

Kubernetes Security and Hardening

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Agenda



- Cloud Native Computing Foundation and CNCF Bulgaria
- Short Intro to Kubernetes
- Container security and lifecycle
- Kubernetes Security benchmarking
- Demo – kube-bench/kubeaudit/sonoboy
- Q&A

CNCF - Who “Manages” Kubernetes?



**CLOUD NATIVE
COMPUTING FOUNDATION**

The CNCF is a child entity of the Linux Foundation and operates as a vendor neutral governance group.



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CNCF - “few” other projects



Graduated



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Orchestration



Prometheus
Monitoring



envoy

Service Proxy

Incubating



OPENTRACING

Distributed Tracing
API



fluentd

Logging



Remote
Procedure Call



Container Runtime



rkt

Container Runtime



JAEGER

Distributed Tracing



Security



Vitess
Storage



CoreDNS
Service Discovery



Messaging



LINKERD
Service Mesh



HARBOR
Registry



Package
Management



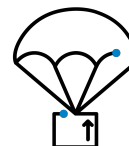
CNI
Networking API



ROOK
Storage



etcd
Key/Value
Store



Software Up
Spec



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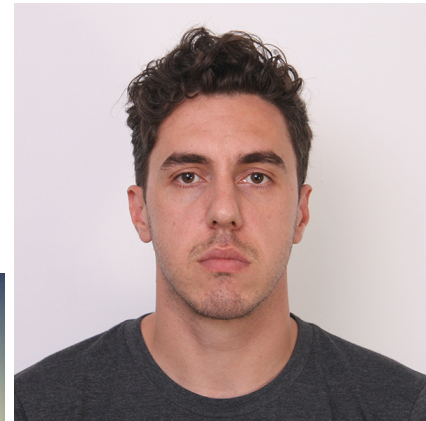
- 7 meetups
- +500 members(525 on 20.01.2019)
- Meetup: <https://goo.gl/16bF3X>
- YouTube: <https://goo.gl/88yH4n>
- CFP: <https://goo.gl/TfVEMc>



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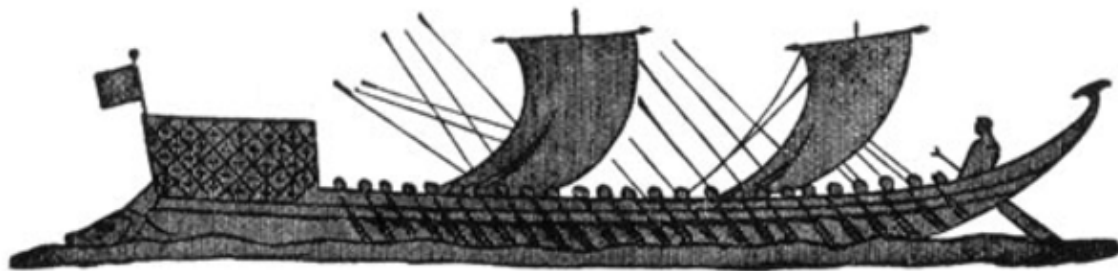
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Kubernetes 101 **(or even shorter)**

What Does “Kubernetes” Mean?



Greek for “pilot” or
“Helmsman of a ship”



[Image Source](#)



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What is Kubernetes?



- Project that was spun out of Google as an open source container orchestration platform.
- Built from the lessons learned in the experiences of developing and running Google's Borg and Omega.
- Designed from the ground-up as a **loosely coupled** collection of components centred around deploying, maintaining and scaling workloads.



Self Healing



Kubernetes will **ALWAYS** try and steer the cluster to its desired state.

- **Me:** “I want 3 healthy instances of redis to always be running.”
- **Kubernetes:** “Okay, I’ll ensure there are always 3 instances up and running.”
- **Kubernetes:** “Oh look, one has died. I’m going to attempt to spin up a new one.”



