# Lifecycle Maintenance of Your BSP

Let us handle the periodic updates for you!

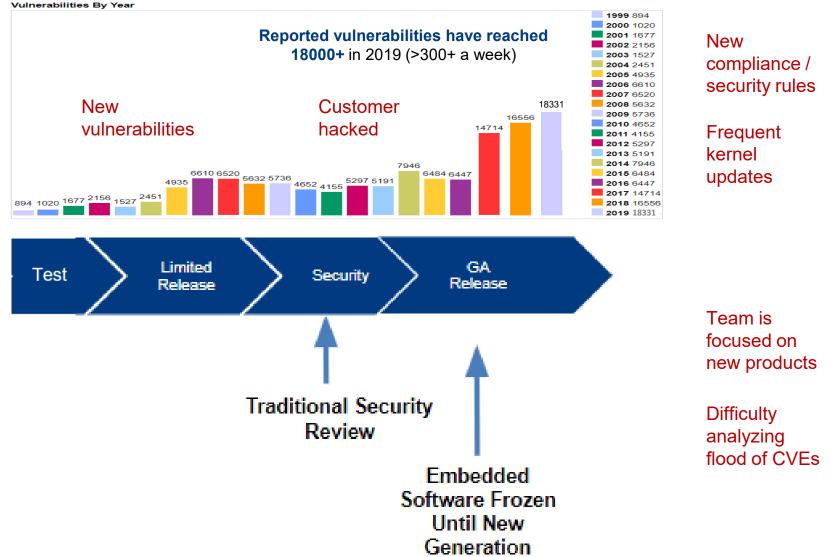
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### Problem 1: The World is not Frozen, Even if Your Software Is



New deployment compliance / modes (connected devices, IoT)

equent New 3<sup>rd</sup> party rnel component dates versions **External** Changes

No cycles for retesting

Backlog of patches and updates

Internal Challenges



# Problem 2: Market Security Requirements are Critical to Customer Acceptance

HIPAA privacy **SCADA** security Limited requirements GA Design Security Develop Test Release Release IEC 62304 ICS, IIoT security **End customer security requirements** requirements are Growing more complex and are Critical to customer acceptance

