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# Container security and their APIs

*Two sides of the Same Security Coin*

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Mobile SDWAN/Invisible networking

Virtualized professional media systems

Virtualized mobile packet cores and GiLAN

## CTO Application Security

Cloud-native application security

API security

## Associate professor University of Twente

Reliable and secure distributed system

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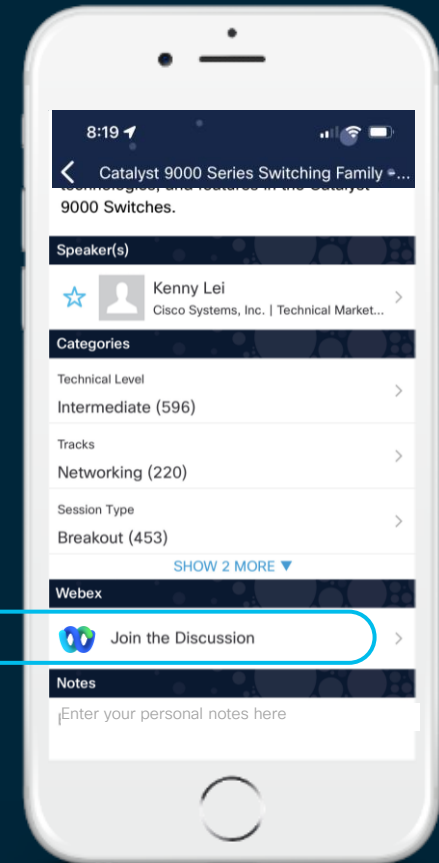
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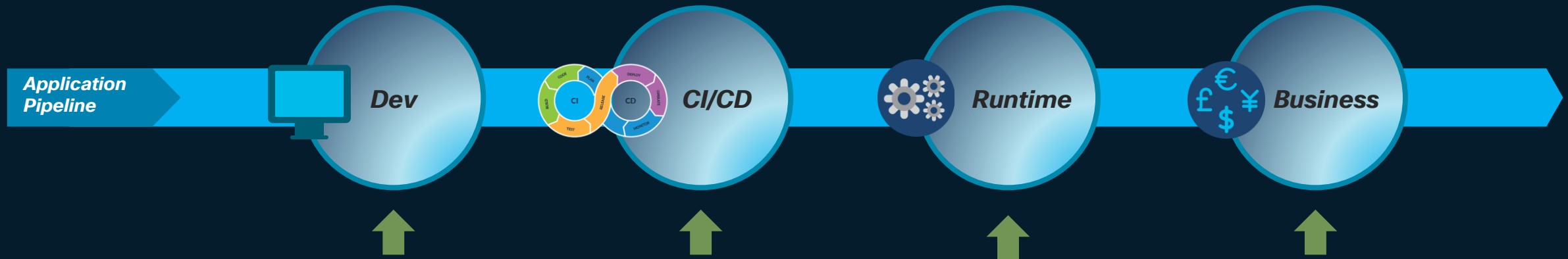
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# Agenda

