

NTIA Supply Chain Transparency

Framing Working
Group

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Stable Topics 1

Required elements, without which there is no SBOM

- Core component identity, sufficient uniqueness
 - Minimum viable identification (MVI)
 - Recommended constructs
 - namespace:name
 - supplier:component:version:hash
- Relationships between components
 - Minimum: “includes”, “alias”?

Optional elements, meta-information needed for most use cases/applications

- Nearly anything you want
 - Yes, really, see “Open Topics 3”

Stable Topics 2

Problem statement [[ref](#)]

Terms, partially stable [[ref](#)]

- Supplier
- Component
- SBOM
 - overall collection of data and processes
- Inventory
 - core identification, subset of SBOM

When in to produce SBOM, type of SBOM

- Time of build, packagingas, delivery, “as-built”
 - Yes, these are technically different
 - Binary/object, not source
 - Change means new component and new SBOM

Stable Topics 3

Semi-stable?

Depth, one-/multi-hop

- Not either-or, but both
- Supplier creates SBOM for their components
 - Defines components and sufficiently unique names
 - Records dependencies
- Supplier ideally obtains SBOMs for included components from their upstream suppliers
 - One hop upstream required
 - Additional hops optional, but fragile
 - Supplier has first-hand knowledge of what they include and relationship with upstream supplier
 - When not possible, supplier obtains or creates component identifiers
- Supplier delivers collected SBOMs to customer
 - One hop downstream

Open Topics

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How are SBOMs shared, exchanged? What does transparency look like?

- Multiple techniques, different types of software and systems
 - Files included with distribution
 - URL, unique ID lookup
 - Atom/ROLIE (RFC 8322), SParts?

SBOM history

- Supplier or consumer can maintain records
- Not relying on any central repository, but not preventing archival

Open Topics

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Opaqueness, transition

- What happens when SBOM is not available?
- Record differences between components
 - Knowledge that there are no further upstream components/dependencies
 - Lack of such knowledge (opaqueness), component may be a terminal/root node or not

Awareness, adoption, how-to, tools

Open Topics

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Common use cases/applications include

- Intellectual property management
 - License, entitlement, copyright, attribution, other
 - Clear terms for “license” and “entitlement”
- High assurance
 - Provenance, pedigree, formulation, integrity
- Vulnerability management
 - Requires a catalog of vulnerabilities, like CVE
 - Requires mapping between vulnerabilities and components
 - Means to convey exposure/exploitability of vulnerabilities
- What else should we call out?

Open Topics

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Awareness, adoption, how-to, tool support

- Easy start guide for “crawl” stage
- Examples
 - Health care proof of concept
 - SWID, SPDX
 - Existing tools?

Services, not-on-premises components and systems

- Provider/operator wants SBOM like any other user?
- Service user may not care, SBOM may change rapidly (daily/hourly)
- Not prevented, but not primary focus?

Spreadsheet

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Supplier	Component	Version	Hash	Includes	
2	OpenSSL	OpenSSL	0.9.8a	0x113a8...	N/A	
3	Apache	httpd	1.3.26	0x33af2...	OpenSSL 0.9.8a	
4	MDM1	FooPump	4.0	0x44a83...	Apache httpd 1.3.26	

namespace:
name

org.openssl:"OpenSSL 0.9.8a"

org.apache:"httpd 1.3.26"

com.mdm1:"FooPump 4.0 0x44a83..."

SWID

```
<SoftwareIdentity name="openssl"  
tagId="openssl/openssl@0.9.8a" version="0.9.8a"/>
```

```
<SoftwareIdentity name="apache_httpd"  
tagId="apache/httpd@1.3.26" version="1.3.26"/>  
<Link href="swid:openssl/openssl@0.9.8a"  
rel="requires"/>
```

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tagId="apache/httpd@1.3.26" version="1.3.26"/>  
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rel="requires"/>
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SPDX

PackageName: openssl

SPDXID: openssl/openssl@0.9.8a

PackageVersion: 0.9.8a

PackageName: apache_httpd

SPDXID: apache/httpd@1.3.26

PackageVersion: 1.3.26

Relationship: openssl/openssl@0.9.8a

PREREQUISITE_OF apache/httpd@1.3.26

PackageName: "MDM1 FooPump"