**FDA Guidelines** 



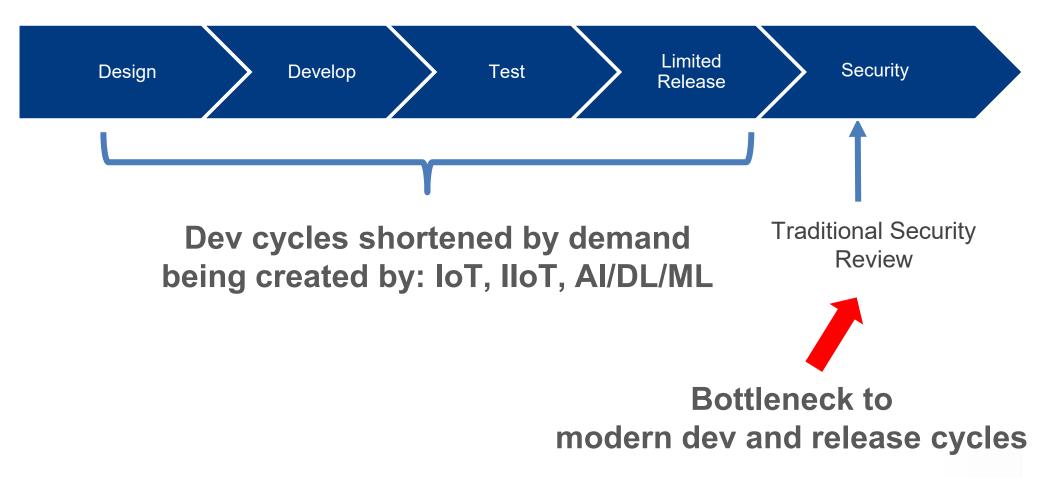




Must be baked into product from start

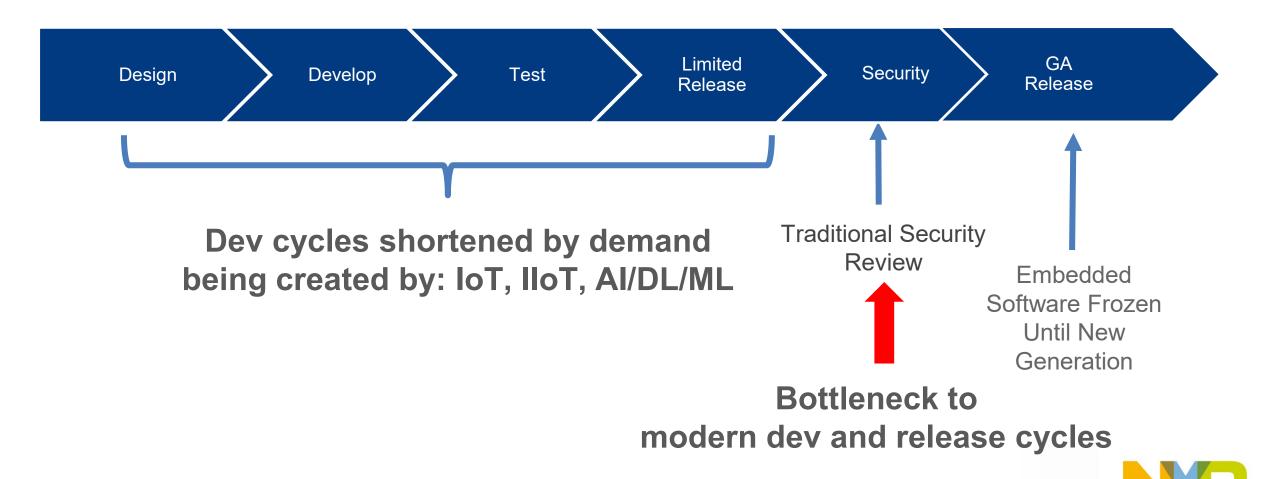


# **Problem 3:** Shorten Development Cycle with Predictable Schedules





### Problem 4: No Longer Ignore Software in the Field



# Solution: Shift Security Left and Stretch Right Active, Continuous Security at Every Stage of SDLC



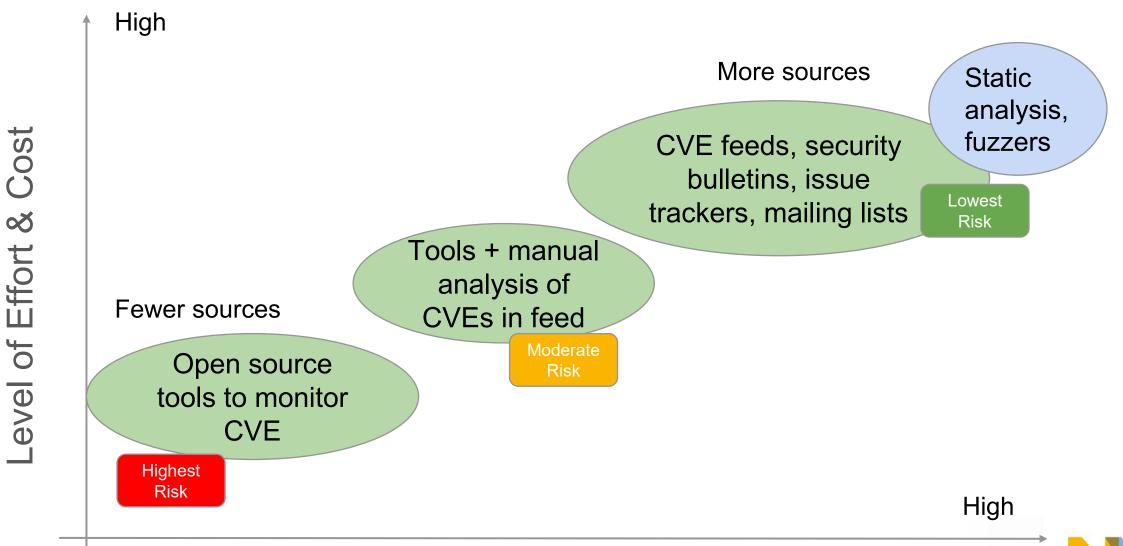
#### Security in design, development, testing