- Panoptica, cloud-native application security
- A quick demo

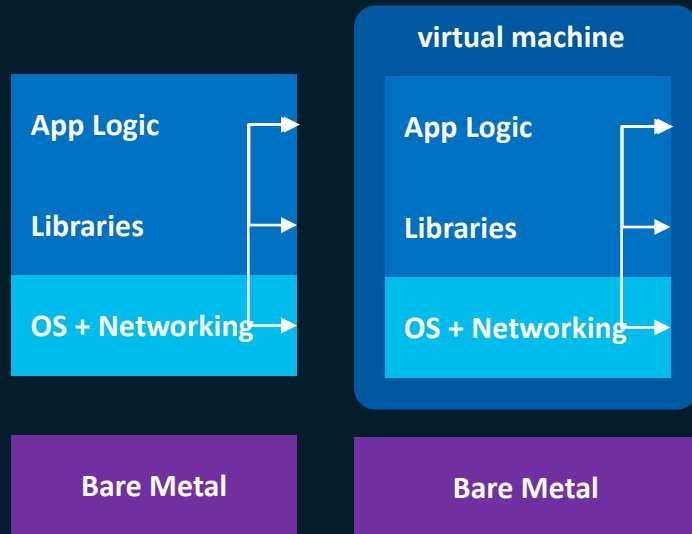
# Panoptica: Cisco application security



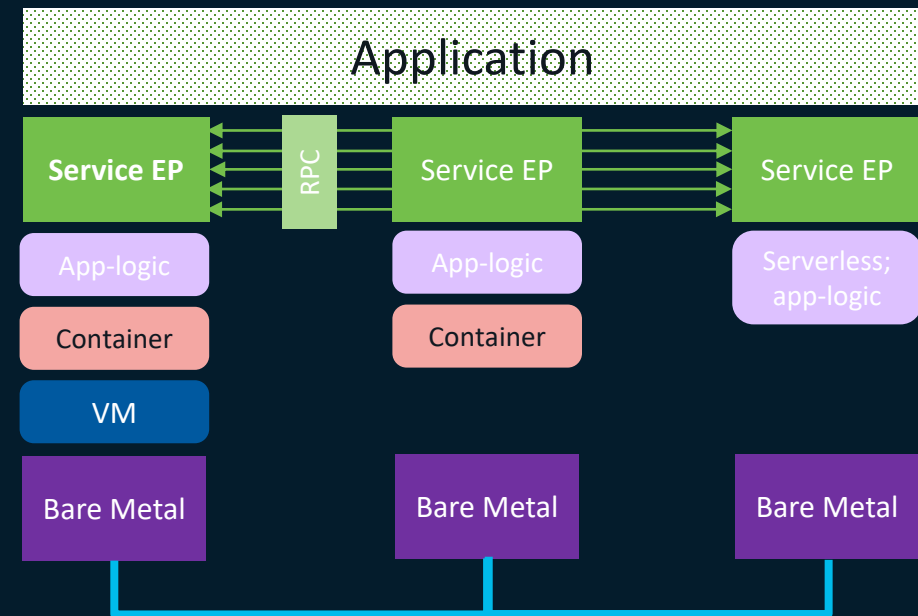
**Instrument** via Cloud Native Infra (Kubernetes, Service Mesh),  
In-app agent, DevOps toolchain plugins and API Gateway connectors

**Cisco Secure Application** secures the cloud native application **in all its stages**, and for **all components**: micro-services, functions, APIs and configurations

# *From monolithic*



# *To composable, modern applications*



***The wide-open Internet is the  
runtime for all modern apps...***

***... but the new perimeter of  
apps and security is diffuse***





1

How do I protect cloud native apps? I must rely on the app's own defenses when running in the cloud!

Is the application's configuration sound? What software am I really using for my application?

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Do I build a barrier inside my cloud app? Can I rely on trusted communication?

Can I automatically manage applications that are vulnerable. Can these be repaired semi-automatically?

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# Introducing: Panoptica

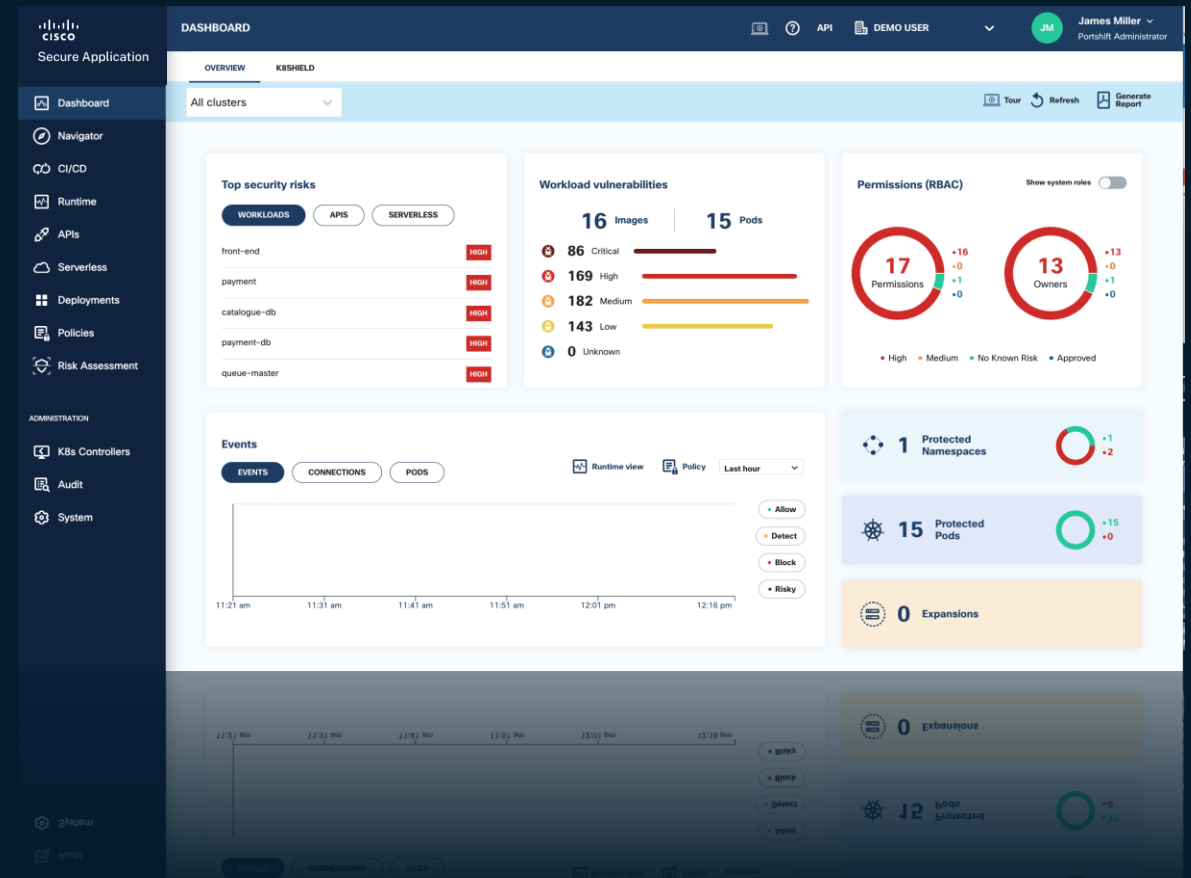
## *A single pane of glass for all things cloud-native app*

