

# Universal (Software) Product Identity: Solving a Hard Problem Twice Over

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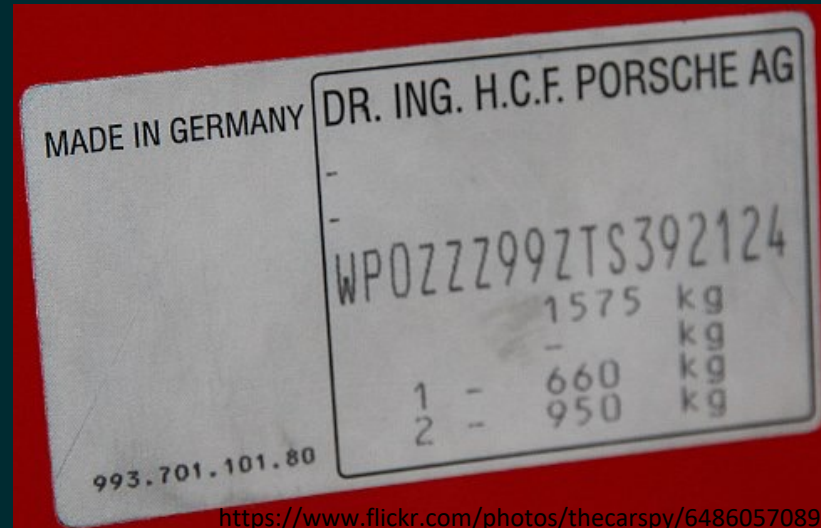
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# Global identification systems

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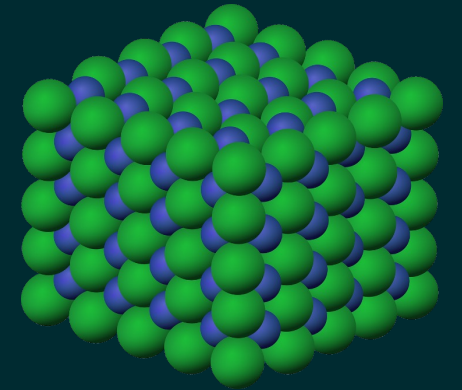
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# Current options

CPE

SWID

purl

...

# Common Platform Enumeration (CPE)

Maintained by NIST

Issues

- Difficult to search
- Product / vendor specific
- Specifically designed for vulnerabilities

| Vendor  | Product                              | Version | Update | Edition | Language |
|---|--------------------------------------|---------|--------|---------|----------|
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# Software Identity (SWID)

ISO standard (ISO/IEC 19770-2)

Counterpart for hardware exists (ISO/IEC 19770-6)

## Issues

- Lots of backing but low adoption
- Version specific
- XML
- Tools?

```
<SoftwareIdentity
  xmlns="http://standards.iso.org/iso/19770/-2/2015/schema.xsd"
  name="ACME Roadrunner Management Suite Coyote Edition"
  tagId="com.acme.rms-ce-v4-1-5-0"
  tagVersion="0"
  version="4.1.5">
  <Entity
    name="The ACME Corporation"
    regid="acme.com"
    role="tagCreator softwareCreator"/>
  ...
</SoftwareIdentity>
```

# Package URL (purl)

```
scheme:type/namespace/name@version?qualifiers#subpath
```

Community maintained

Issues:

- Works best for ecosystems with package managers (naming authority)
- Limited known / defined types
- Potentially different purls for same product
- Hard to incorporate hardware

```
pkg:bitbucket/birkenfeld/pygments-main@244fd47e07d1014f0aed9c

pkg:deb/debian/curl@7.50.3-1?arch=i386&distro=jessie

pkg:docker/cassandra@sha256:244fd47e07d1004f0aed9c
pkg:docker/customer/dockerimage@sha256:244fd47e07d1004f0aed9c?repository_url=gcr.io

pkg:gem/jruby-launcher@1.1.2?platform=java
pkg:gem/ruby-advisory-db-check@0.12.4

pkg:github/package-url/purl-spec@244fd47e07d1004f0aed9c

pkg:golang/google.golang.org/genproto#googleapis/api/annotations

pkg:maven/org.apache.xmlgraphics/batik-anim@1.9.1?packaging=sources
pkg:maven/org.apache.xmlgraphics/batik-anim@1.9.1?repository_url=repo.spring.io%2Frelease

pkg:npm/%40angular/animation@12.3.1
pkg:npm/foobar@12.3.1
```

# Criteria

Readability

Distributed production

Reproducibility

Propagation model

Precision

Uniqueness

Transition

Inclusive

# Standard scenarios

Rename a product / organization

Merges / Acquisitions

Sell-off

Whitelabel products

Correct false information

# Solution #1

# Global supplier registry

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# Design considerations

Globally unique identifiers (Universal Product Identifiers, UPID)

All suppliers must be able to participate

Responsibility is coupled with authority

Local sphere of control

- Use your own names and other identifiers
- Interface only with adjacent participants

Rule following (or breaking) is observable

# Rule #1: Partition by supplier

Supplier ID must be globally unique

“Supplier” is broadly defined: Developer, maintainer, vendor, producer, manufacturer, provider

- Includes intermediary code platforms and software identity ecosystems (GitHub, git, Maven, npm)
- Does not include reseller or retailer

Is “supplier” still the right term?

# Rule #2: Supplier says

Supplier decides component names, versions, other identifiers, groups, hierarchies

- Some suppliers and ecosystems have significant influence

# Rule #3: Use upstream identifiers

Using someone else's software?

- Must use their identifiers
- Do not make up identifiers for someone else

# Rule #4: Provide identifiers downstream

Providing software to others?

- Must provide your identifiers (SBOM)
- This might mean publishing

# Supplier changes

Suppliers come, and go, merge, are acquired

Projects are forked, archived, become stale

Supplier identification needs relationships too

- Ivanti *acquired* Pulse Secure
- Logitech *renamed* Logi

# Rule support

Need more expressive SBOM relationships, such as

- *Uses*: incorporates component unchanged
- *Derived*: modifies upstream component, keep track of source
- *Identical*: same components
- *Alias*: additional name for same component

# Rule violations

No identifiers?

- Contact your supplier
- Reference the supplier (and their lack of identifiers)

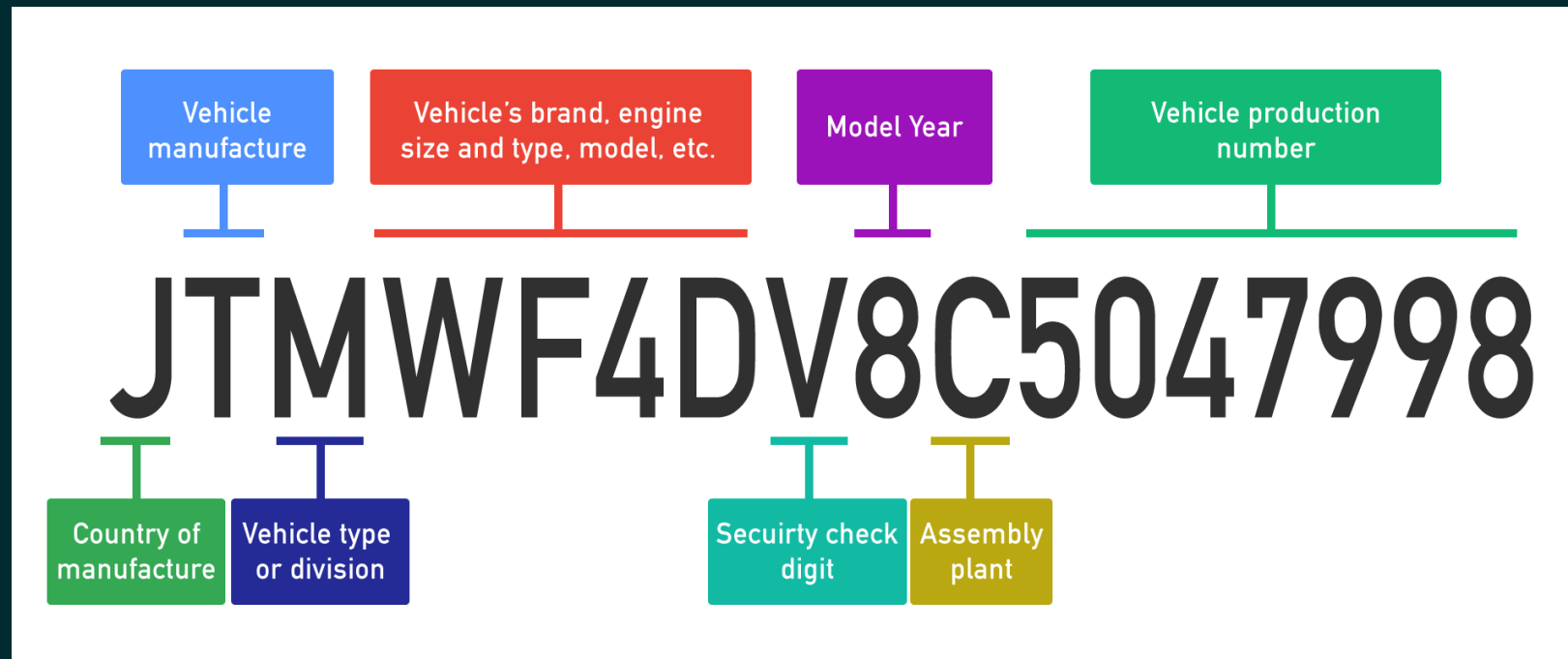
No active supplier?