- Need security tools that are aligned with development workflows and tools
- Need highly accurate vulnerability identification for all versions, all components, all branches
- Need to build using latest, most secure third party components

#### Ongoing developer-driven security maintenance

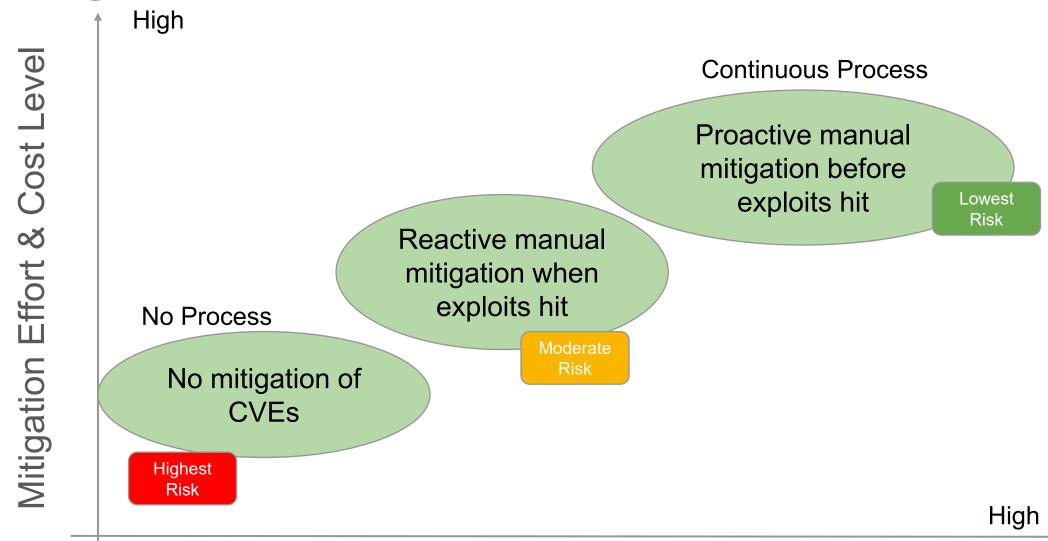
- Must conduct continuous vulnerability monitoring, patching, and software updates to keep devices secure
- Testing a bottleneck for many
- Accurate vulnerability data and fewer false positives to minimize dev team impacts