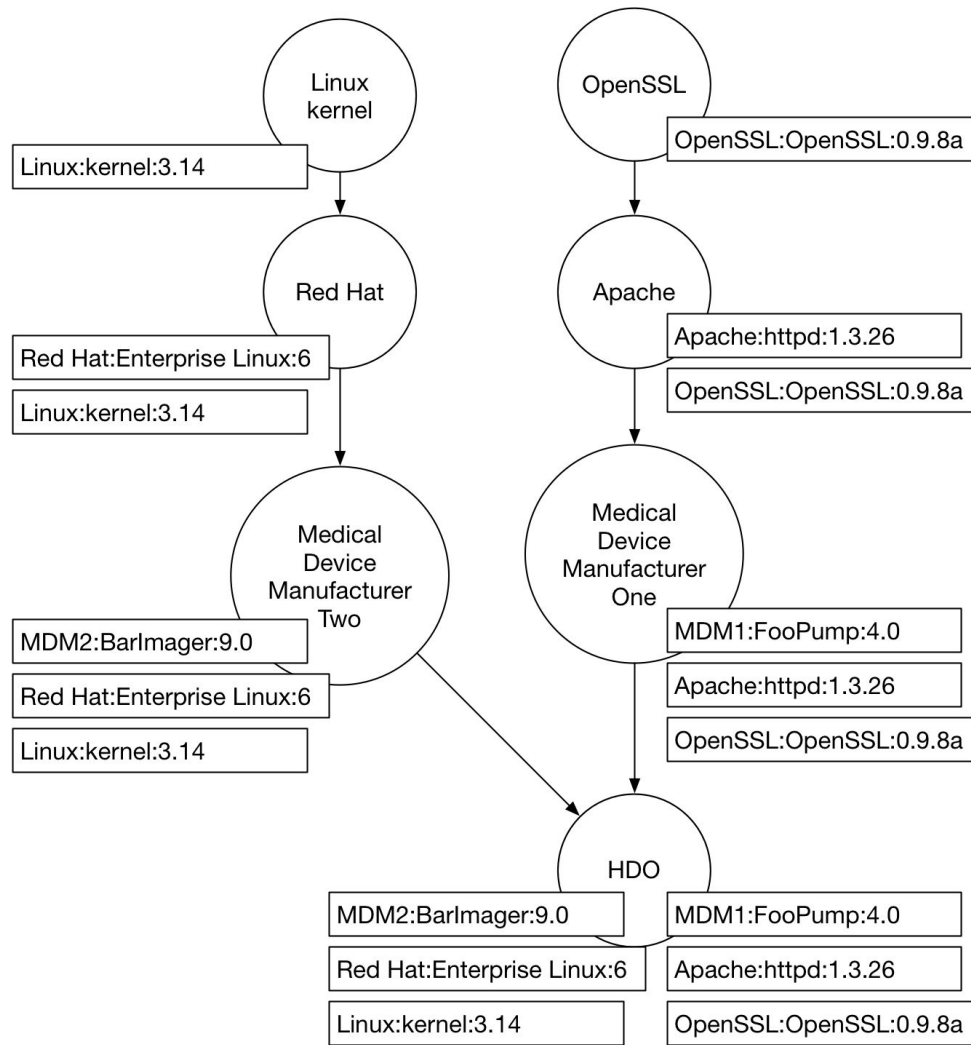
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PackageVersion: 4.0

