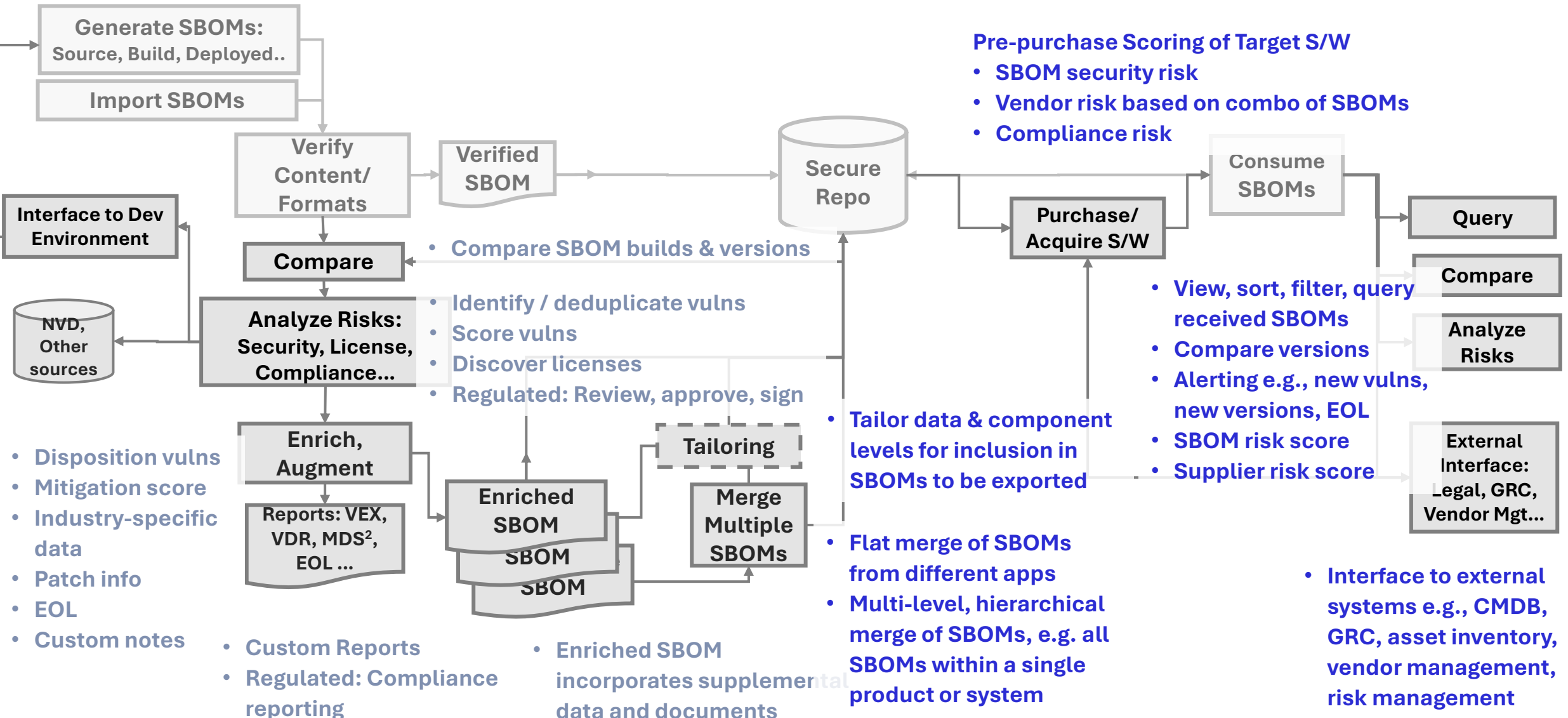
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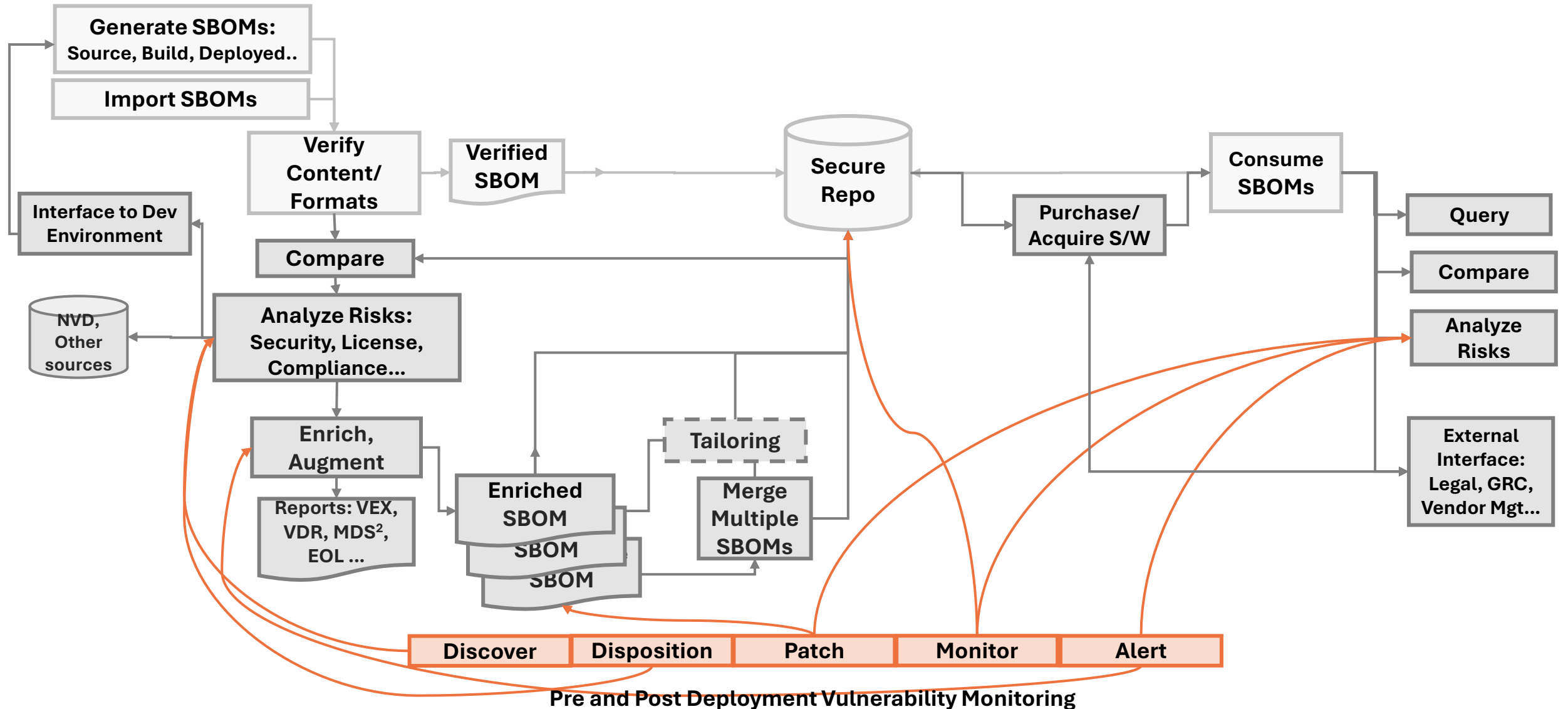
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