**Present** all artefacts of the applications and its vulnerabilities

**Control** container, images, SBOM, supply chain, serverless and APIs

**Manage** the risks through a MITRE ATT&CK framework

**Define** and enforce security policies and compliance for the enterprise



# Panoptica key components

***Cisco open sourced two innovative components of SecureApplication***



A Kubernetes runtime vulnerability scanner to capture and analyze container images and their risks



A cloud native visibility tool for APIs to capture, analyze and test API traffic and identify potential risks.



1 What software components are used in your application? What's their provenance?

2 What vulnerabilities are hidden in those software components? Will these impact the app's security?

3 Can I scan for these vulnerabilities automatically? With multiple tools? For different kinds of issues?

4 Multiply this across thousands of apps. Can I automate the analysis? Can I easily remediate?

## Universal scan

Vulnerabilities scan for source code and containers images

## Runtime scan

Scan K8s deployments providing an accurate snapshot of its risks

## S-BoM creation

Creating a S-BOM for quick detection of risks and their relevance

## Flexible

Scan entire app, use multiple scanners, alert of specific vulnerabilities and severities

## Accurate

Uses multiple vulnerabilities feeds for effective and accurate discovery



[KubeClarity](https://kubeclearity.com)





1

Are serverless functions vulnerable? Did serverless code functions degrade over time?

Are secrets embedded in the code? Are my functions overly permissive? Are my functions publicly exposed?

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Does code provide direct access to data sources? What resources are used by the functions?

Can I deny bad serverless functions from firing? Can I scan for serverless vulnerabilities automatically?