- Do you really want to keep using unmaintained software?
- Time to fork or accept risk



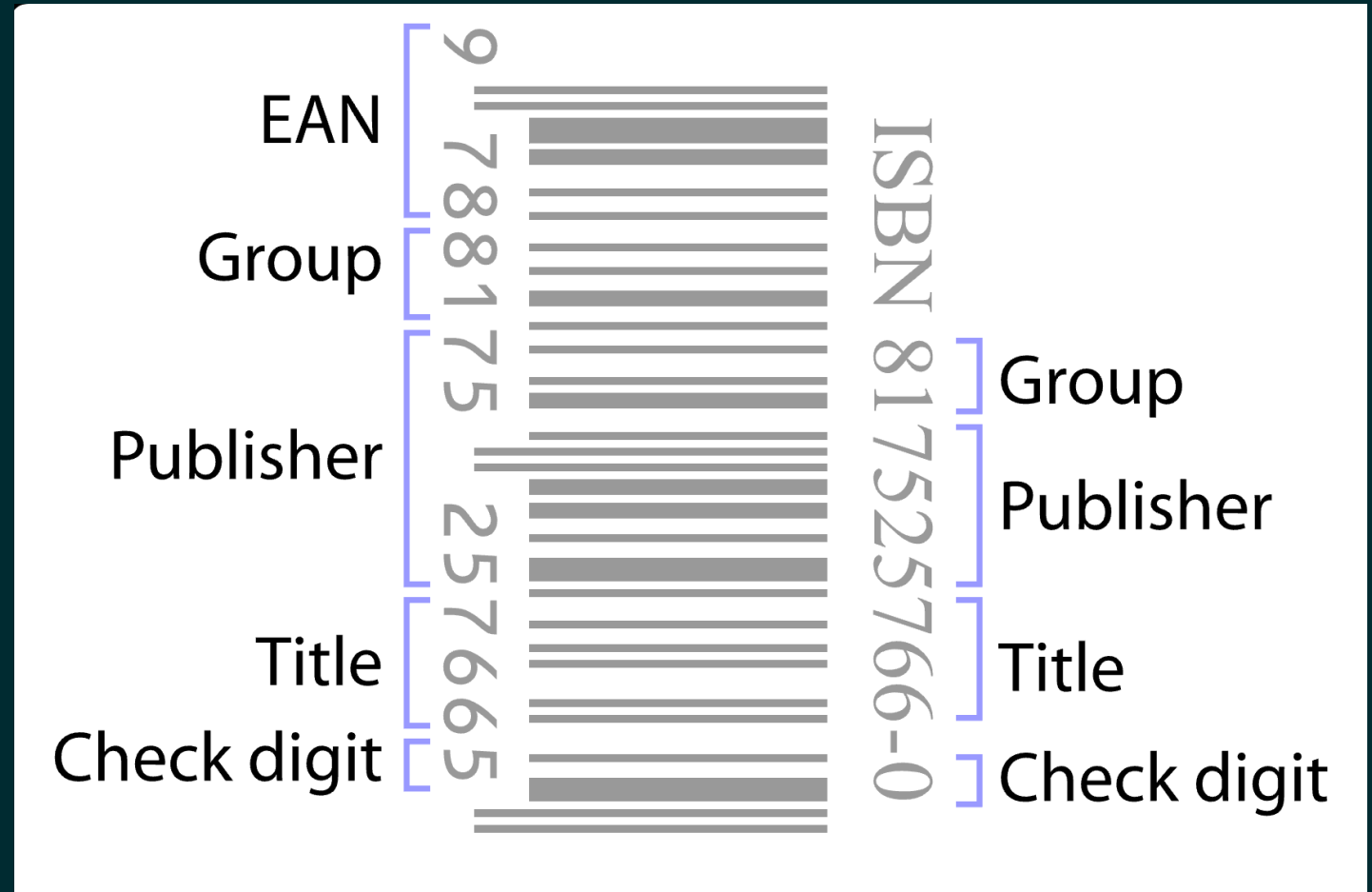
# VIN: World Manufacturer Identifier (WMI)

Country of production, manufacturer, vehicle type



# ISBN: Registrant Element

Publisher or distributor



# 1.3.6.1.4.1

## IANA Private Enterprise Numbers

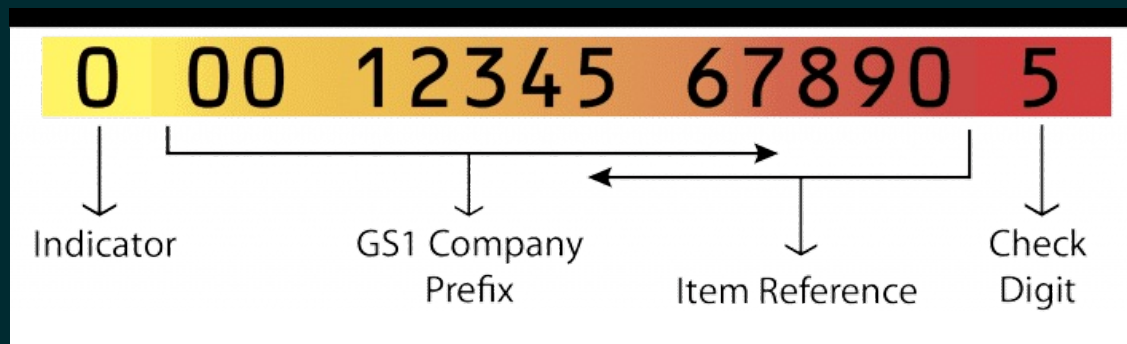
- Based on OID
- SNMP
- Old! But still in use?
- 60K+ entries

|                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| 1                   | iso             |
| 1.3                 | org             |
| 1.3.6               | dod             |
| 1.3.6.1             | internet        |
| 1.3.6.1.1           | directory       |
| 1.3.6.1.2           | mgmt            |
| 1.3.6.1.2.1         | mib-2           |
| 1.3.6.1.2.1.2.2.1.3 | ifType          |
| 1.3.6.1.2.1.10      | transmission    |
| 1.3.6.1.2.1.10.23   | transmissionppp |
| 1.3.6.1.2.1.27      | application     |
| 1.3.6.1.2.1.28      | mta             |
| 1.3.6.1.2.2         | pib             |
| 1.3.6.1.3           | experimental    |
| 1.3.6.1.4           | private         |
| 1.3.6.1.4.1         | enterprise      |
| 1.3.6.1.5           | security        |
| 1.3.6.1.6           | SNMPv2          |
| 1.3.6.1.6.1         | snmpDomains     |
| 1.3.6.1.6.2         | snmpProxys      |
| 1.3.6.1.6.3         | snmpModules     |
| 1.3.6.1.7           | mail            |
| 1.3.6.1.8           | features        |

# GS1, GTIN, GMN, UDI

For physical products, food, medical devices

- Required (UDI) medical device identification in EU and US
- (global) Company Prefix



| Annual Subscription            | Subscription Includes   | Cost          | Annual Gross Revenue |
|--------------------------------|---|---------------|----------------------|
| <b>Individual</b>              | One Barcode   | <b>\$25</b>   | < \$250,000          |
| <b>Basic</b>                   | 10 Barcodes   | <b>\$150</b>  | < \$500,000          |
|                                | GTIN 10-pack<br>Up to three GTIN 10-packs can be added to a Basic Subscription. | <b>\$100</b>  |                      |
| <b>Limited</b>                 | 100 Barcodes<br>GS1 Company Prefix  | <b>\$500</b>  | < \$1 Million        |
| <b>Advanced</b>                | GS1 Company Prefix  | <b>\$900</b>  | < \$5 Million        |
| <b>Corporate</b>               | GS1 Company Prefix  | <b>\$1500</b> | > \$5 Million        |
| <b>Small Business Bundles*</b> | Flexible options available*   |               |                      |