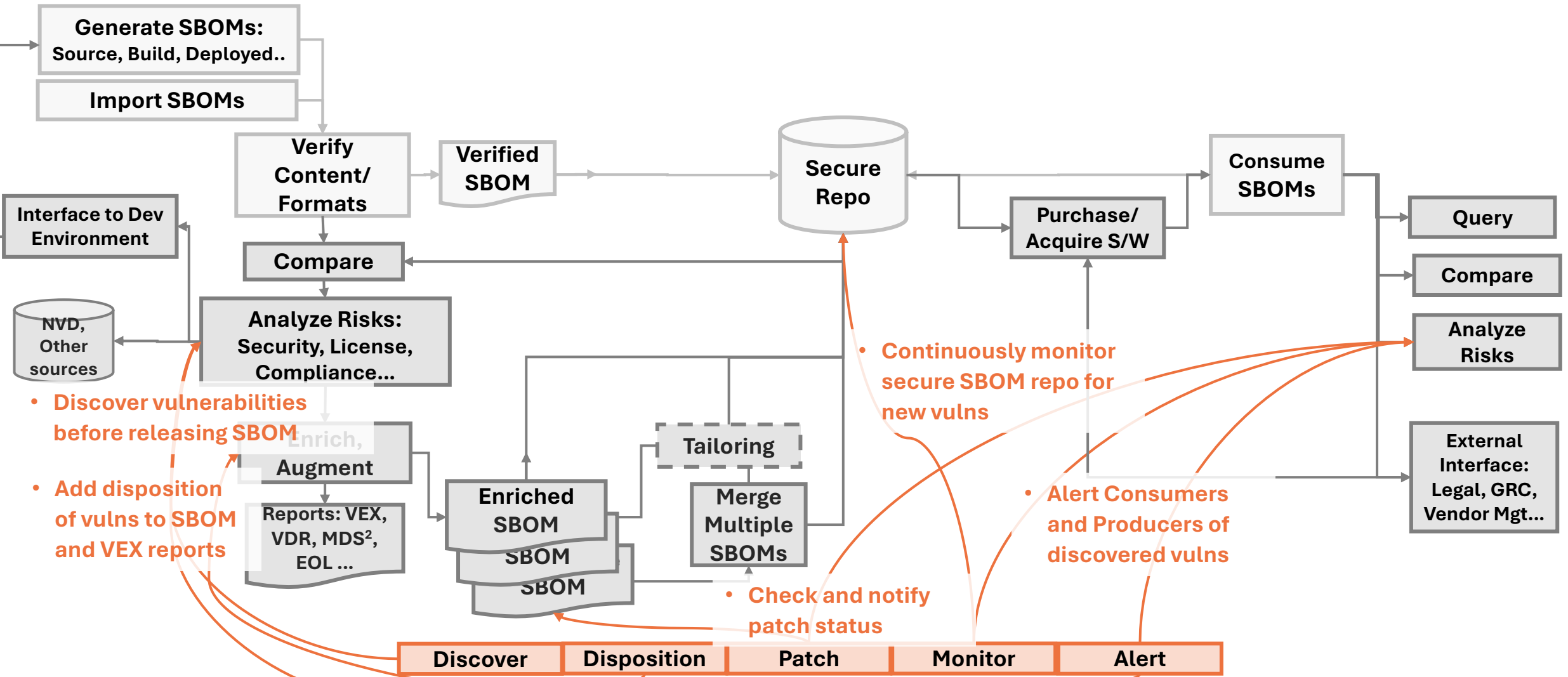
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- Discover vulnerabilities before releasing SBOM
- Add disposition of vulns to SBOM and VEX reports