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## Serverless scan

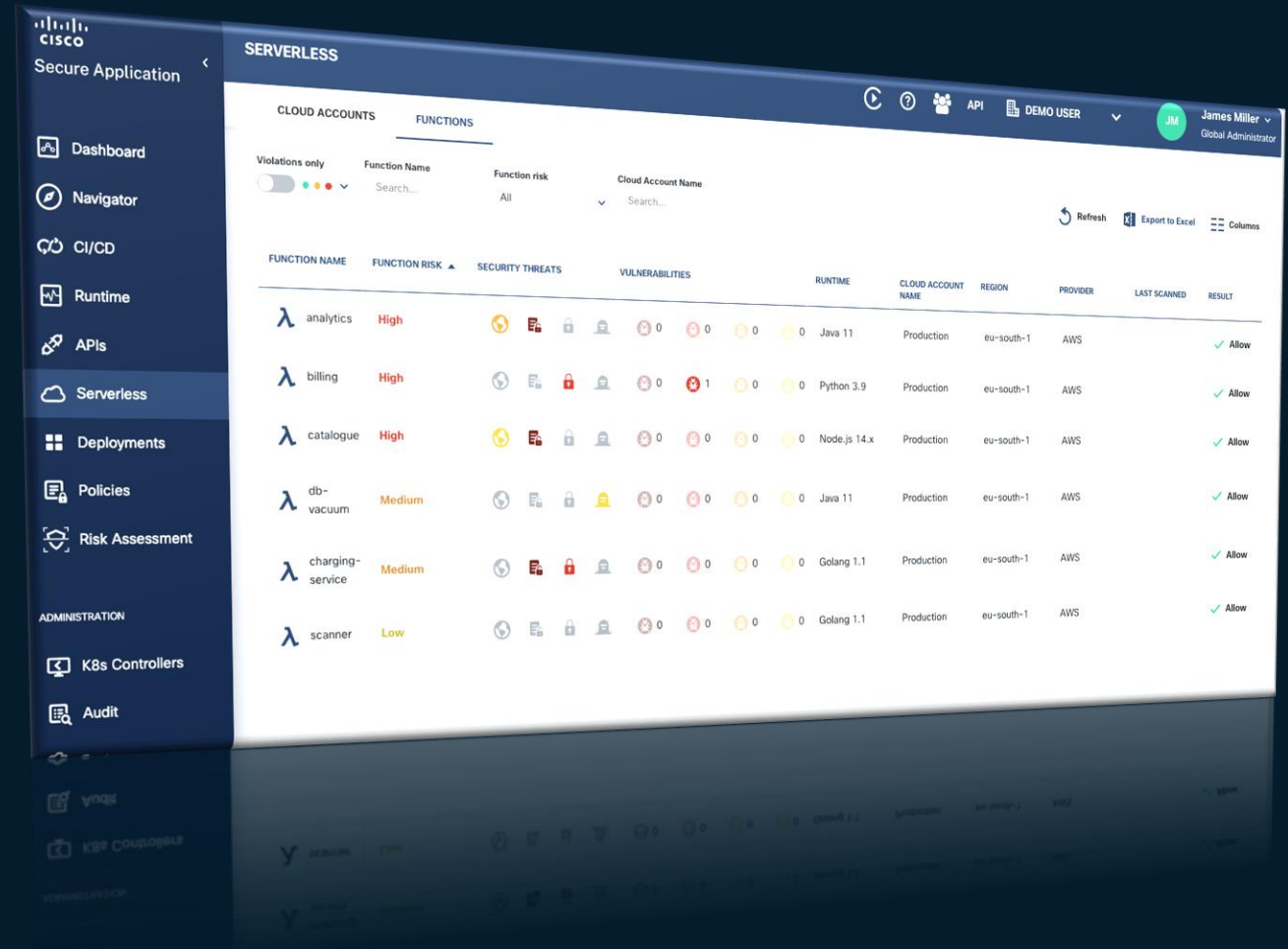
Scan for software and configuration issues in serverless functions in cloud systems

## Policies

Define rules when to allow serverless functions to run and enforce such rules

## Integrate

With cloud accounts to access serverless functions





1

What APIs do you have in your internal environment?

Which 3<sup>rd</sup> party APIs are you using? Are they compliant? Geo-fenced?

2

3

Using APIs that are deprecated? Insecure? Terrible uptime? Broken implementations or infra?