# Registrar concerns

## Geopolitical

- Organization in DE might not want to register with a US registrar
- Use intermediary registrars, service providers

## Costs for registrants

- No more difficult or costly than registering a domain

## Sliding scale?

## Minimum viable amount of bureaucracy

## Transparency

- Registry is public

## Resilience

- Replicate data

## Registry is public

## Funding

## Governance

# In DNS terms

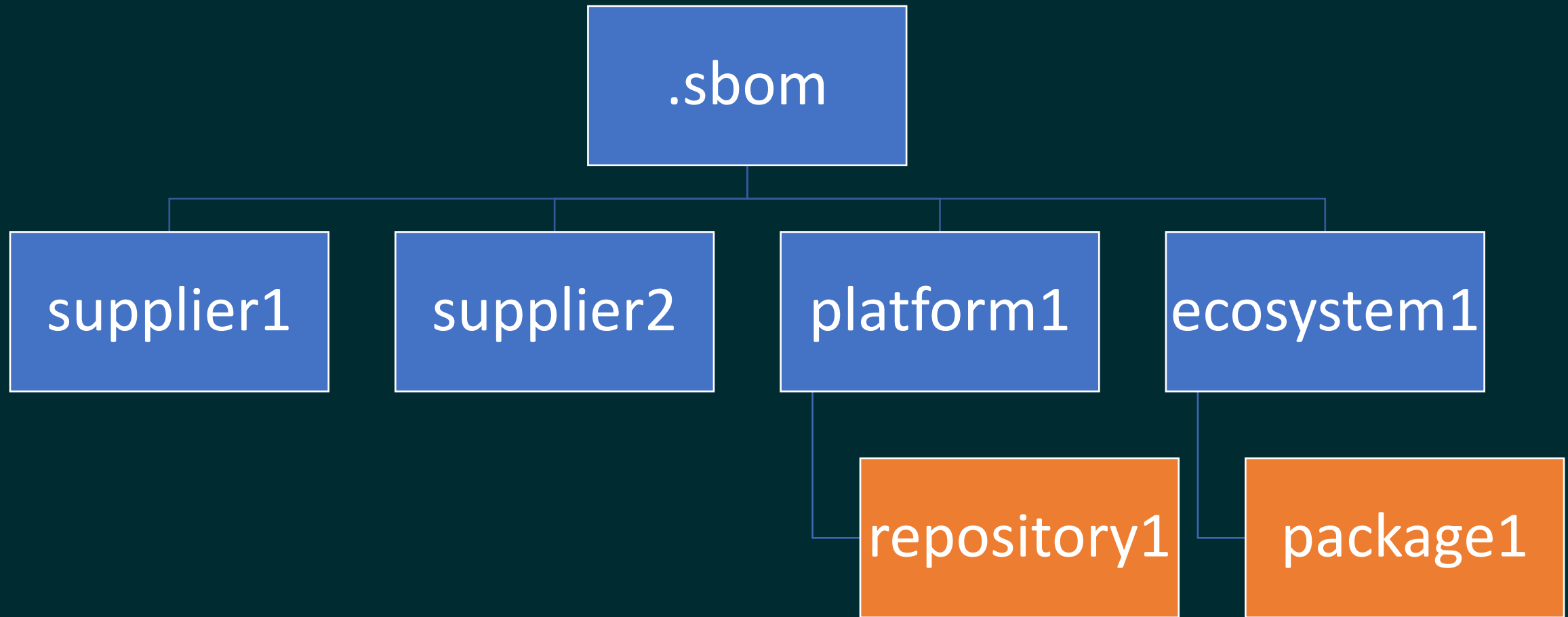
A new gTLD: .sbom

A registrar to manage .sbom

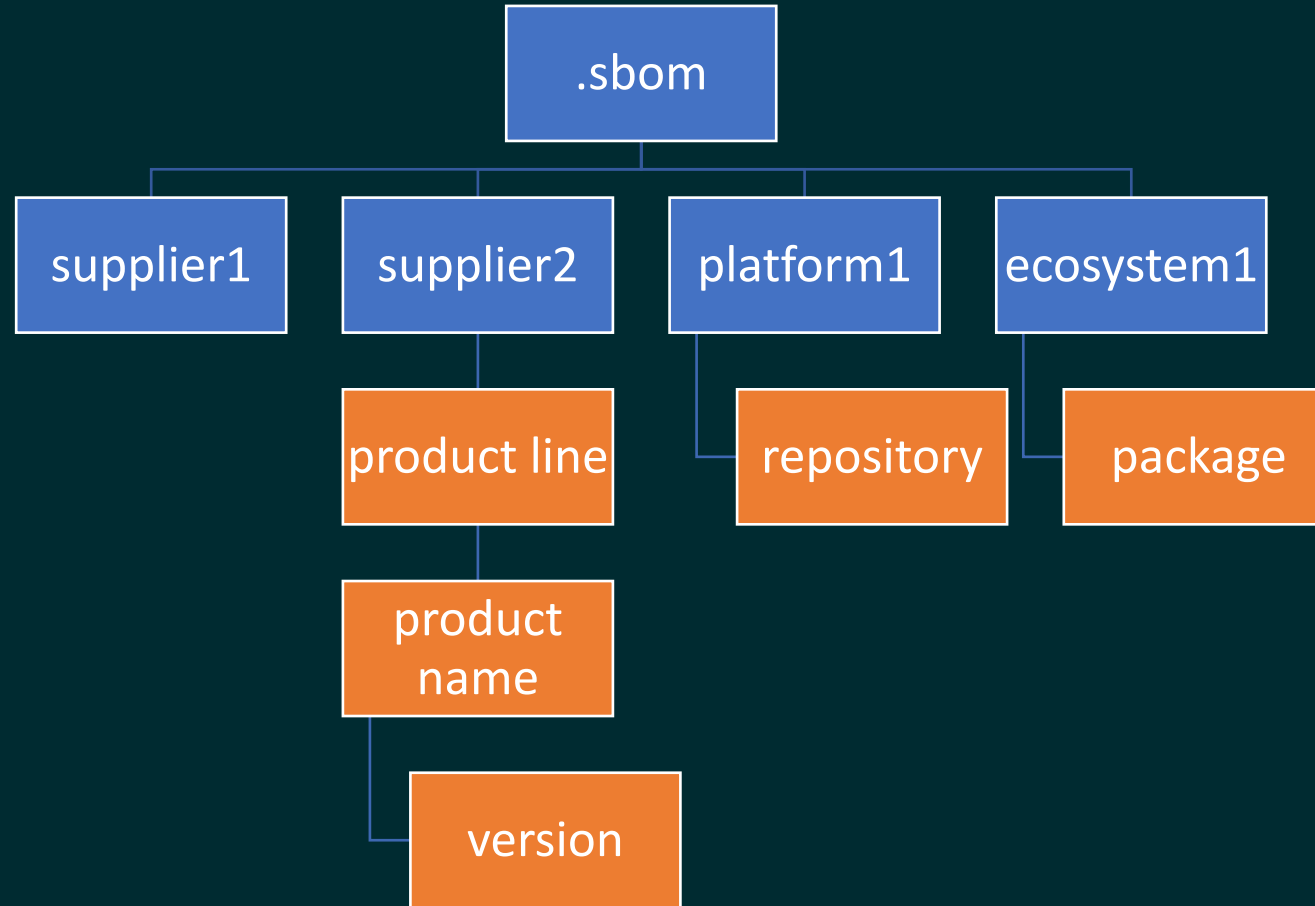
How about a new protocol? sboms://

- Or https:// with a not-yet-defined API

# Supplier identity graph



# Component identity graph





# Examples

.sbom.microsoft.windows.server.2016.core  
sboms://microsoft/windows/server/2016/core  
https://microsoft.sbom/windows/server/2016/core

.sbom.github.vu-ls.advise.branch.'v1.1'  
.sbom.github/vu-ls/advise/branch/v1.1  
sboms://github/MISP/MISP/tag/2.4.168

sboms://openbsd/usr.sbin/smtpd/envelope.c/v/1.51  
sboms://openbsd/src/commit/f748277