Relationship: apache/httpd@1.3.26

PREREQUISITE_OF mdm1/foopump@4.0

Graph



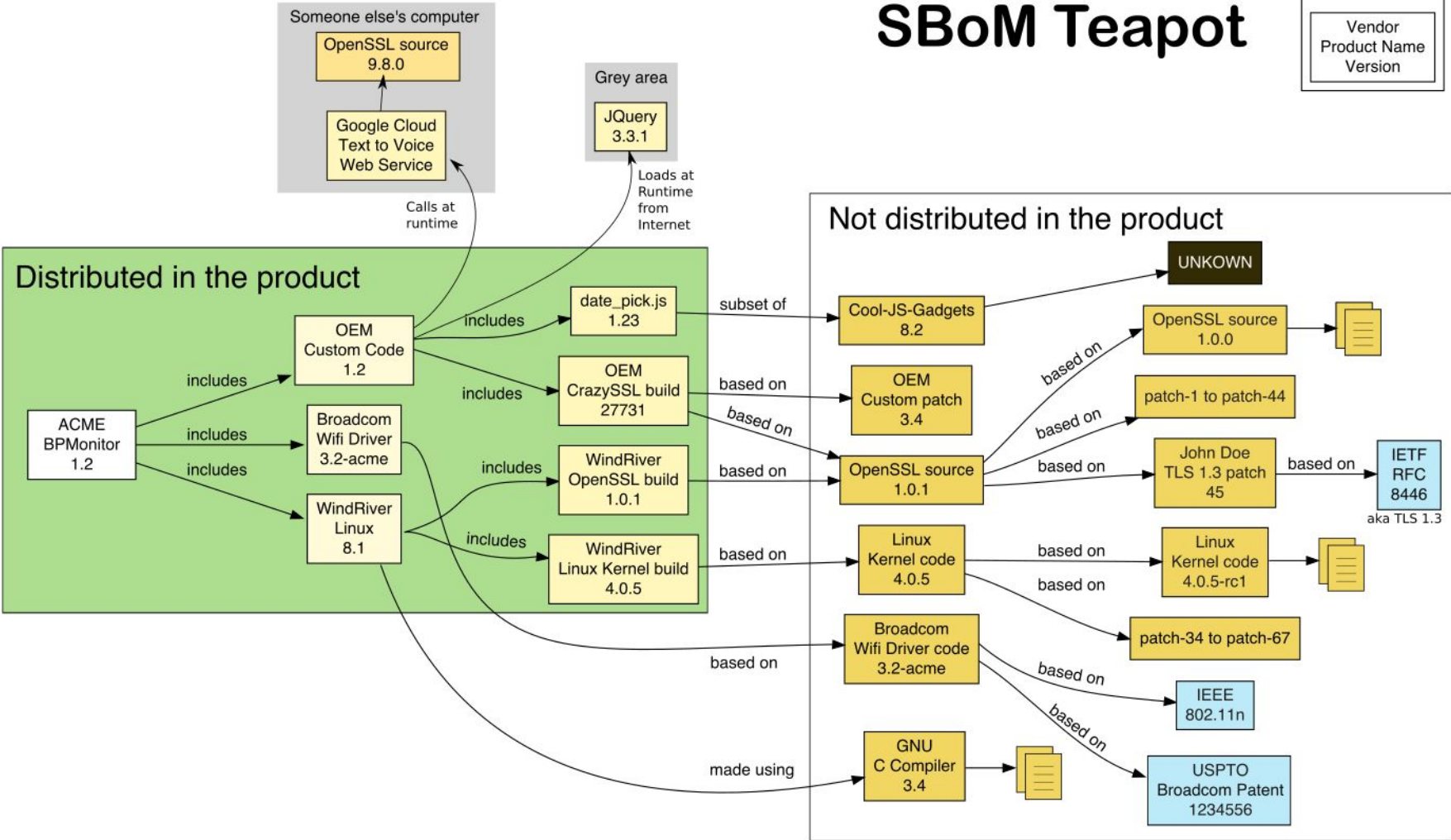
SBoM Teapot

LEGEND

Vendor

Product Name

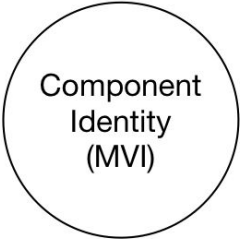
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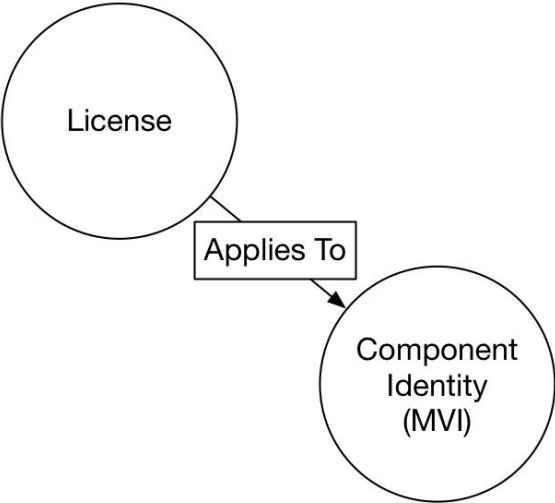
Sample of other data

	SWID	SPDX
Hash	hash-entry hash-alg-id hash-value	PackageVerificationCode PackageChecksum FileChecksum
License		LicenseConcluded PackageLicenseDeclared LicenseName
Entitlement	@entitlementKey	