Multiply this across thousands of Apps, 10s of thousands of APIs

4



## Frictionless

No code changes needed to your App

## Automated

Constructs the OpenAPI spec by observing API traffic

## Reconcile and Drift

Upload and review of OpenAPI specs, track deltas over time

## Zombies & Shadows

Visibility of deprecated and undocumented API usage

## Test

Fuzz and test the APIs to find vulnerabilities, authorization mistakes and more

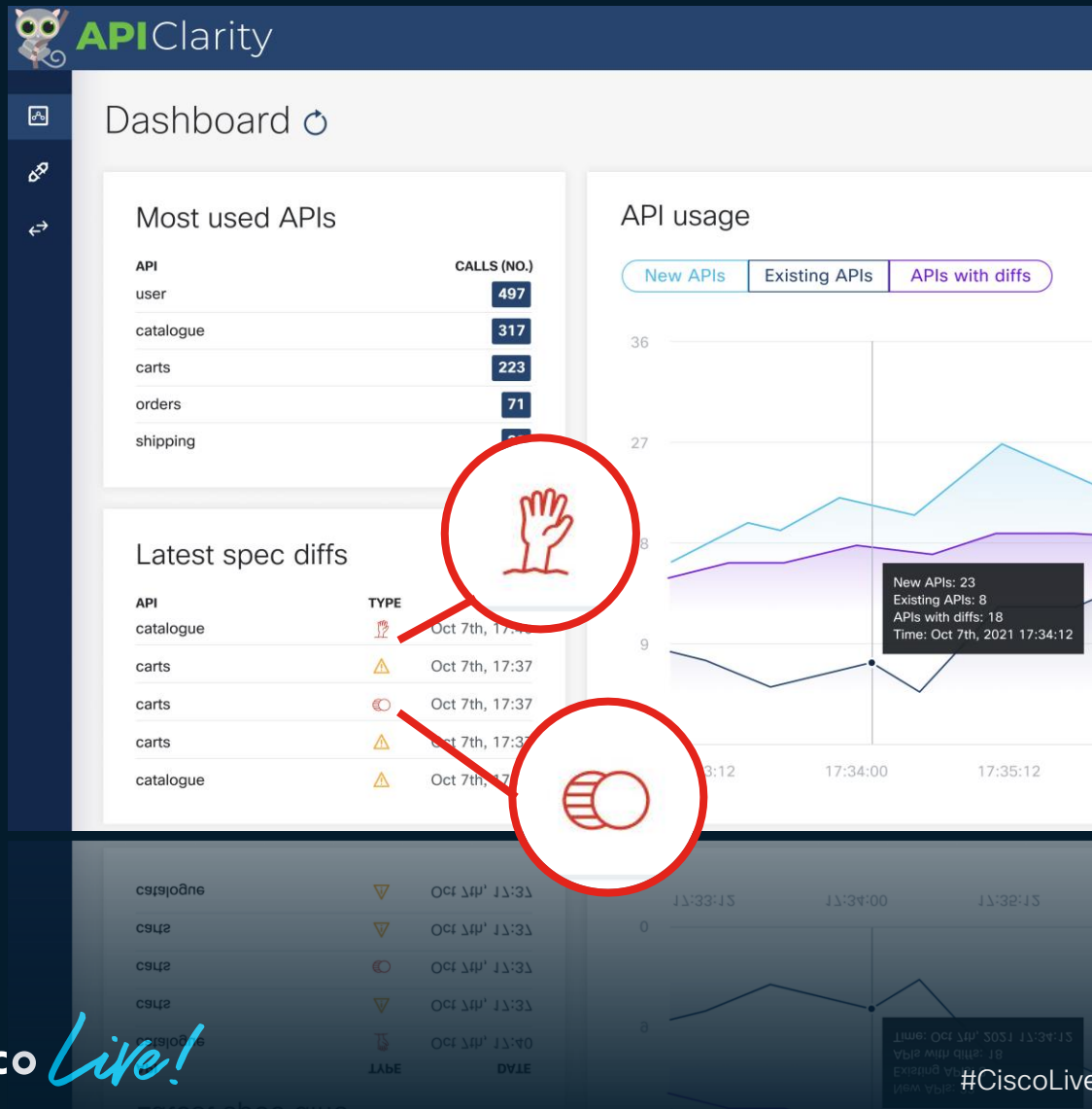
## Visual

UI dashboard to audit and monitor the API findings



**API**Clarity  
[apiclarify.io](https://apiclarify.io)

# For Devs, SRE, and SecOps



Having clarity on the API spec is the first step

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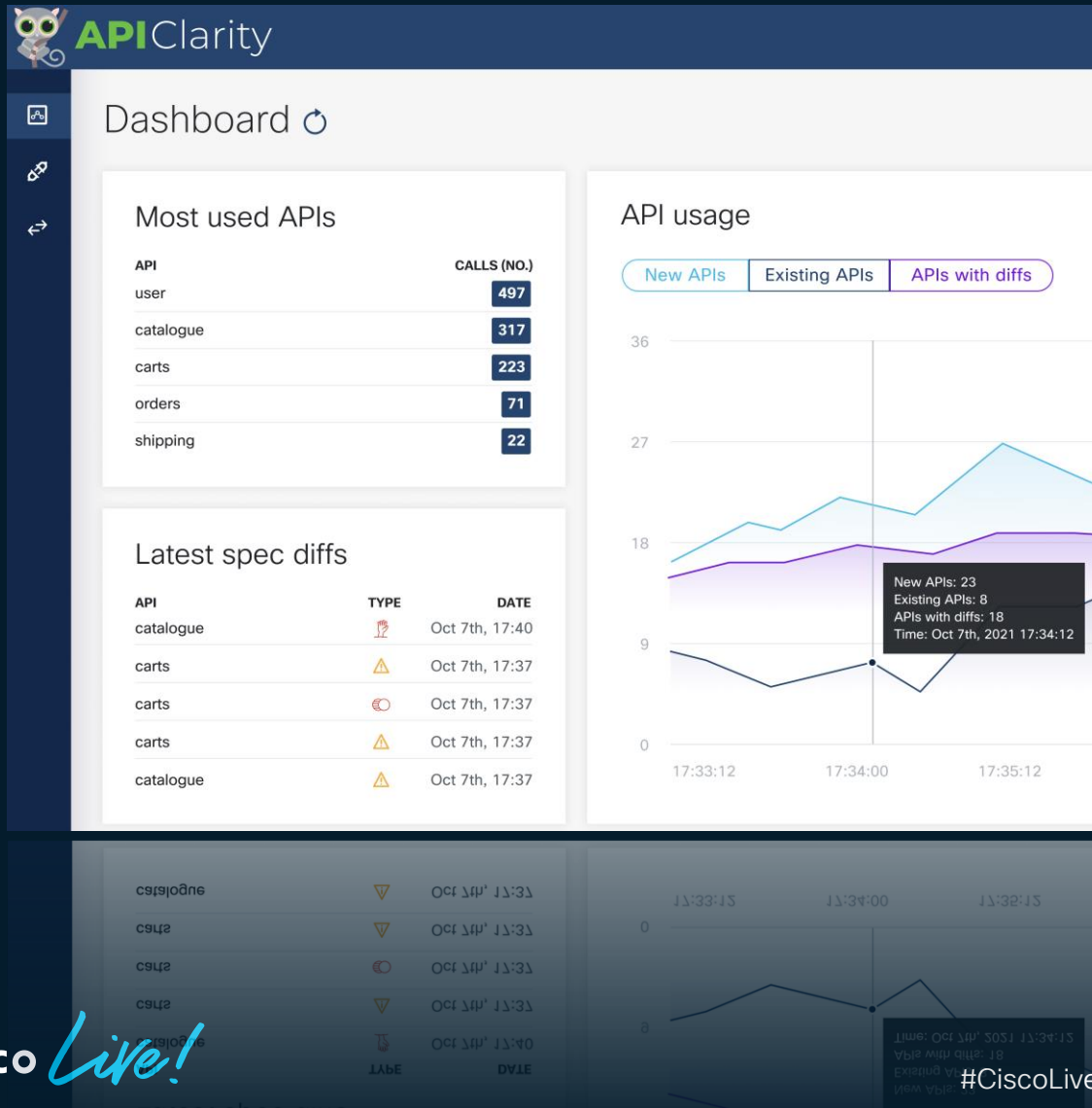
Having clarity on the API spec is just the first step