Project Stats



- Over 42,000 stars on Github
- 1800+ Contributors to K8s Core
- Most discussed Repository by a large margin
- **50,000+** users in Slack Team



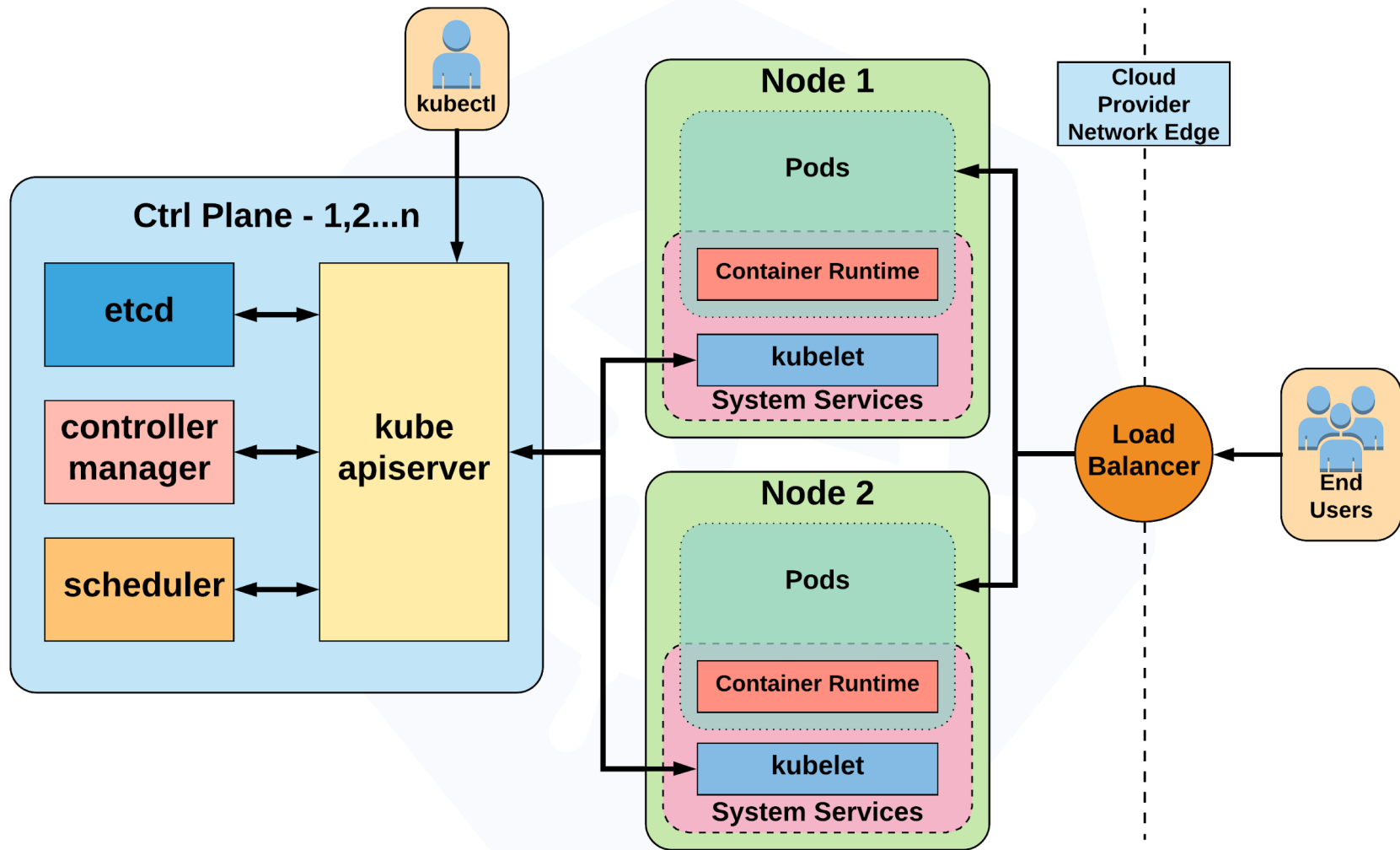
What can Kubernetes REALLY do?



- Autoscale Workloads
- Blue/Green Deployments
- Fire off jobs and scheduled cronjobs
- Manage Stateless and Stateful Applications
- Provide native methods of service discovery
- Easily integrate and support 3rd party apps