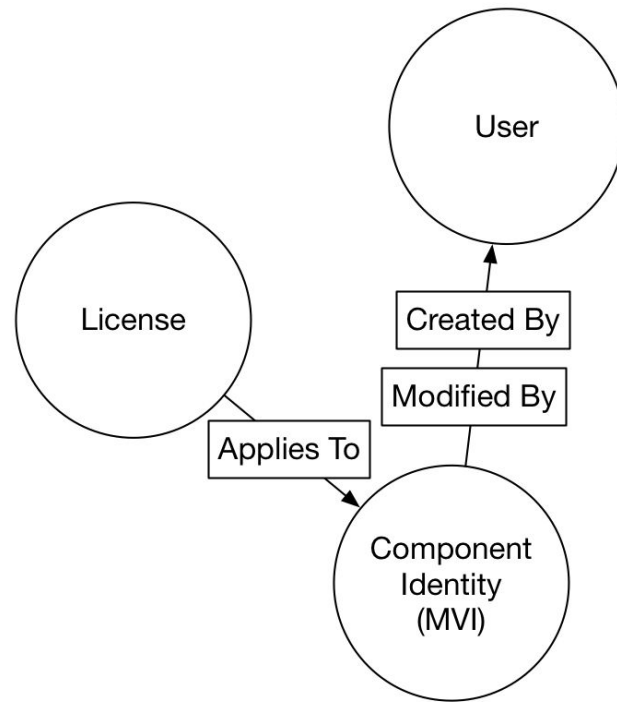
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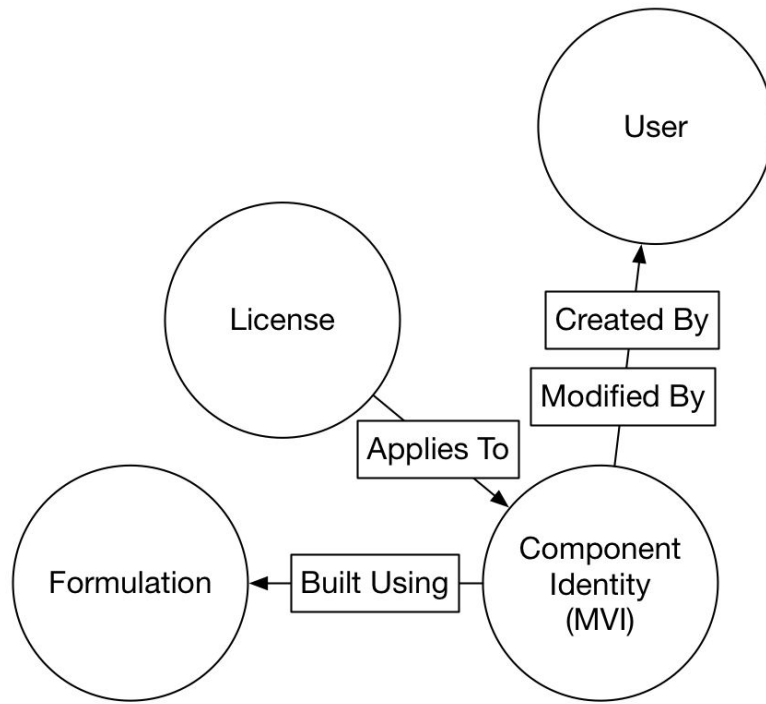
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