# Examples

**.sbom.microsoft**.windows.server.2016.core  
**sboms://microsoft**/windows/server/2016/core  
**https://microsoft.sbom**/windows/server/2016/core

**.sbom.github**.vu-ls.advise.branch.'v1.1'  
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**sboms://github**/MISP/MISP/tag/2.4.168

**sboms://openbsd**/usr.sbin/smtpd/envelope.c/v/1.51  
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# More examples

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sboms://cpe/2.3/o/microsoft/windows\_10\_1507/-/\*/\*/\*/\*/\*/\*/\*/x64/\*

# More examples

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Solution #2

Vendor product  
tree

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# Introduction: Unique Product IDs

Unique Product IDs are important for

- Security advisories
- SBOM
- VEX
- CSAF
- Supply chain management

Siemens Security Advisory by Siemens ProductCERT

## **SSA-603476: Web Vulnerabilities in SIMATIC NET CP 343-1/CP 443-1 Modules and SIMATIC S7-300/S7-400 CPUs**

Publication Date: 2016-11-21  
Last Update: 2023-04-11  
Current Version: V1.4  
CVSS v3.1 Base Score: 6.3

### ► **SUMMARY**

### ▼ **AFFECTED PRODUCTS AND SOLUTION**

| Affected Product and Versions   | Remediation   |
|---|---|
| SIMATIC CP 343-1 Advanced (incl. SIPLUS variants)<br>All versions < V3.0.53 | Update to V3.0.53 or any later version<br><a href="https://support.industry.siemens.com/cs/ww/en/view/109742236">https://support.industry.siemens.com/cs/ww/en/view/109742236</a><br><br>See further recommendations from section <a href="#">Workarounds and Mitigations</a> |

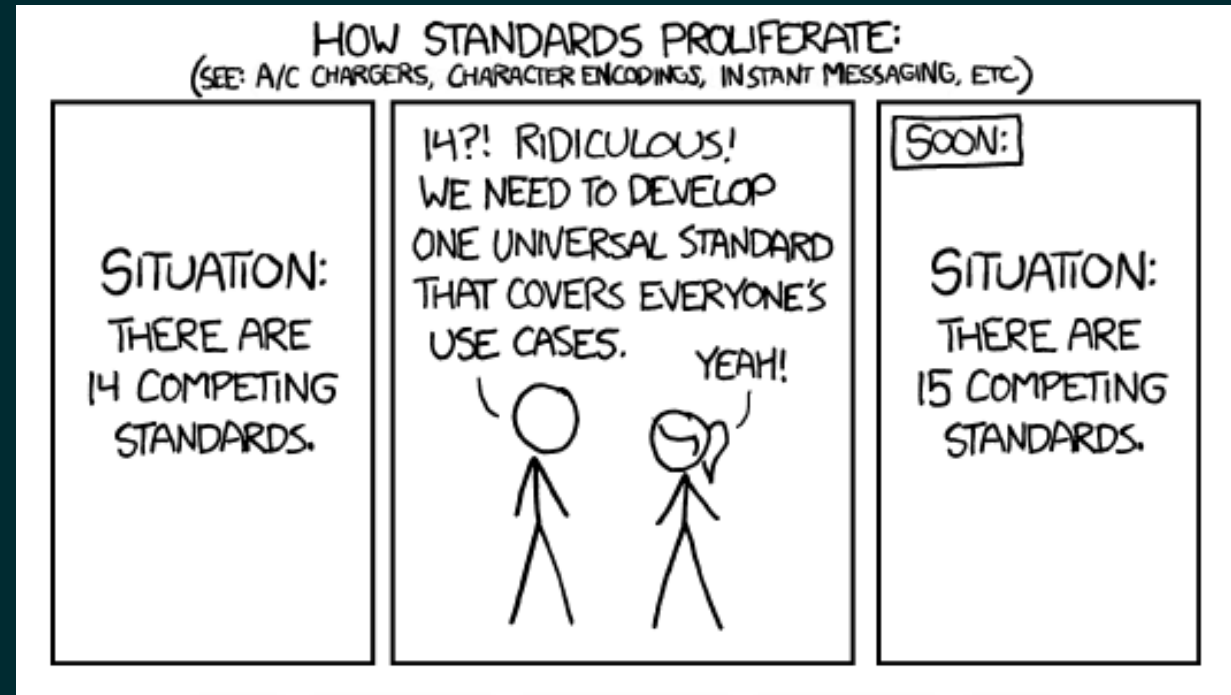
# Things that do not work

## Community approaches

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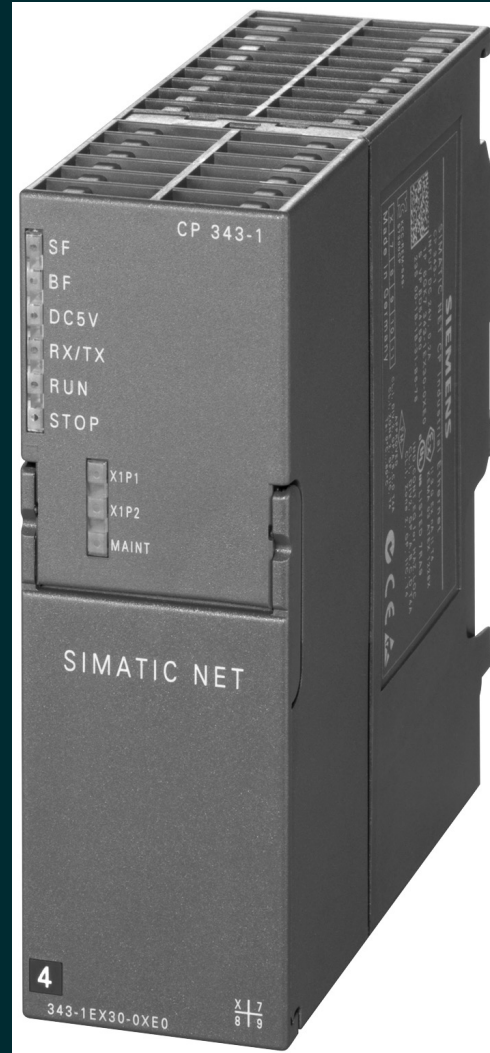
Forcing vendors into one standard