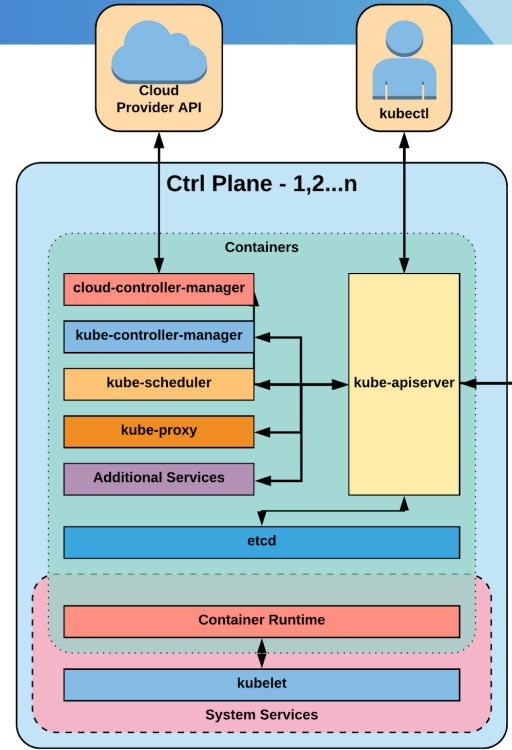


Architecture Overview



Control Plane Components

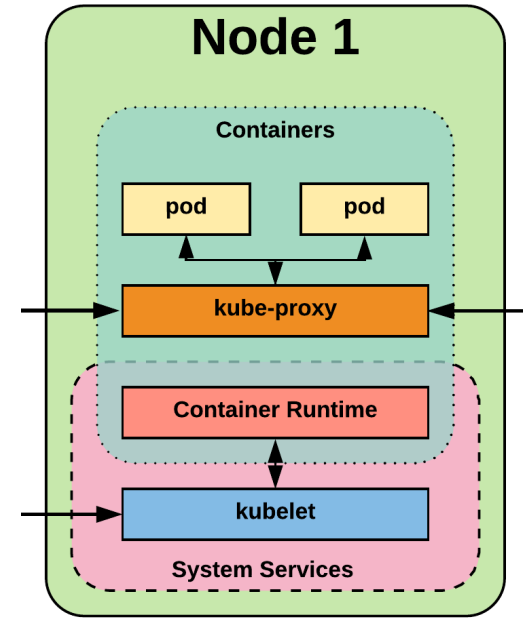
- kube-apiserver
- etcd
- kube-controller-manager
- kube-scheduler