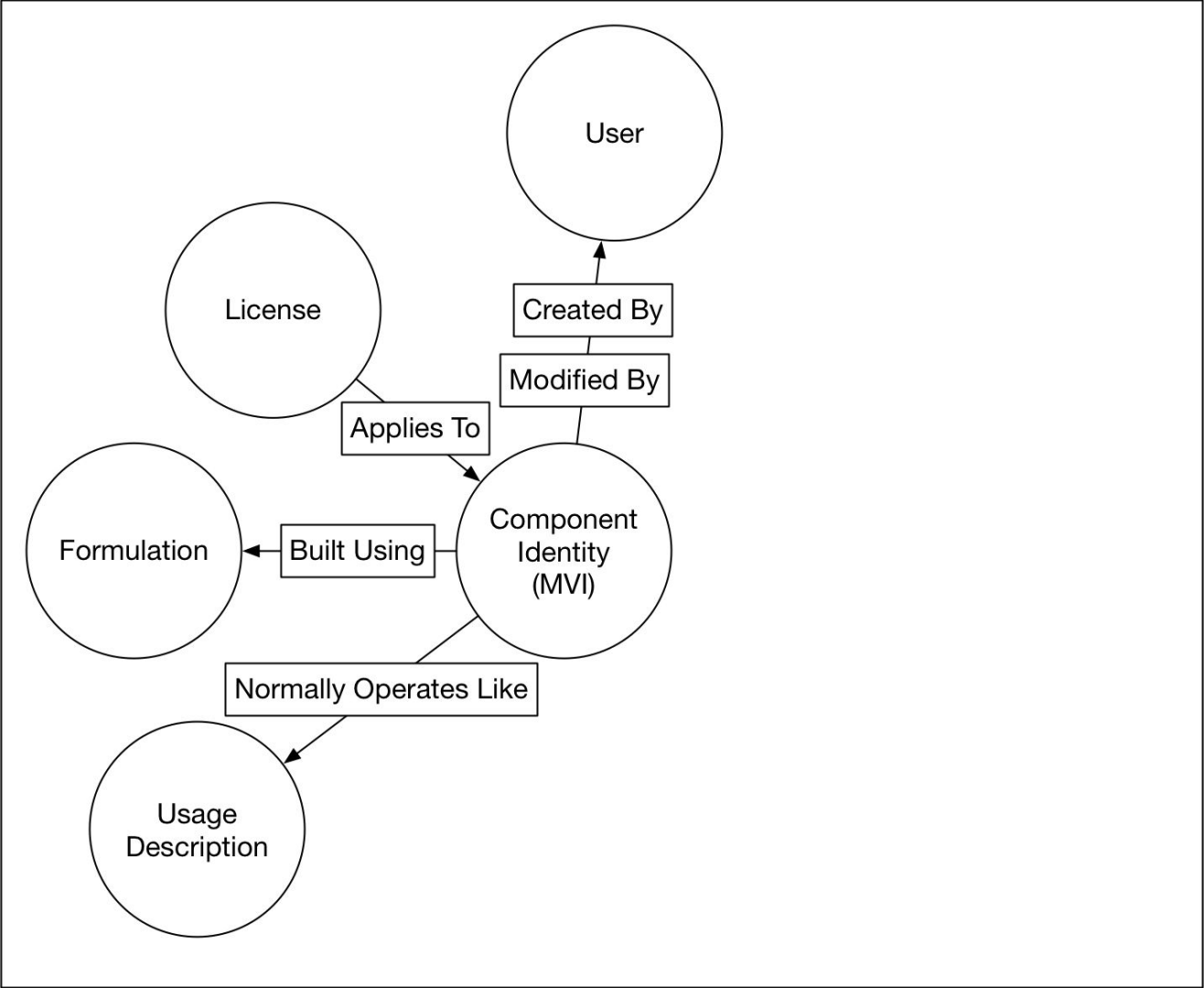
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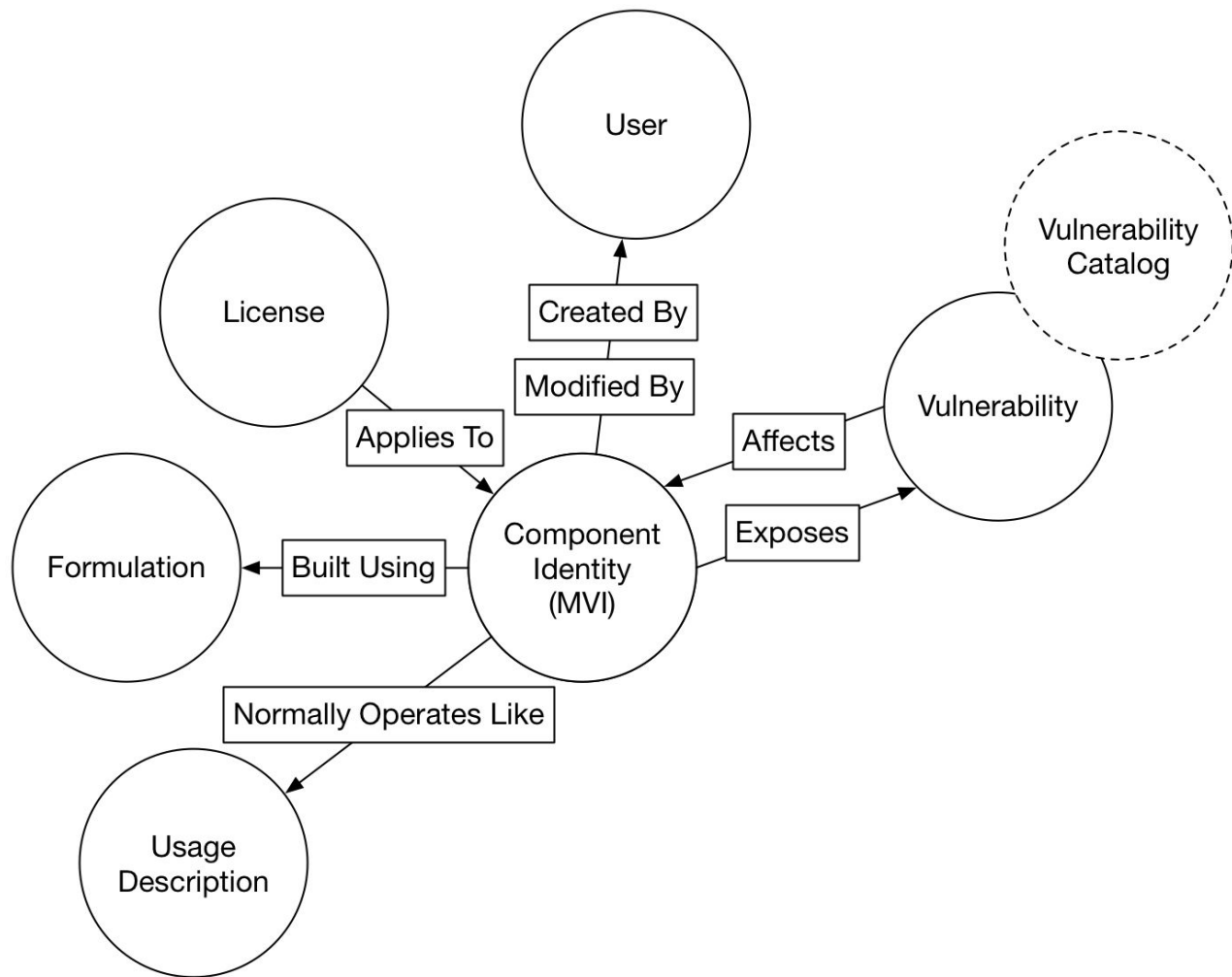
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