# Mitigation Effort & Cost



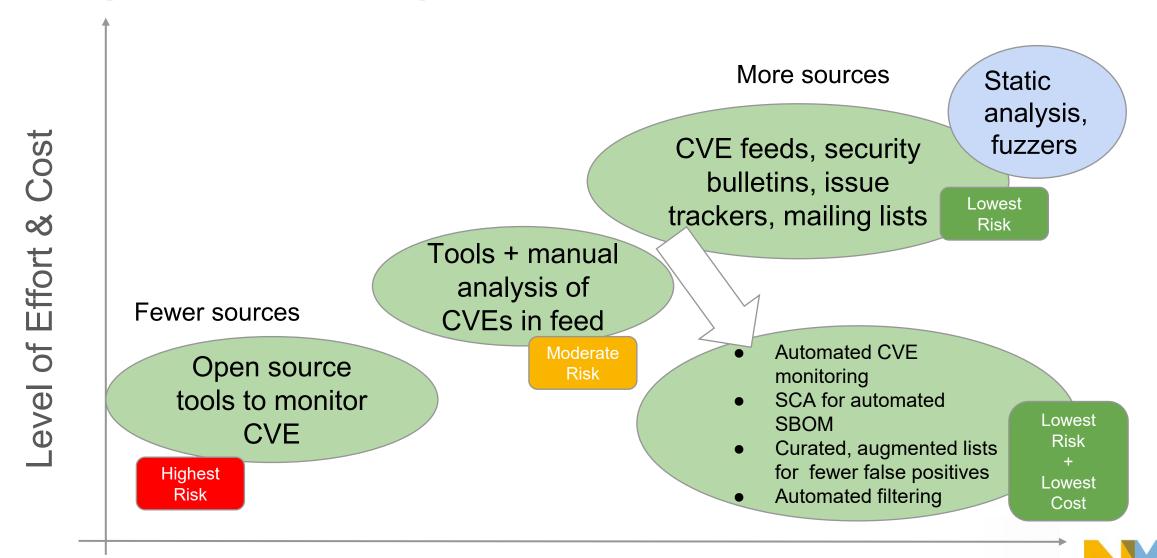


# How Can You "Jump the Curve"?

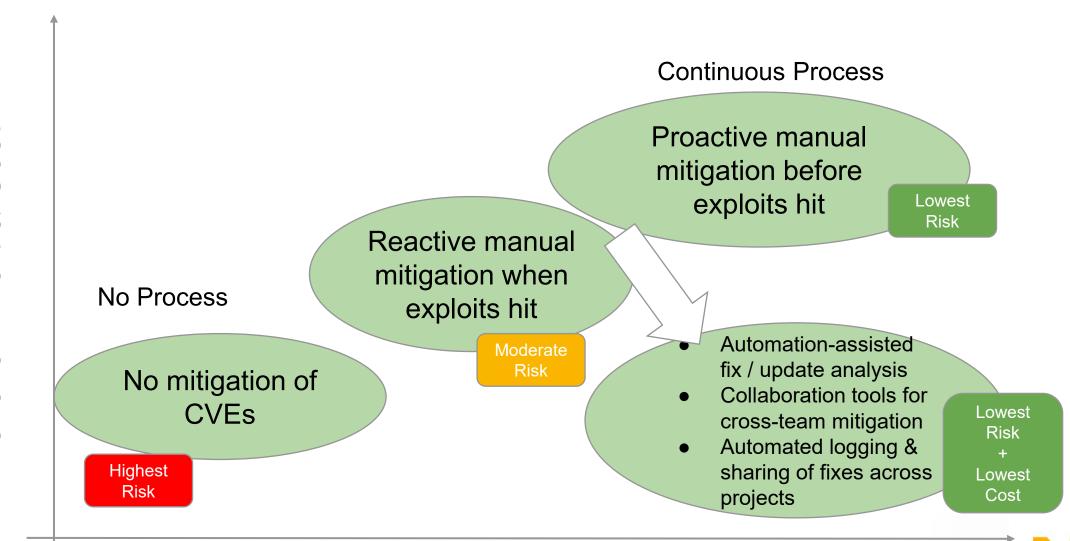
- Automated software analysis & SBOM generation
- Automated & augmented feeds & filtering
- Collaboration & sharing across teams
- Automation-assisted analysis & mitigation steps
- Choose tools that are optimized for your particular product areas