Analyze spec for security issues and best practices

Run API fuzzing tests using the spec, test biz logic

Test application authorization logic

Generate Client and Server code





1

How do I protect and track apps from cradle to grave? Can I make a one-stop-shop for all my apps from build to run?

Are applications compliant with my company rules? How about the industry's rules? In build and run-time?

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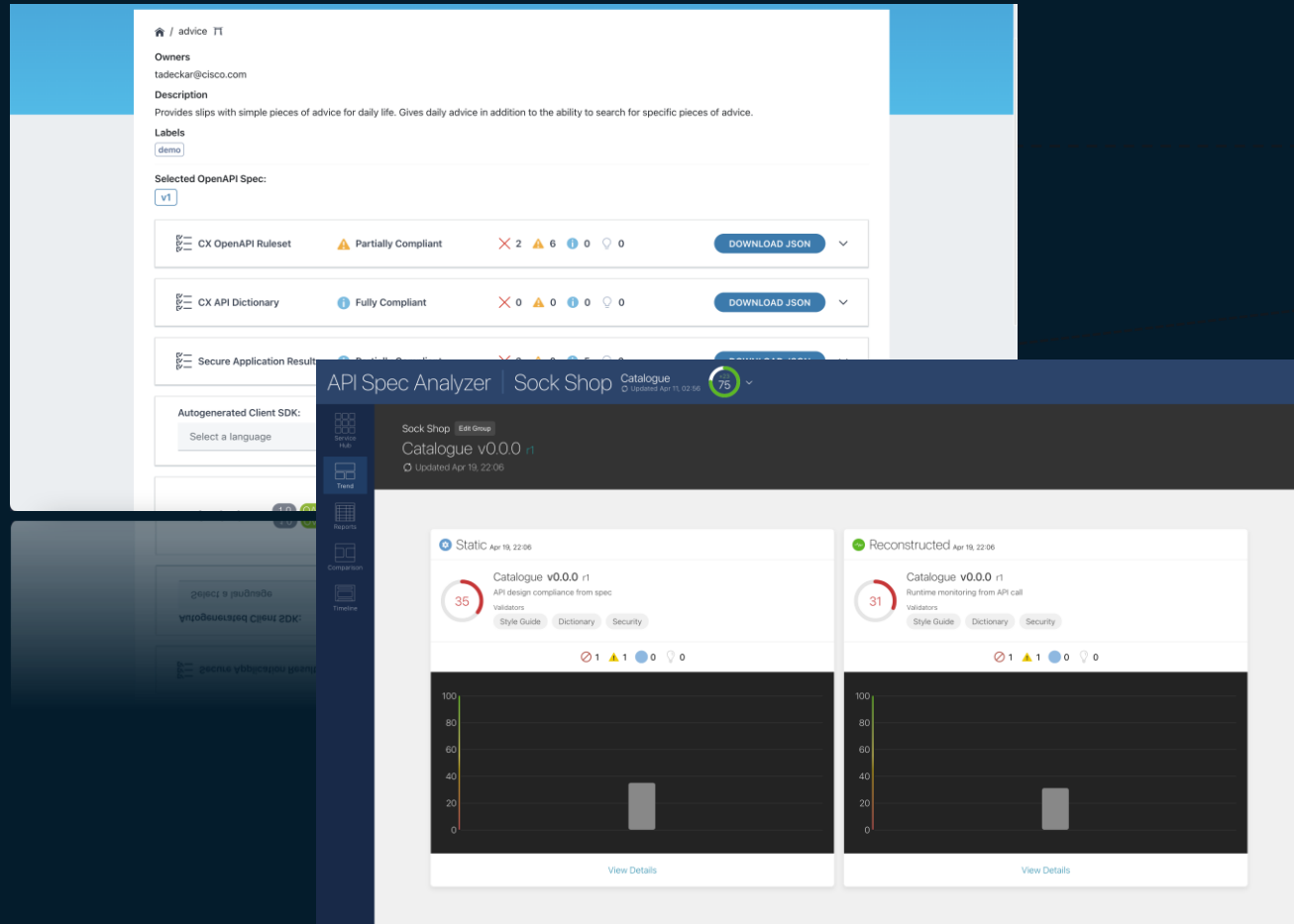
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How do I track the daily chain of new app versions? How do I test for regression in apps and their APIs?

