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Change.org Brings in Dev-First Security Solutions to Improve Security Posture

BACKGROUND

Change.org recognized the need to formalize its security processes. Prior to this, individual engineers were handling security in isolation, leading to inconsistencies in scanning and addressing vulnerabilities. This lack of standardization prompted Change.org's security team to seek effective partners. Enter Snyk and StackHawk.



"Having tools like Snyk and StackHawk that align with Change.org's rapid development and deployment ethos is crucial for maintaining the trust of users."



— Will Whittaker's, Principal Security Engineer

THE PROBLEM

As a software company operating primarily as a website, Change.org's core is its code. Insecure or vulnerable code poses significant risks, especially when dealing with critical petitions and the sensitive data of millions of daily users. Addressing this challenge became a top priority for the security team.

THE SOLUTION

Change.org, hosted on AWS, integrated Snyk's Static Application Security Testing (SAST) with StackHawk's Dynamic Application Security Testing solution. Change.org can now seamlessly test code for security issues prior to deployment, enabling engineers to "shift left" by finding and fixing vulnerabilities before they reach production and improving operational efficiency.

THE RESULT

"Now we have a formalized process for how to scan and how to remediate, and not only have we drastically cut down on the amount of vulnerabilities on our website and on the backend, we've been able to partner with our engineers for faster fixes, which then protects the people who use Change.org."

— Mike Bogdan, Senior Manager Information Security

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Company

Change.org

Industry

Nonprofit-Owned Public Benefit Corporation

Location

San Francisco, USA

Use Case

Formalize their security process

Change.org, the world's largest tech platform for social change, serves as a global hub for over half a billion individuals passionate about making a difference. Users create and sign petitions on issues ranging from local concerns to global challenges, aiming to impact communities and shape a better world.