# Jump the Curve: Exposure Assessment







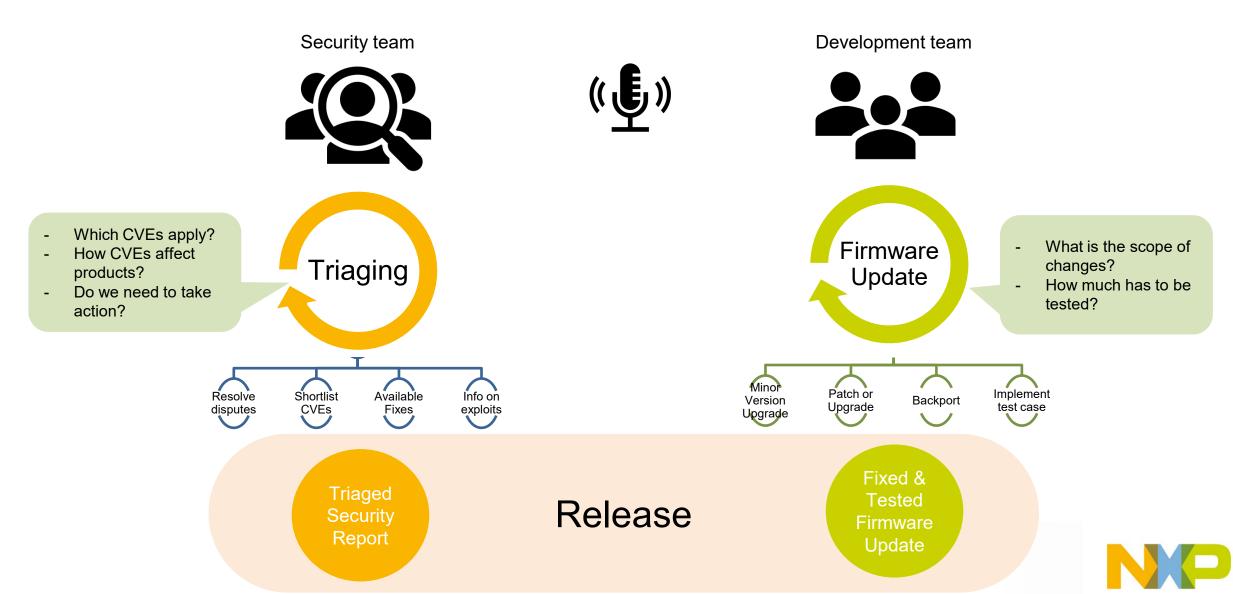
# **Security Monitoring Tools**

### Why monitoring tools are useful?

- Improved security
  - More coverage, better accuracy, early notification
- Time saved in monitoring
  - Identifies/notifies on newly discovered CVEs and fixes
- Reduced triage burden
  - Advanced filtering, fewer false positives, identifies already fixed CVEs
- Workflow management
  - History, collaboration tools, notes, whitelist, exported reports
- Integrates into engineering process
  - Plugs into Yocto, and a vulnerability scan can be triggered for every build
- Simplified, efficient vulnerability maintenance & continuous monitoring
  - Filters CVEs to only those that matter, tools for rapid investigation and mitigation



### **BSP Maintenance Process**



# **Upgrade or Patch or Backport?**

### When to Upgrade

- Fix implemented in a newer version
- No License change
- Understood/minimal/contained impact on other software

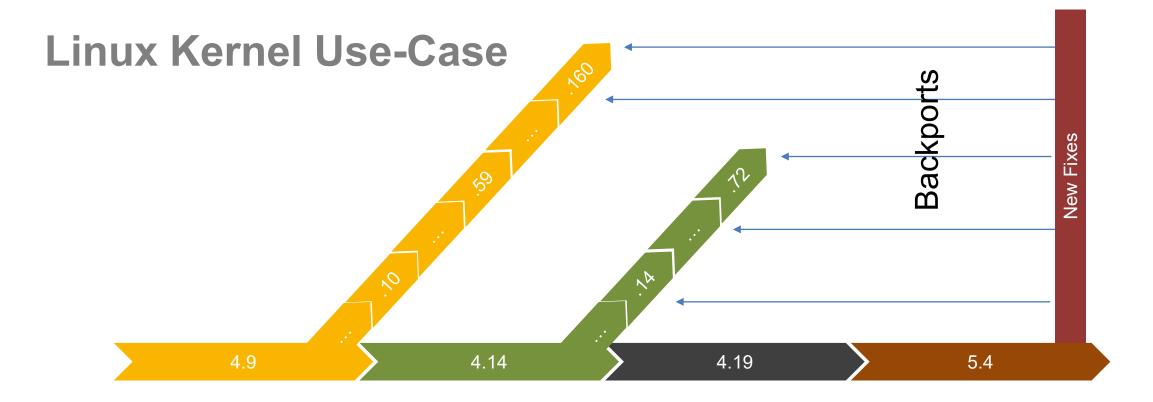
### When to Patch

- Minimize the scope of changes
- Patch available but new version not released
- New software version also changes API (backport)
  - API changes risk impacting other softwares resulting in instability
- Locked/certified software versions