• Continuously monitor secure SBOM repo for new vulns

• Alert Consumers and Producers of discovered vulns

• Check and notify patch status

Discover | Disposition | Patch | Monitor | Alert

Pre and Post Deployment Vulnerability Monitoring

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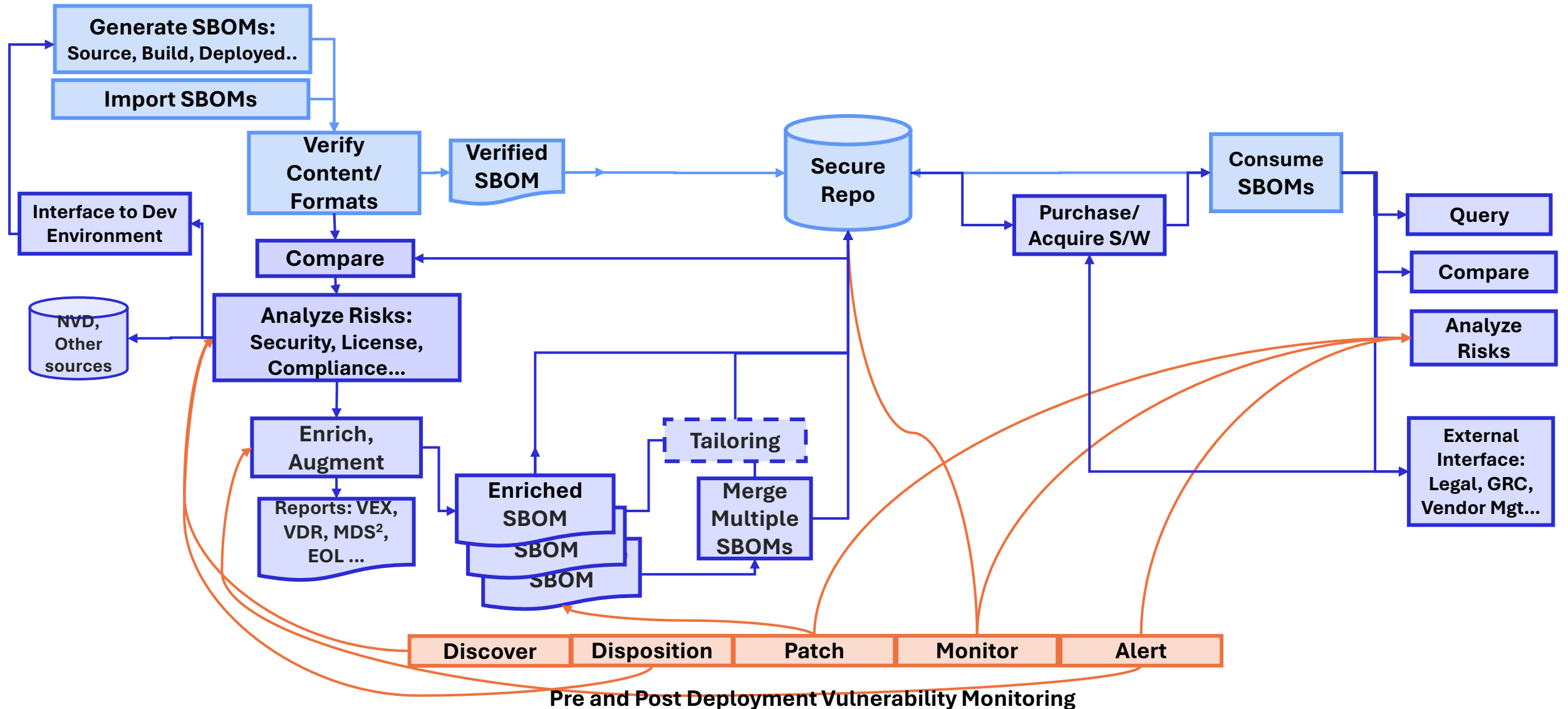