How do I automatically manage hundreds of applications? How do I address API risks while the app is running?

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# An API for an API



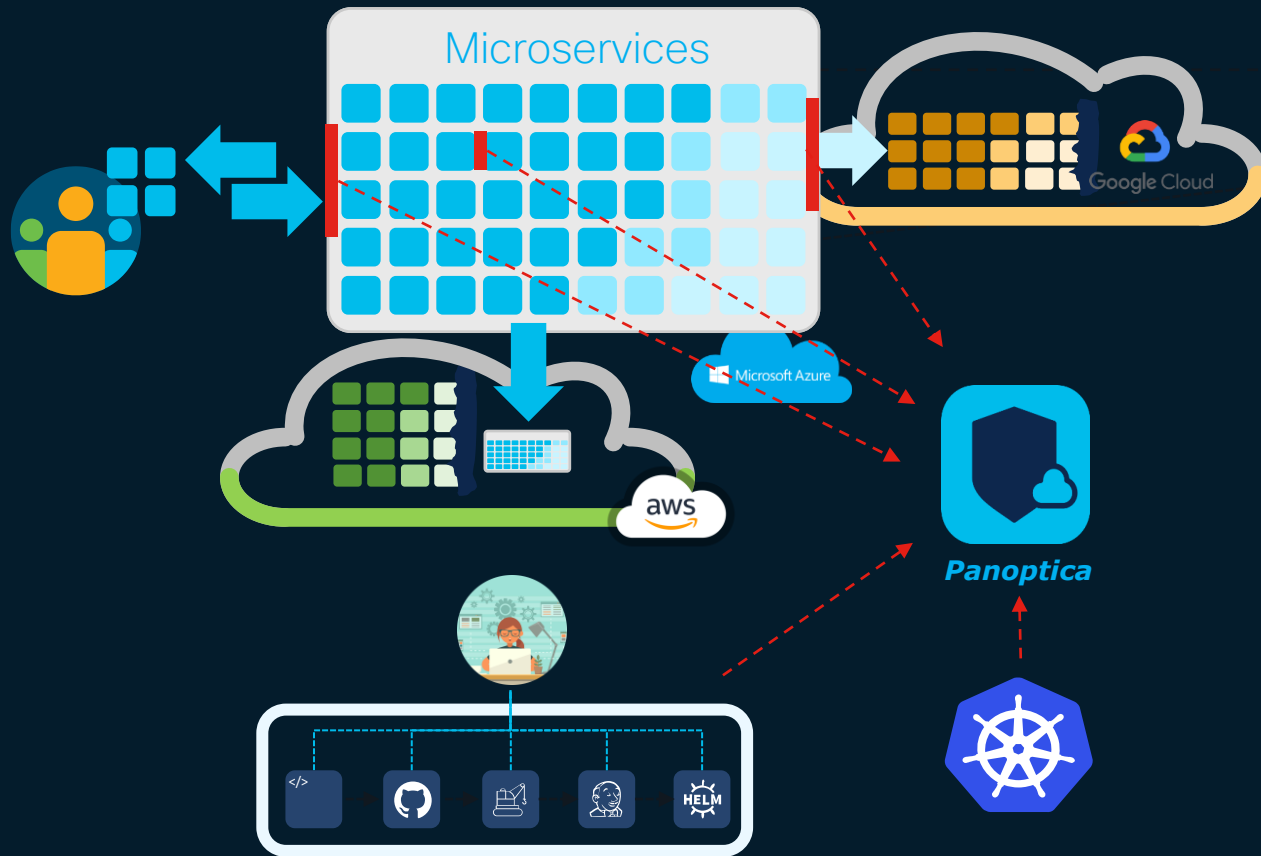
**Analyze** the app's APIs before deployed;  
track APIs over time