All 14 approaches we have today



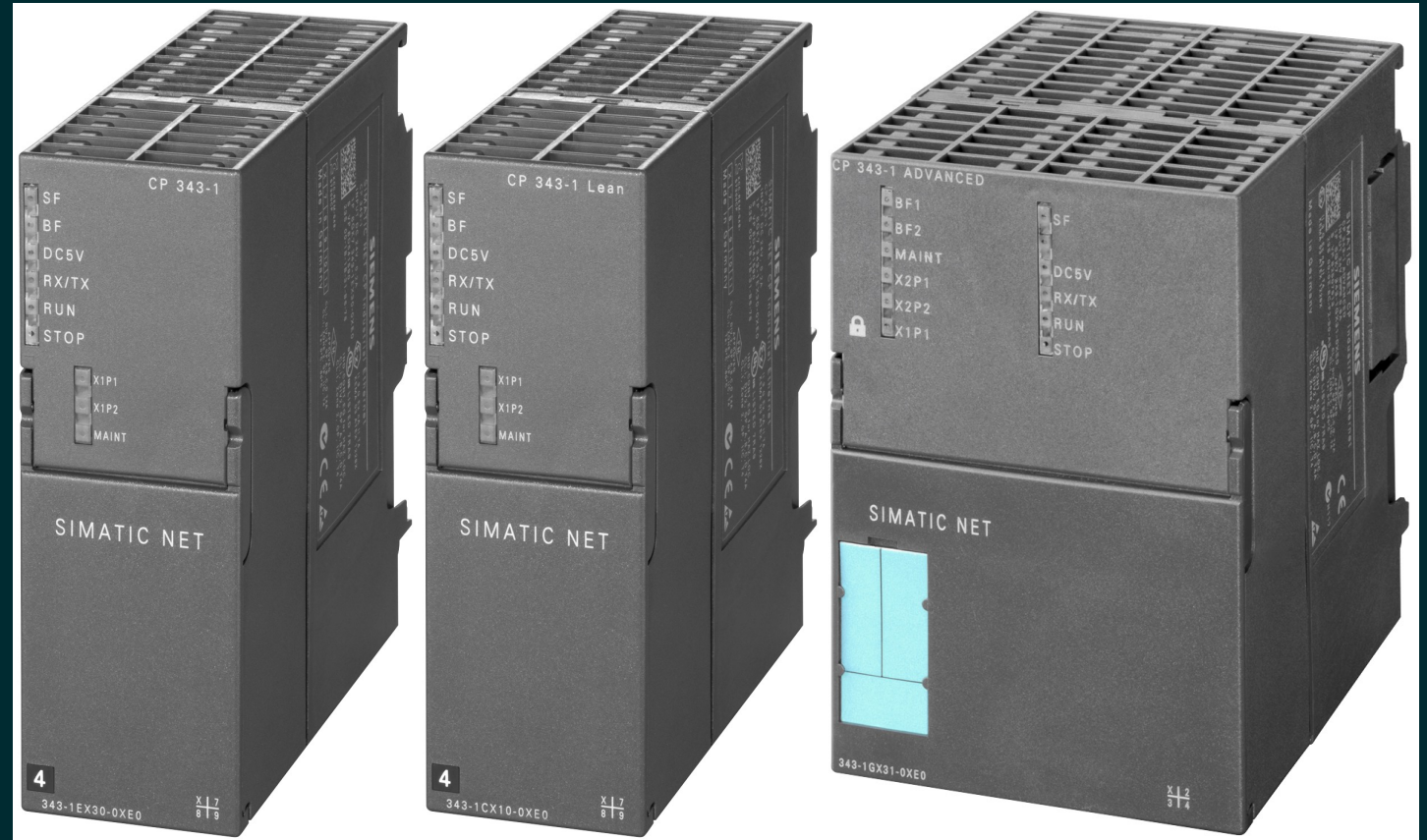
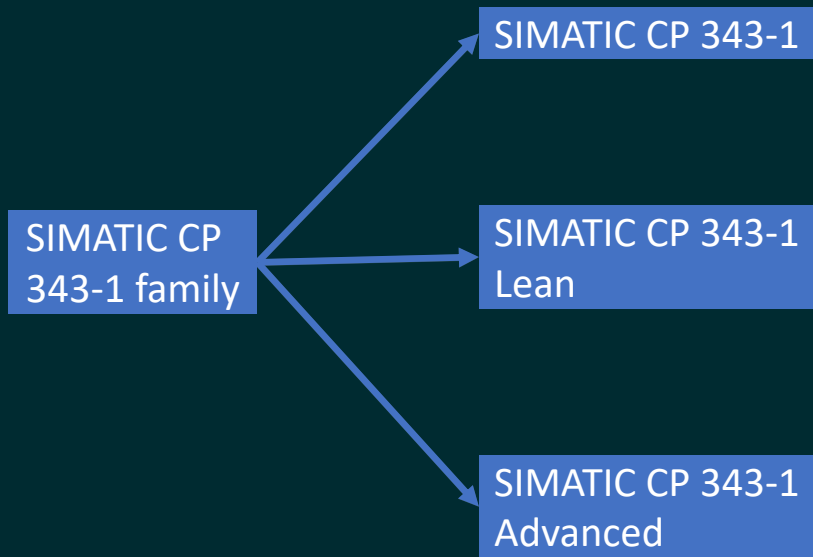
# Vendor Graph – 2015

SIMATIC CP  
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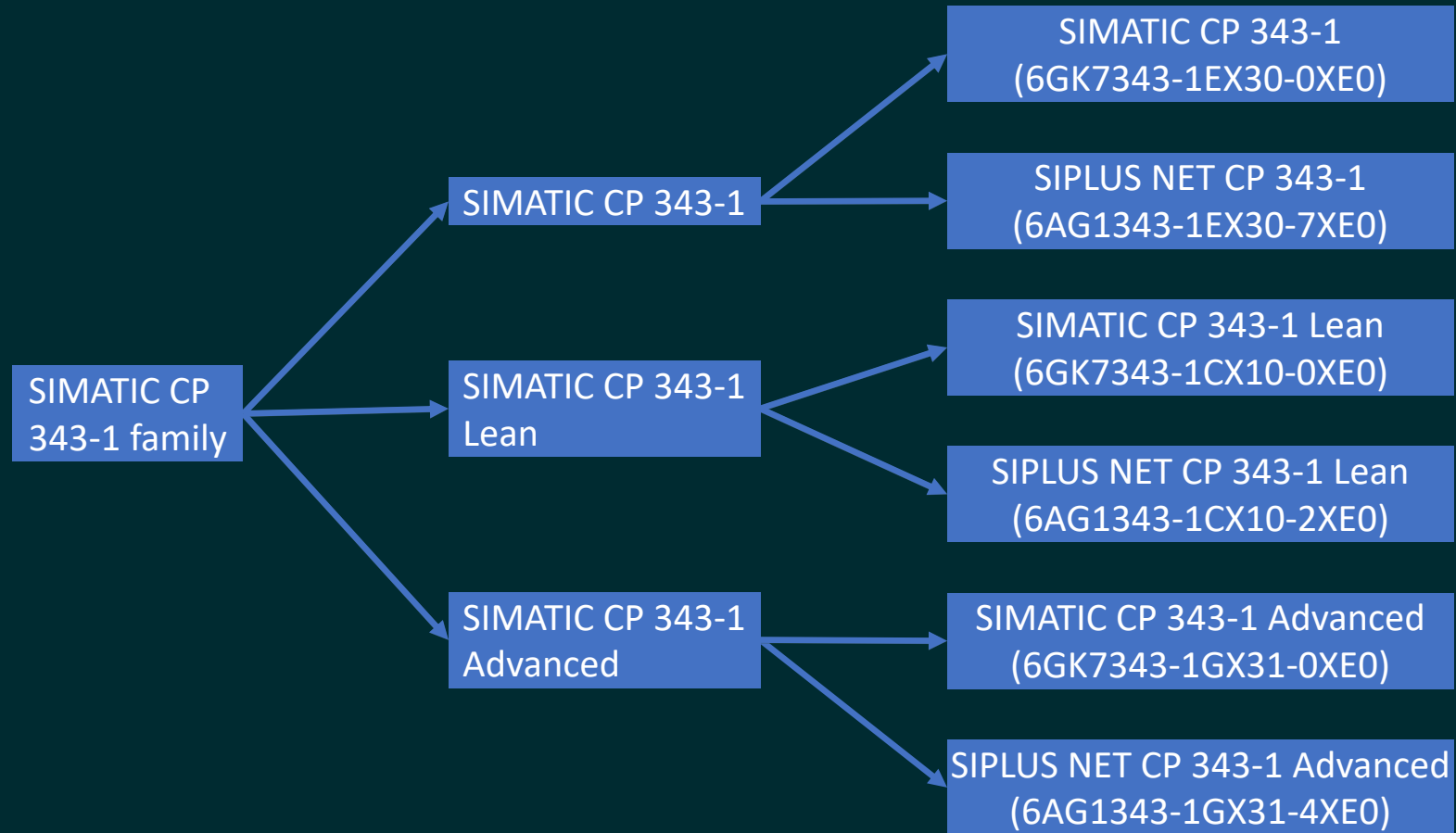