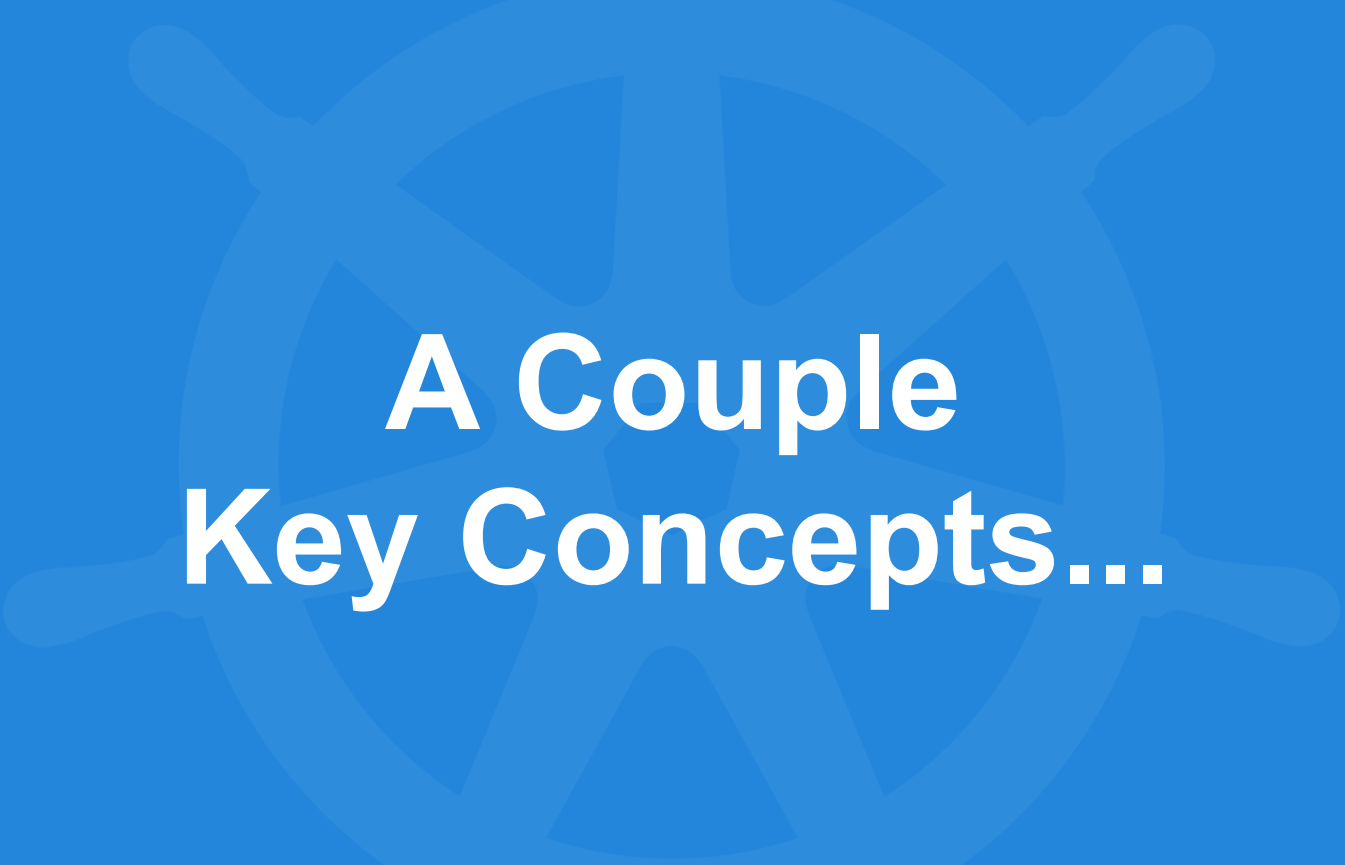


Node Components



- kubelet
- kube-proxy
- Container Runtime Engine





A Couple Key Concepts...

Kubernetes Objects



Basic:

- Pod
- Service
- Volume
- Namespace

More:

- ReplicaSet
- Deployment
- StatefulSet
- DaemonSet
- Job
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Namespaces



Namespaces are a logical cluster or environment, and are the primary method of partitioning a cluster or scoping access.

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Namespace
metadata:
  name: prod
  labels:
    app: MyBigWebApp
```

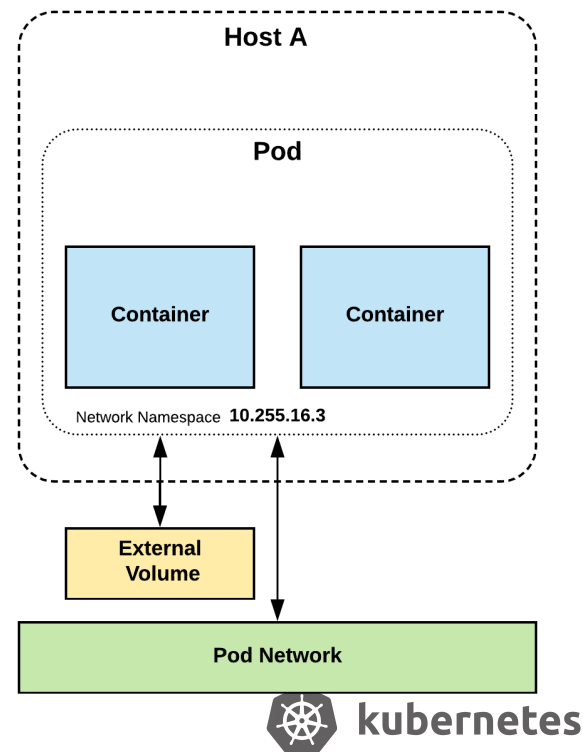
```
$ kubectl get ns --show-labels
NAME          STATUS   AGE    LABELS
default       Active   11h    <none>
kube-public   Active   11h    <none>
kube-system   Active   11h    <none>
prod          Active   6s     app=MyBigWebApp
```



Pod



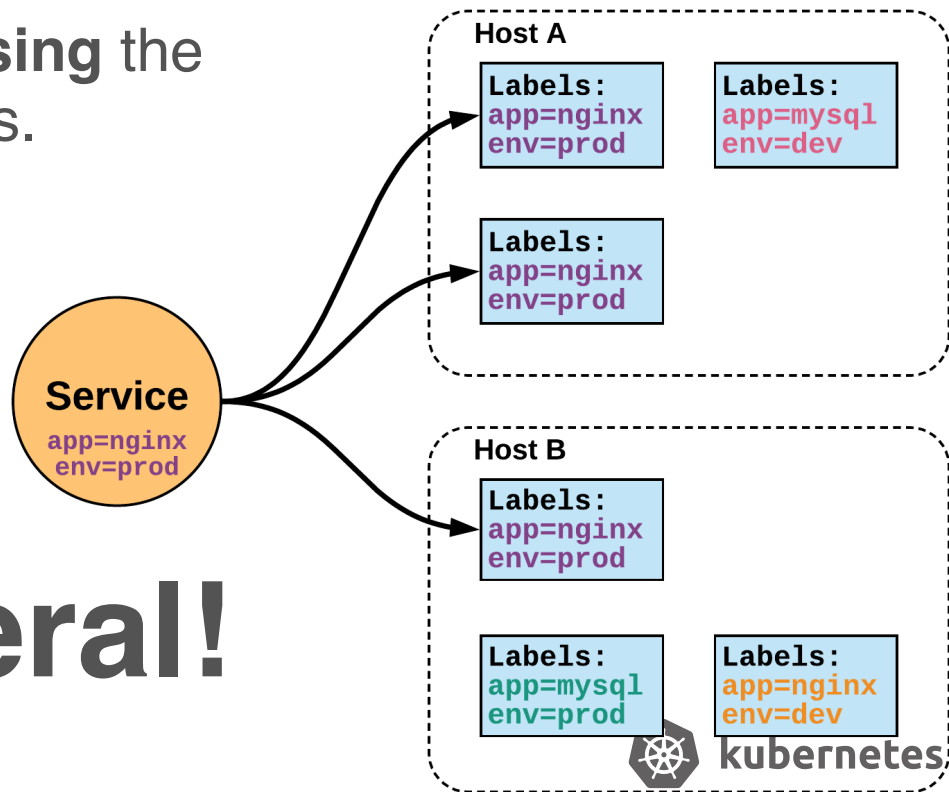
- **Atomic unit** or smallest “*unit of work*” of Kubernetes.
- Pods are **one or MORE containers** that share volumes, a network namespace, and are a part of a **single context**.
- **Ephemeral**



Services



- **Unified method of accessing** the exposed workloads of Pods.
- **Durable resource**
 - static cluster IP
 - static namespaced DNS name



NOT Ephemeral!

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Containers and Kubernetes Security and Benchmarking

Possible Attack Surface



Launch too many pods /
high consume CPU/RAM/
Disk

Direct Etcd Access

Kubelet Exploit

Malicious Image,
Compromised Container

Application Tampering

Escape the container

Metrics Scraping

Service Account Tokens

Metadata API

Dashboard Access

Container and Kubernetes Security Aspects



- Underlying Infrastructure(On-Prem or Public Cloud)
- Host security(OS)
- Docker daemon security(or containerd, rkt, CRI-O ...)
- Container security
- Kubernetes security:
 - Properly configured RBACs
 - Secrets
 - Pod Security Policy
 - Network Policy
 - Admission Controllers
 - etc...



Container Security



- Container Runtime - Least Privileges
- Base Image
- Image Builder/Maintainer
- Image Scanning
- Image Signing
- do not run as root in container