### When to Remove

- Issues unfixed upstream (abandoned)
- Unacceptable license change in new version





- CVE fixes are backported by LTS maintainers
- Minor kernel updates are limited in scope of changes
- Minor kernel upgrades come before custom patches! Need to adjust!
- Major kernel upgrade may be required when LTS version goes out of maintenance



### BSP Maintenance Workflow: How we do it

#### Vigiles CVE Report triage

- Verify applicability
- Whitelist disputed/minor issues
- Shortlist based on fix / exploit info

#### Kernel

#### Mainline LTS kernel

- Rebase NXP patches (5000+)
- Add customer patches
  Resolve conflicts!

#### User space

Backport + patch or Upgrade Package

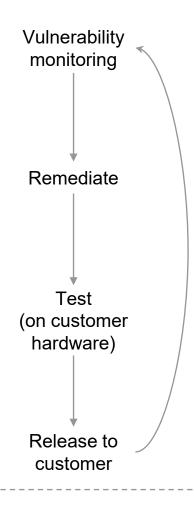
#### Driver test suite

- Timesys test framework

Performance test (Select modules)

#### Compare delta results:

- ptest
- built-in package test
- basic functional test
- PoC exploit (YMMV)
- Source code (shared git)
- Triaged CVE Report
- Test report and Release notes



BSP Maintenance Services Team

- System / Application test
- Firmware update

Deploy

Customer



### **BSP Maintenance Tasks and Staffing Considerations: Stretch Right**

#### Vulnerability monitoring

- Requires dedicated team to filter, analyze, triage, remediate
  Analyze applicability and impact of the vulnerabilities

#### Kernel updates

 Linux engineering resources to keep up with LTS branch & kernel patches and minor versions

#### Toolchain updates

- Toolchain engineering for gcc, glibc bug fixes, security patches Pin tool chain version to specific build system (e.g. Yocto)
- Rebuild SDK for application, regression testing

#### **BSP** updates

- BSP engineering for updates to libraries and packages (Root File System)
- Integrate and Test patches/updates

#### Testing and re-testing

 QA Engineers for re-testing of Linux BSP/platform, functional testing of drivers

Could you do all this with a single resource? How about two resources? How about a dedicated team of resources?

Internal

Frequent maintenance cycles, high staffing costs, priority conflicts

With tight development budgets and product schedules, this work typically gets sacrificed by R&D.

External

Offload to a turnkey BSP maintenance service

What if you could do ALL this with less than half the cost of a junior engineer?

No brainer, right?



### The Hidden Costs of BSP Maintenance

| Tasks  | 1st Board | 3 Boards* | 5 Boards* |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Monitoring   | \$20k     | \$25k     | \$30k     |
| Finding & Applying Patches Finding Fixed Versions & Upgrading Versions | \$38k     | \$50k     | \$60k     |
| Testing 2 Releases Per Year  | \$32k     | \$75k     | \$120k    |
| Total  | \$90k     | \$150k    | \$215k    |