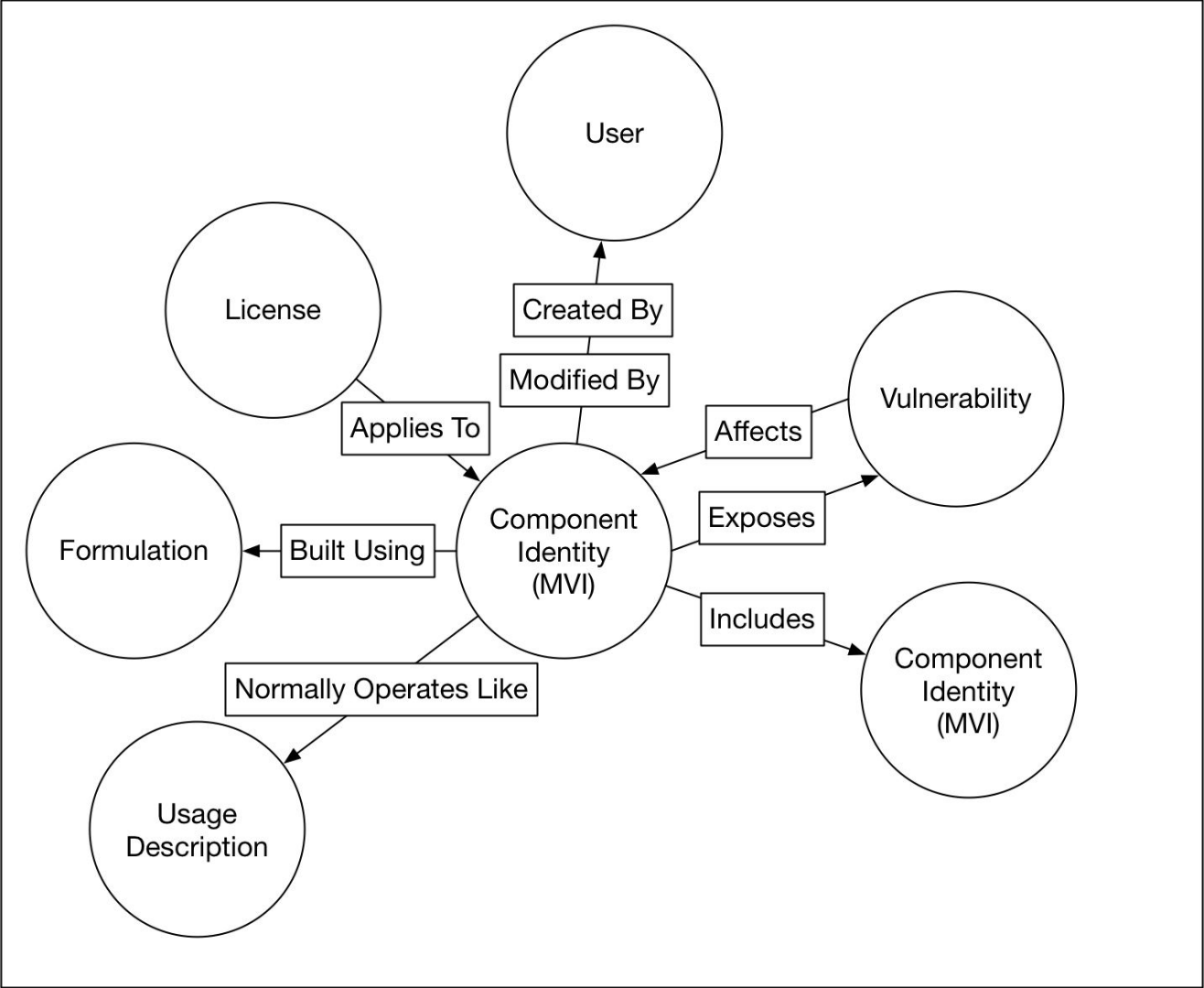
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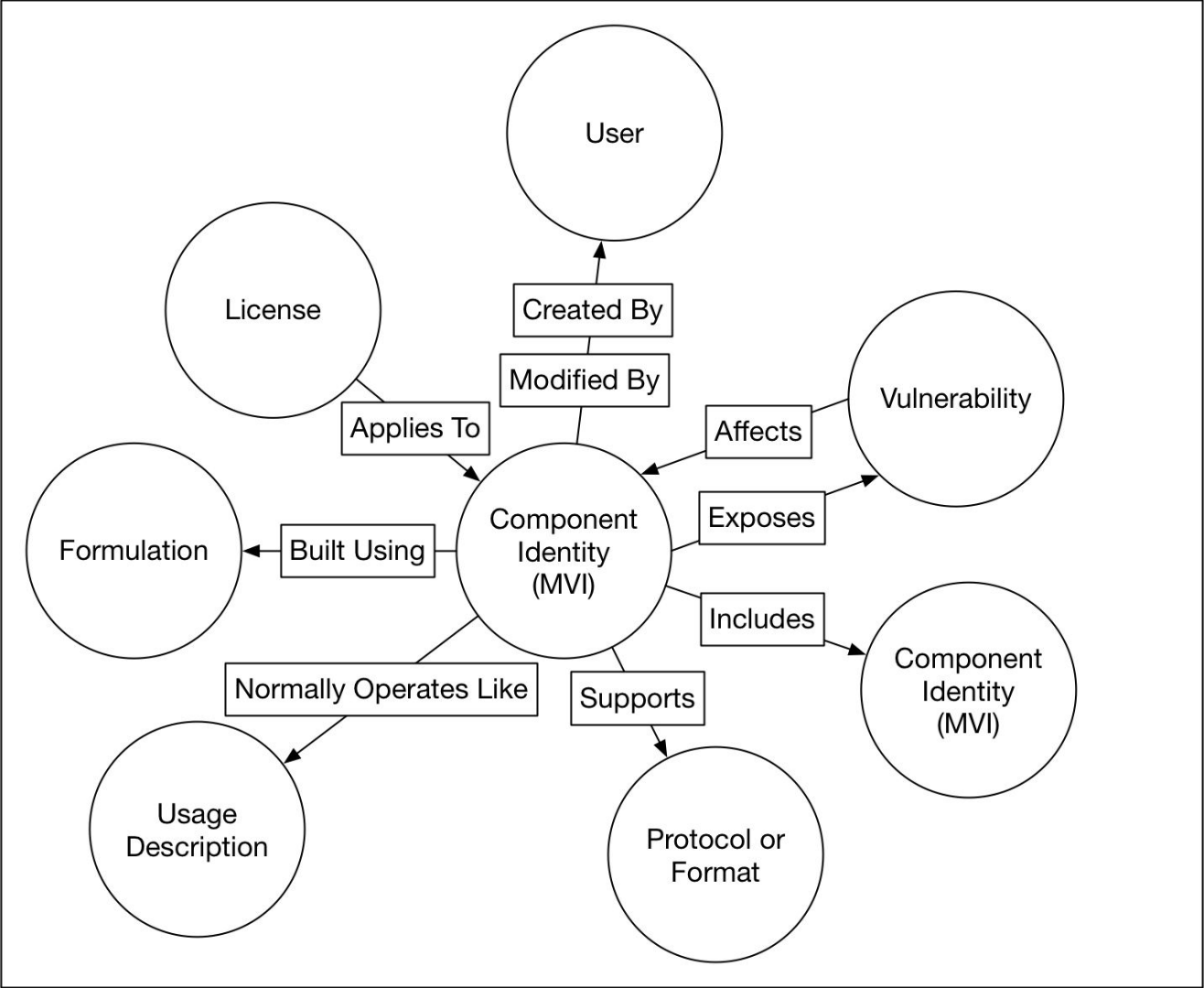