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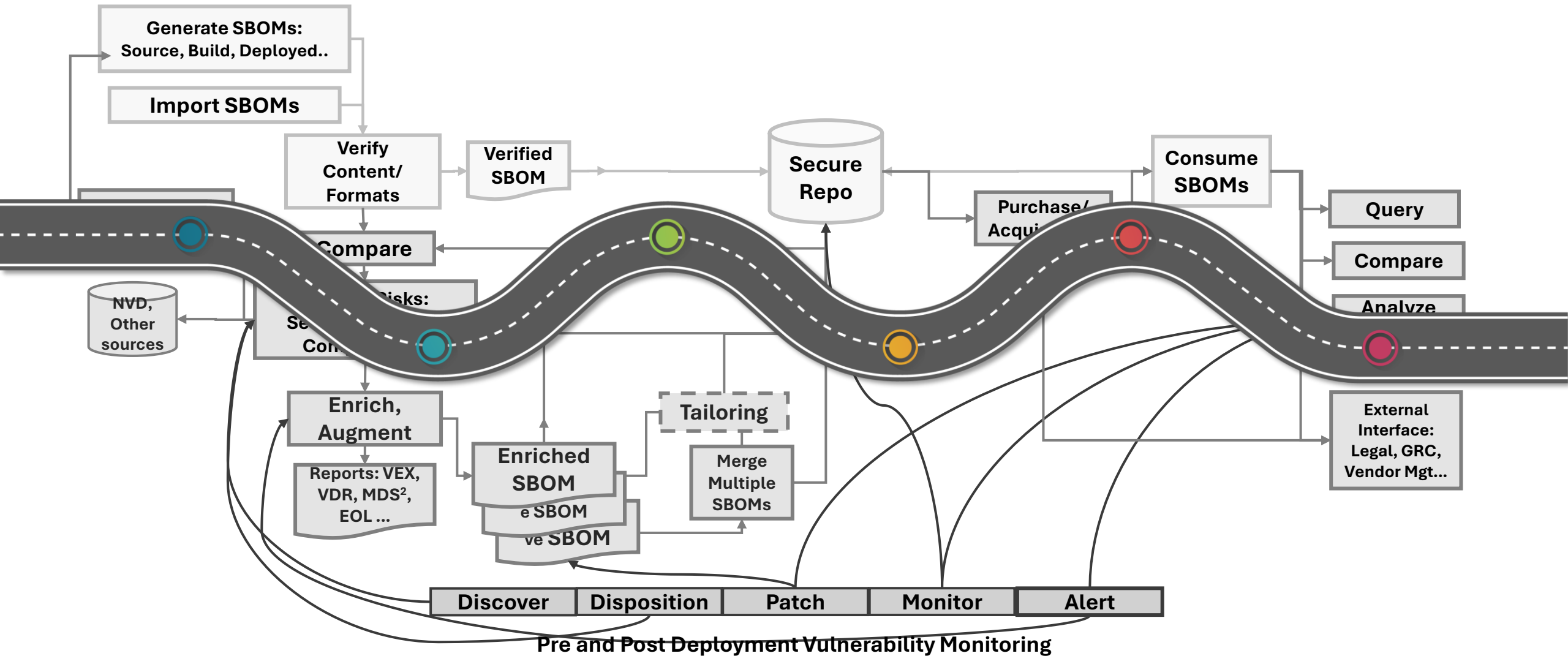
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SBOM Management and Operations Is a Journey:

Each organization is at a different place based on their needs



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