#### **BSP Maintenance**

Do It Yourself: \$150,000 / year

\*Assume more than 75% overlap in Software components and kernel configurations



### Automation, Scale & Cost Reduction: How we do it

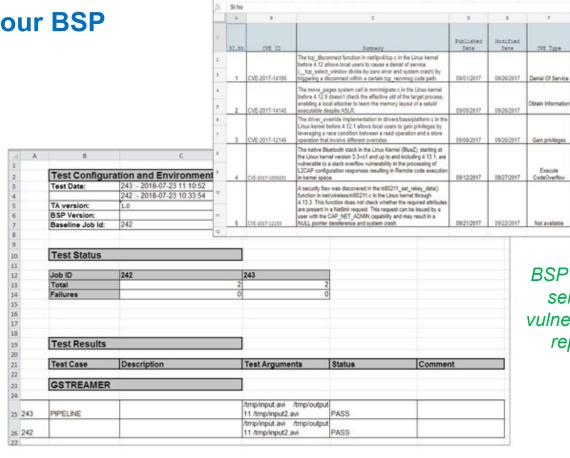
- Timesys curated CVE data - Optimized for Yocto (kernel, u-boot config filters) Vigiles Security team - Leverage triage info reuse - Kernel fixed version tracker Maintained LTS branches - NXP patches + latest LTS - Tested on generic platform (SoC specific) Patch repository (meta-- Generic layer for CVE fixes **Development** timesys-security) - Works on any Yocto release team - Automated docker builds **Build Infrastructure** - Build speed optimized (Gitlab CI) (sstate cache, download) - Generic driver tests Timesys test framework - Support for manual and automated tests Test and infrastructure team - Automated deploy - Automated test runs **Board Farm Cloud** 

- Reports



### Introducing: BSP Maintenance Service

- Turnkey service that maintains your BSP throughout its lifecycle
  - Keep pace with updates
  - Maintain product security
  - Cut BSP maintenance costs
- Focus your resources on development & differentiation
- Provides visibility and control at all times



Kernel CVE Report 4.1.39 - Sep'17 

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BSP maintenance service includes vulnerability (CVE) reports and test results



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### What Is Included in the Service Package

- A subscription to Vigiles Prime
  - Security & vulnerability notification and reporting tool for monitoring your software
- Complete BSP update (software release) twice a year (by default / cadence can be changed)
  - Minor kernel version upgrade for security and bug fixes
  - User space security patching & package updates
  - Two releases per year on a mutually agreed timeline
  - Only mutually agreed upon items will be integrated
- Each update is validated and tested on the customer's hardware
  - Release notes and test reports included with each update
  - Customer provided HW is maintained in our board farm
- BSP is maintained on a secure, private, bidirectional Git server
  - upload/download sources and changes
- In the event something critical happens between updates...
  - On-demand update for emergency security fixes (one per year included)



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# How to Engage Pro-Support to Maintain Your BSP

- Customers sign up
- Hardware and BSP are provided to NXP
  - NXP will use this to establish a baseline test report
- Pro-Support will periodically review the recommended updates to include in the upcoming release



- The updated BSP will be tested on the customer's platform and delivered twice a year
  - Including release notes and test report









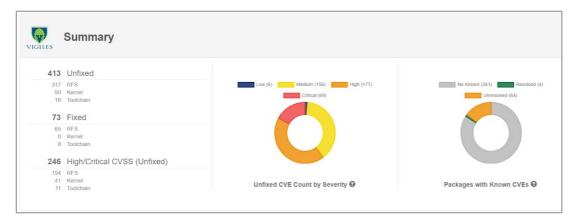


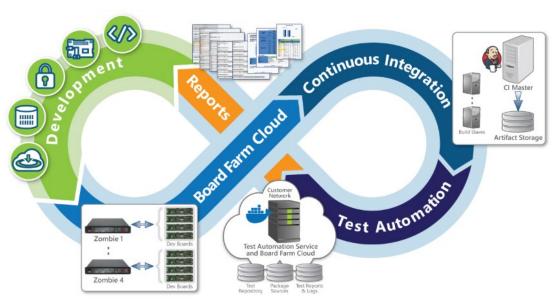


# **BSP Maintenance Solution: Stretch Right**

# Turnkey service that maintains your BSPs throughout the product life cycle

- Extends security beyond development into production deployment
- Cuts BSP maintenance costs by 50% +
- Applies latest updates for improved stability and security
- Simplifies vulnerability tracking and fixing with auto notification and suggested fixes
- Performs updates and tests for your hardware
- Gives full visibility and control at all times
- Integrates with your dev process with shared private Git and full release notes
- Supplies updates you pick on your schedule
- Permits you to focus dev cycles on new products & enhancements







### For More Information and to Become More Secure

Contact us at Vigiles@nxp.com

Or

Use this link to go to the BSP Lifecycle Maintenance page on NXP.com

# Thank You!





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