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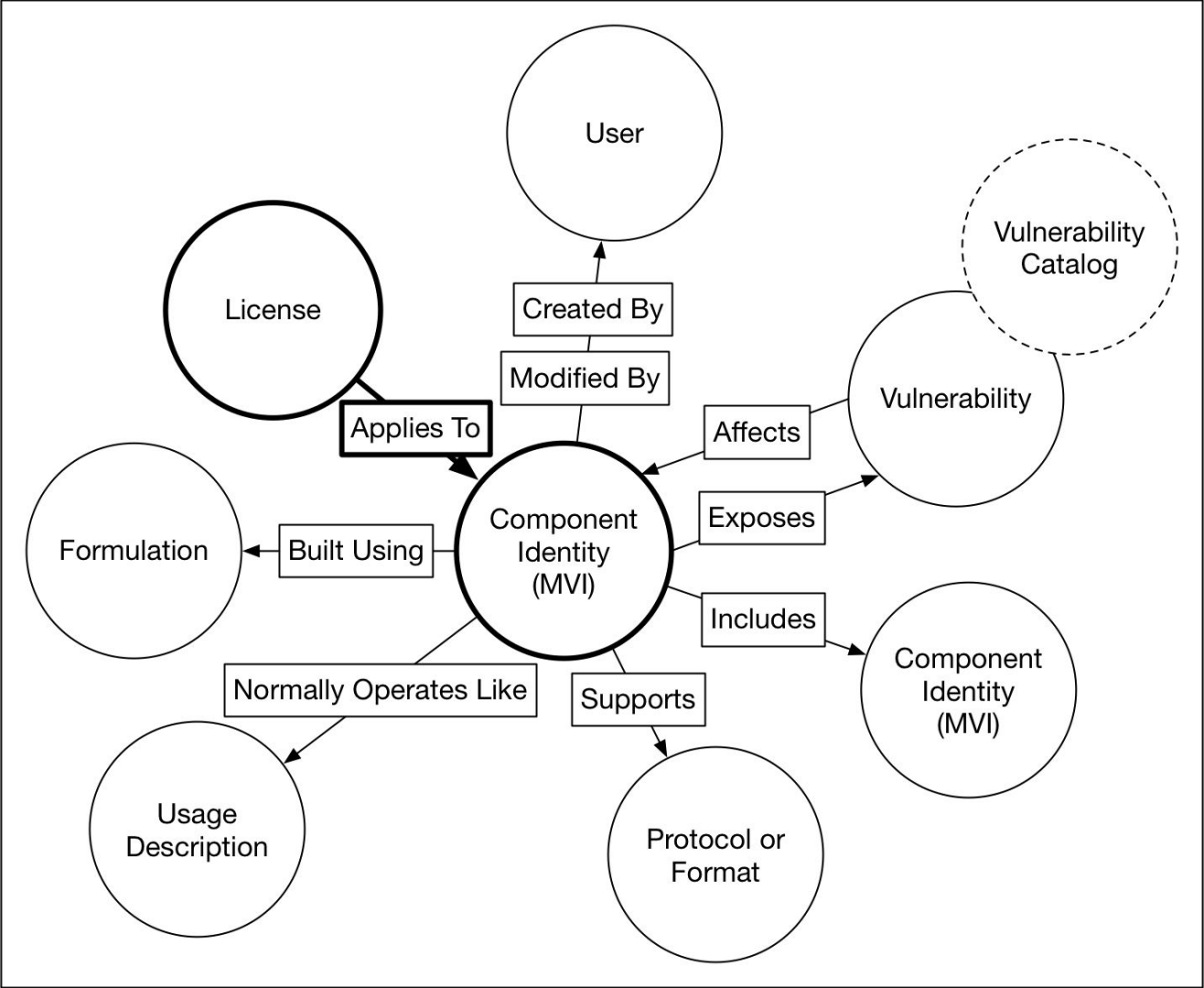
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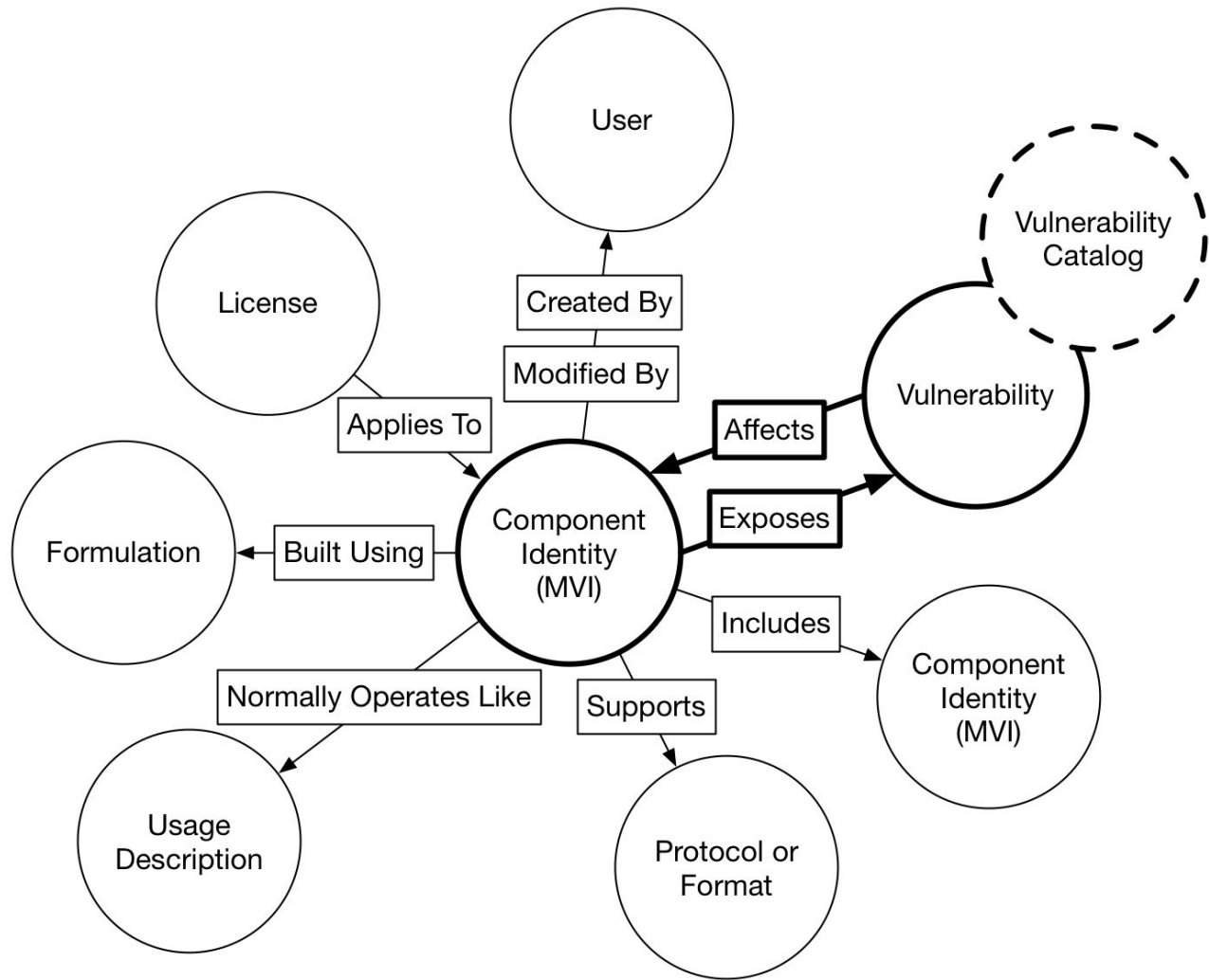