**Deploy** apps automatically behind an  
API gateway and connect the app to the  
Internet

**Test** and fuzz the APIs daily to detect  
feature creep

**Manage** security vulnerabilities in  
the API and suspend, report or block  
the app

# Panoptica's API security in a boring slide



## Ingress/egress traffic visibility and enforcement

- Specification reconstruction and analysis
- 3rd party API classification and scoring, internal server security posture and scores and inventories

## Token insertion with a vault for API use

## API testing, scoring and analysis

- BOLA/BFLA, guessable ID and non-learned ID detection
- Fuzzing, application and service modeling and DASTing

## Platforms

- Envoy, Kong, Tyk, Gloo (viz + enforcement)
- Virtual machines (through gateway) and containers
- Open-source

## Interface Definition Languages

- OpenAPIv2/v3 and gRPC

## Try API clarity and KubeClarity code on GitHub

[github.com/apiclarify/apiclarify](https://github.com/apiclarify/apiclarify)

[github.com/cisco-open/kubei](https://github.com/cisco-open/kubei)

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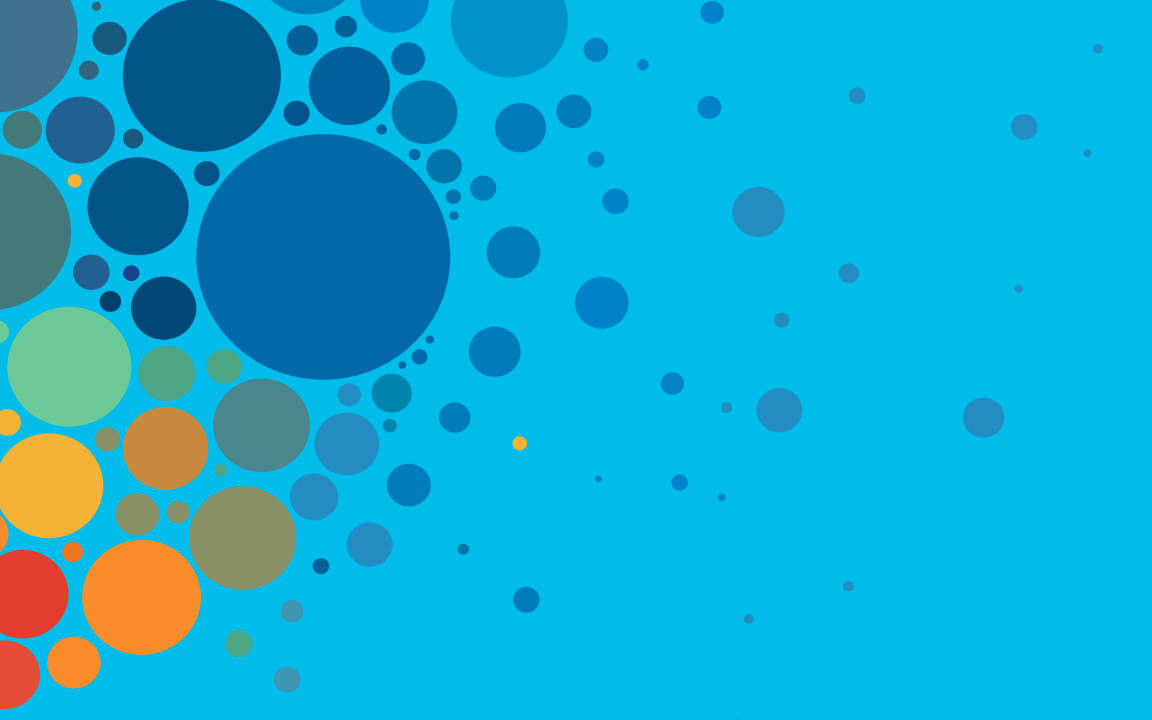
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