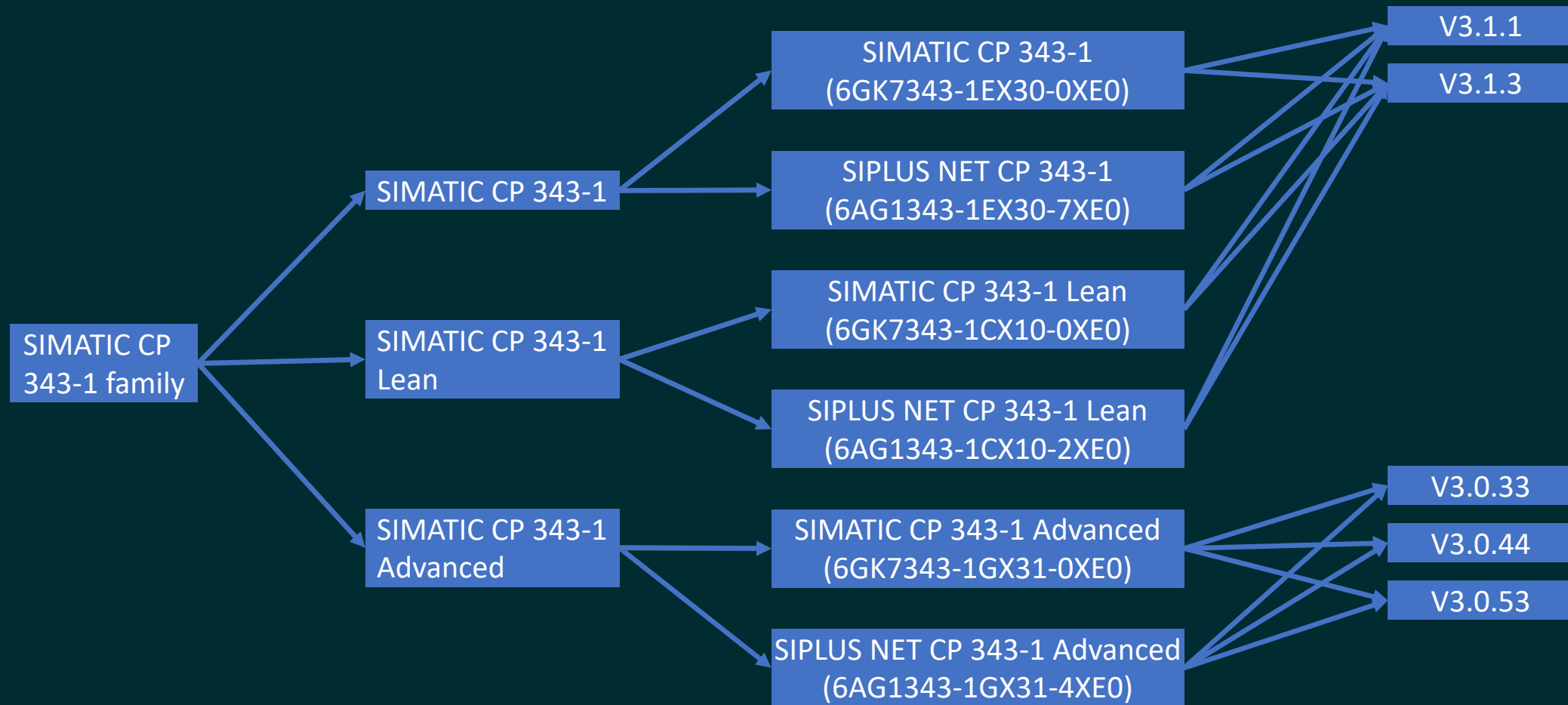
# Vendor Graph – 2018



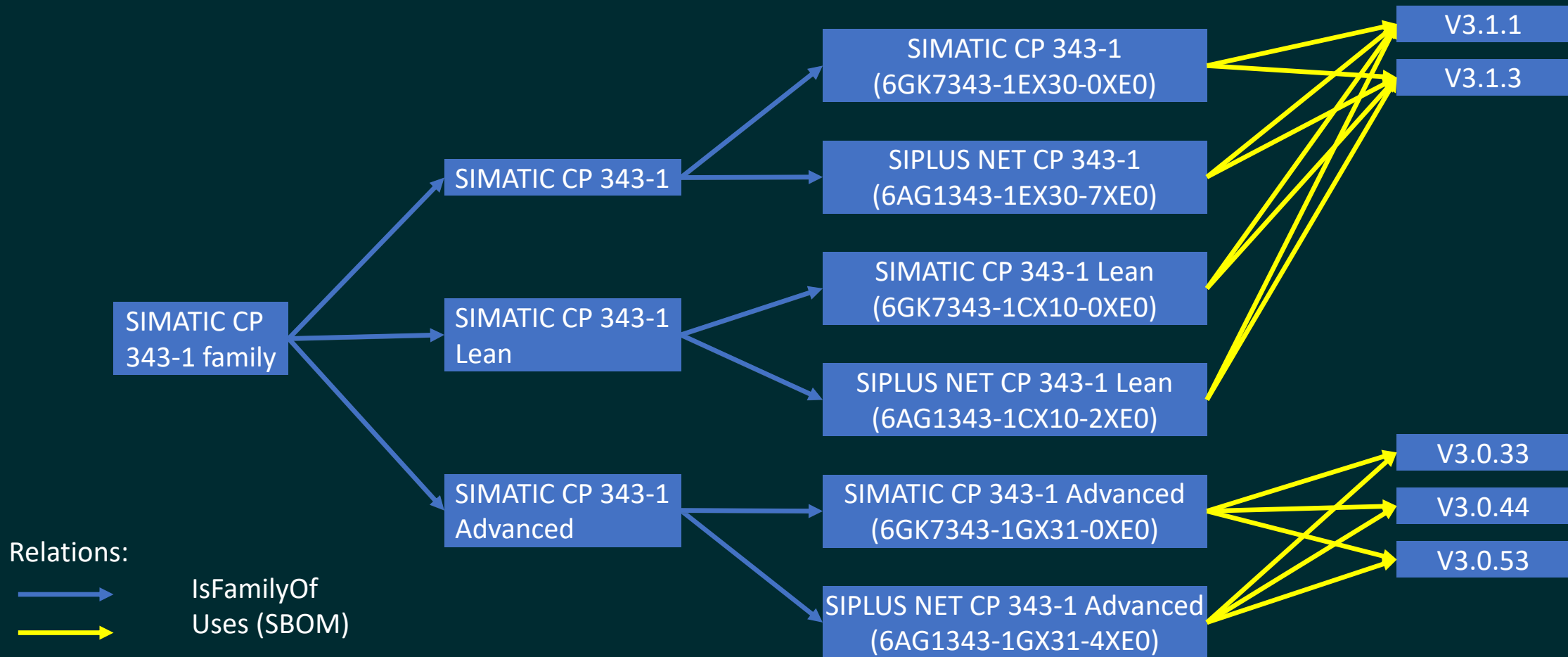
# Vendor Graph – Status Quo



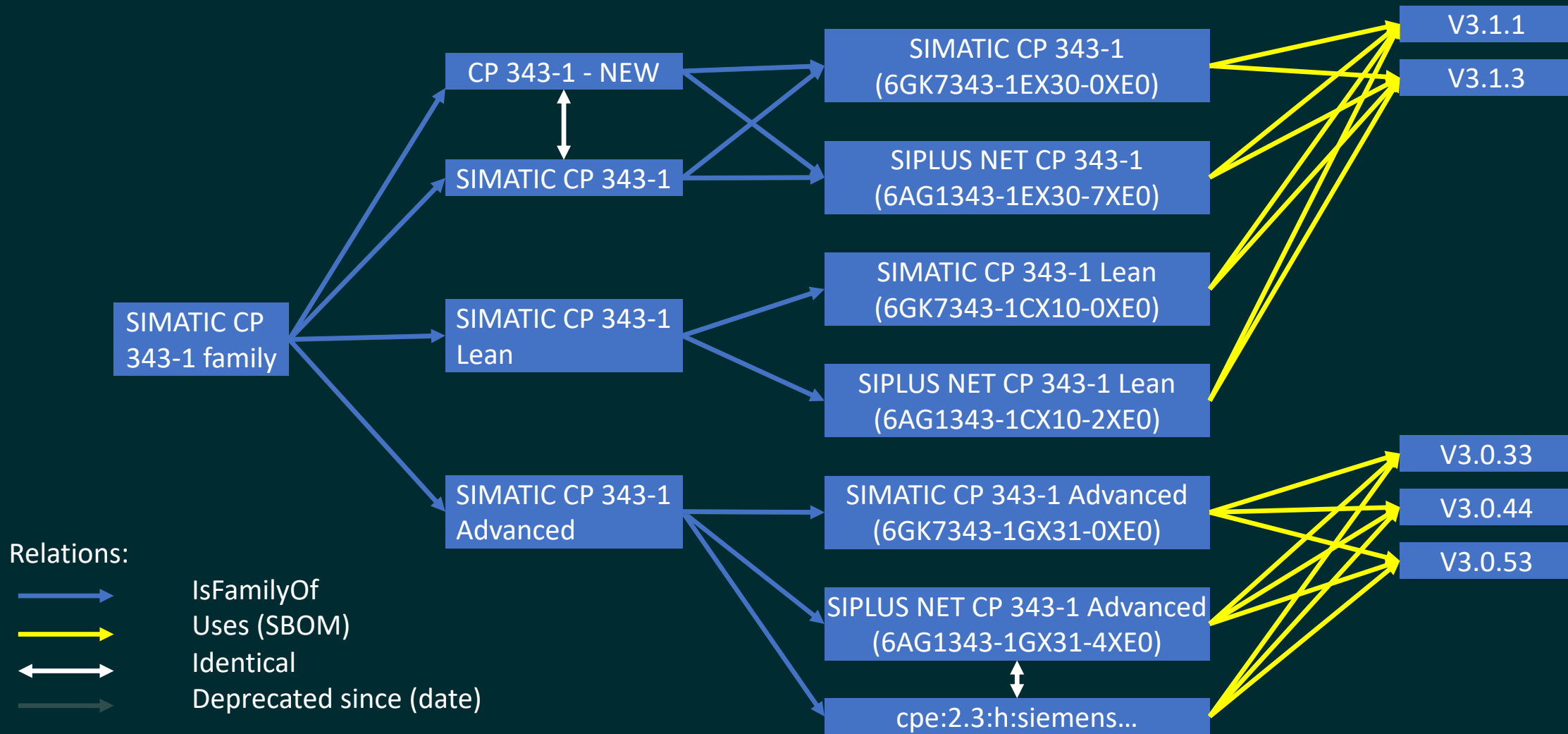
# Vendor Graph – Hardware + Firmware



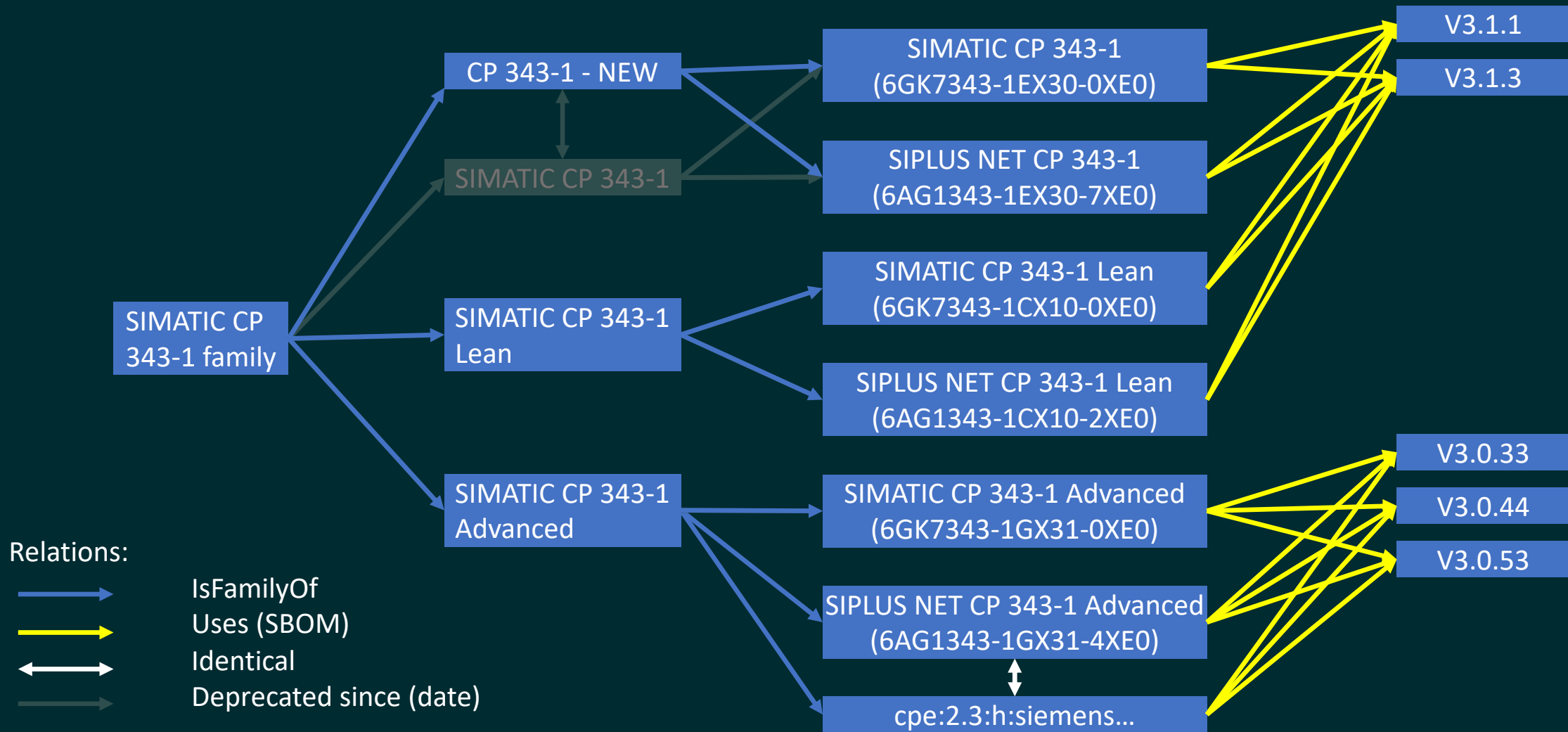
# Vendor Graph – Relations



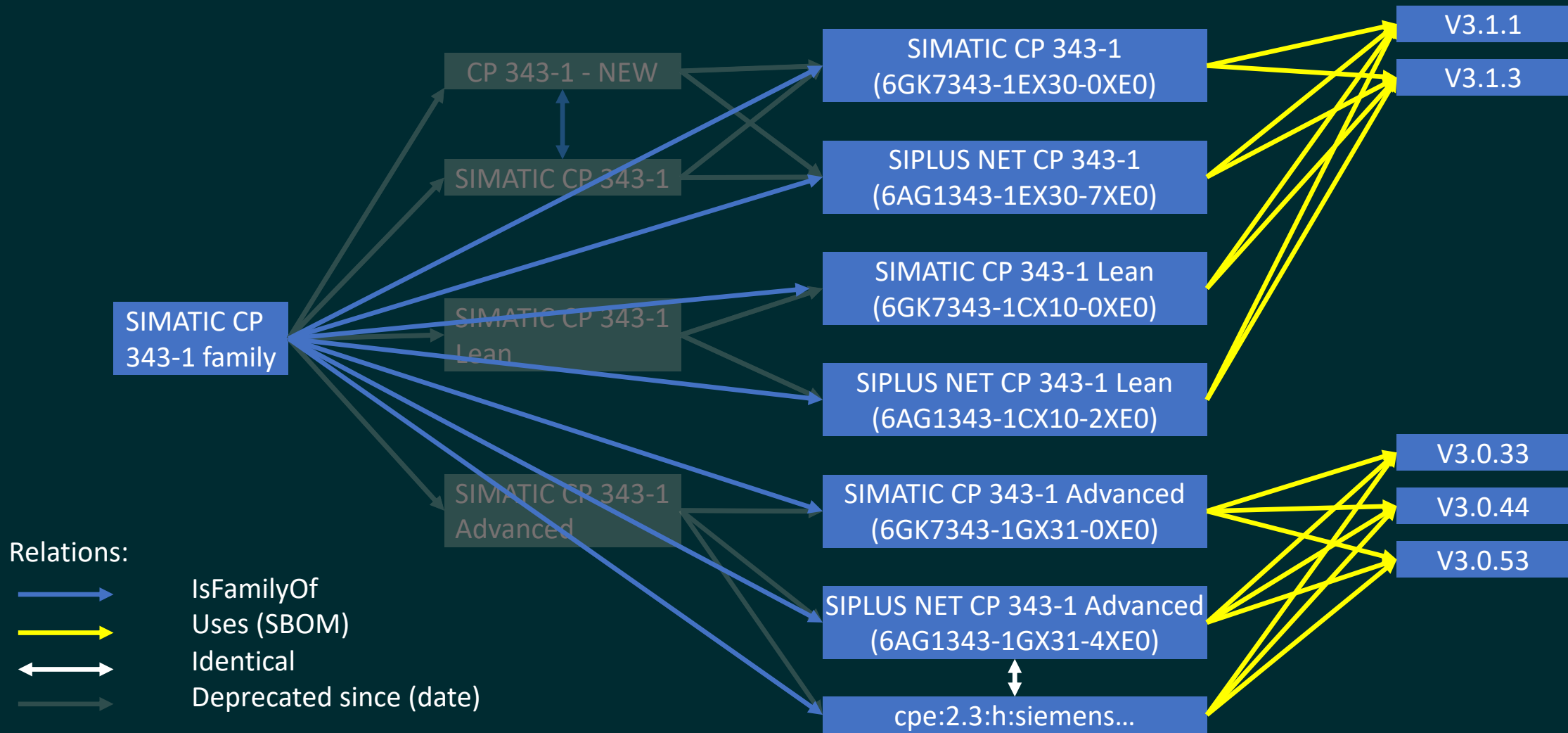
# Vendor Graph – Managing Duplicates



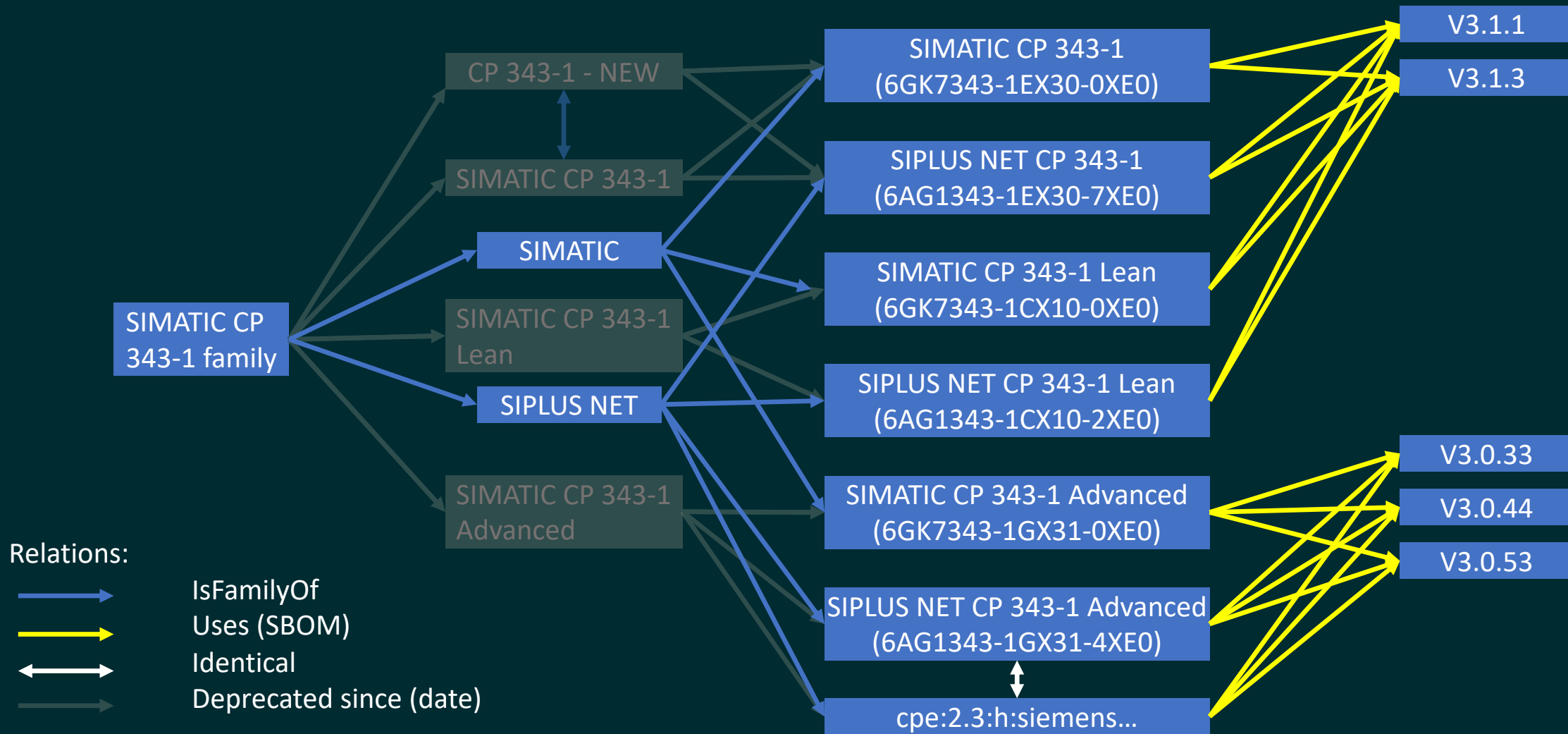
# Vendor Graph – Renaming



# Vendor Graph – Deprecating Nodes

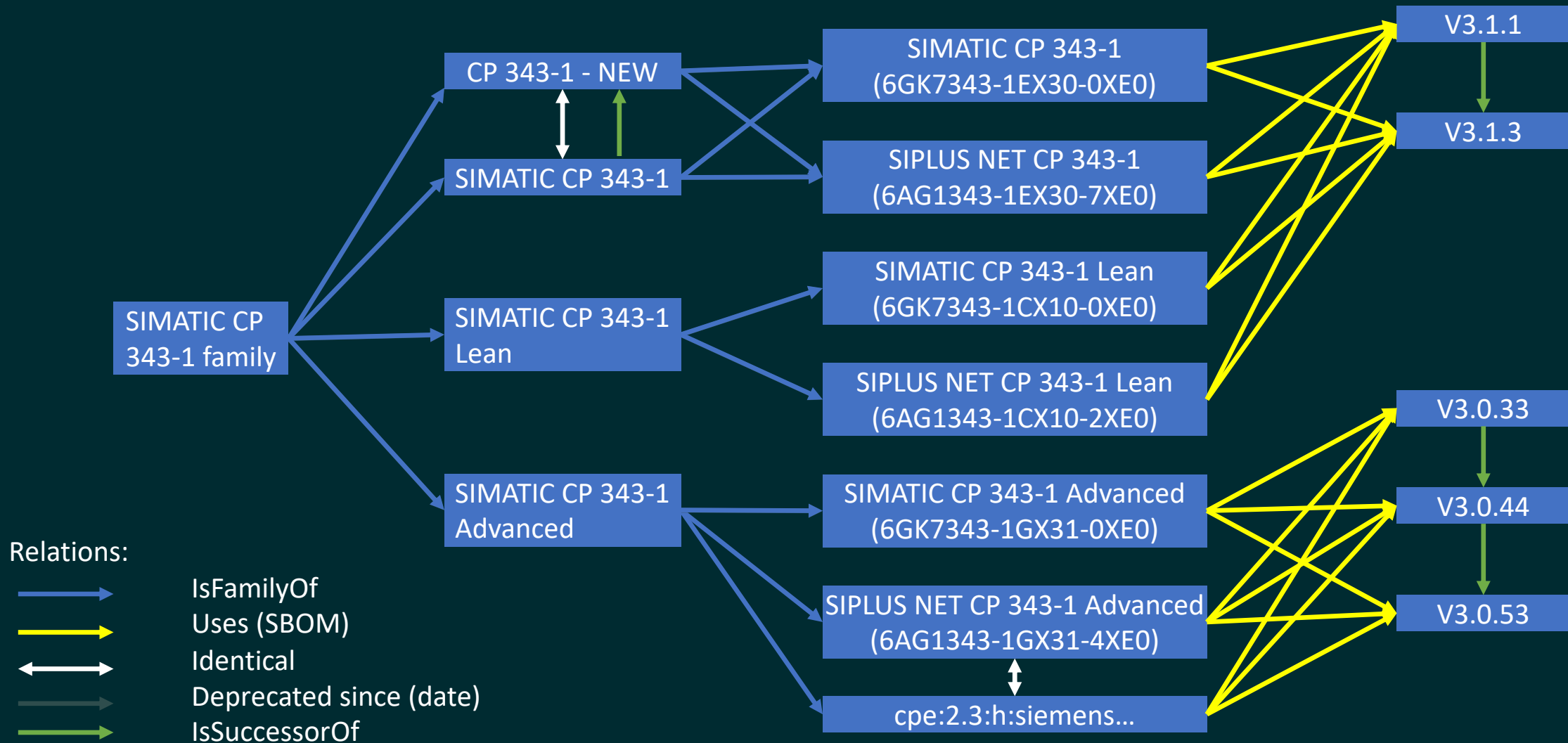


# Vendor Graph – Inserting Nodes





# Vendor Graph – Managing Duplicates



# Bottom line: Vendors

Only vendors can assign names to their products

- Every vendor creates own product graph and these names are authoritative

Every node and relationship has creation and deprecation dates

These names change constantly by mergers, marketing, carve-outs, restructurings

- Never delete nodes or relationships – deprecate them!
- Full flexibility – full backward compatibility

The „identical“ relationship allows integration of other identifiers (CPE, PURL, ...)

The hardware part of the graph can be used as Bill of Materials (BOM)

The software part of the graph can be used as Software Bill of Materials (SBOM)

Maturity can be seen in the product graph

- See 2015 → 2018 → 2023 → future development

# Bottom line: Consumers

Consumers find many identifiers on:

- Product label
- Orders
- Web sites
- Invoice
- SNMP scan

Each of these IDs can be part of the product graph

IDs that are not in the product graph are not genuine

Even low skilled user will find high level family names and can navigate deeper with help

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