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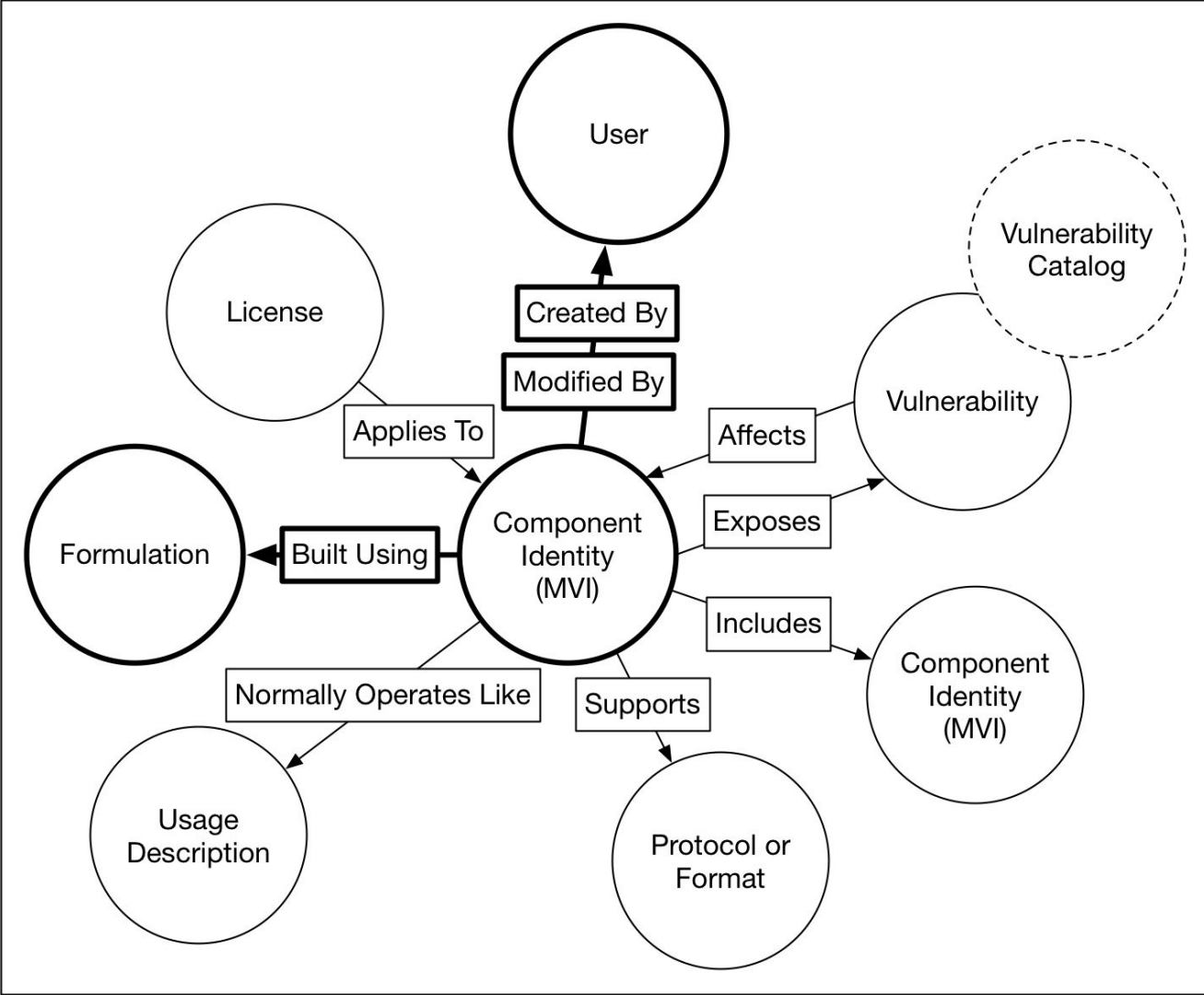
License



Vulnerability Management



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