```
RUN useradd -r -u 1001 -g appuser appuser  
USER appuser
```



Kubernetes RBAC



- enabled in kube-api : `—authorization-mode=RBAC`
- Role and ClusterRole
- RoleBinding and ClusterRoleBinding
- ServiceAccounts

Role and RoleBinding



```
kind: Role
apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1
metadata:
  namespace: default
  name: pod-reader
rules:
- apiGroups: ["" ] # "" indicates the core API group
  resources: ["pods"]
  verbs: ["get", "watch", "list"]
```

```
kind: RoleBinding
apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1
metadata:
  name: read-pods
  namespace: default
subjects:
- kind: User
  name: jane # Name is case sensitive
  apiGroup: rbac.authorization.k8s.io
roleRef:
  kind: Role #this must be Role or ClusterRole
  name: pod-reader #must match name
  apiGroup: rbac.authorization.k8s.io
```



Kubernetes Secrets



- A Secret is an object that contains a small amount of sensitive data such as a password, a token, or a key.
- base64ed
- consumed within a pod as volumeMounts
- secrets used to keep docker login information for private registry
- use secrets instead of writing sensitive data in the containers

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Secret
metadata:
  name: mysecret
type: Opaque
data:
  username: YWRtaW4=
  password: MWYyZDFlMmU2N2Rm
```



PodSecurityPolicy



- Enforced by the PodSecurityPolicy admission controller enabled on kube-api
- PSP is an ClusterLevel resource
- Set of conditions which allows a pod to be run
- some examples
 - [privileged](#)
 - [runAsUser](#)
 - [hostPID](#)
 - [volumes](#)

Tips:

- create PSP before enabling PSP admission controller
- PSP are applied alphabetically

```
apiVersion: policy/v1beta1
kind: PodSecurityPolicy
metadata:
  name: privileged
  annotations:
    seccomp.security.alpha.kubernetes.io/allowedProfileNames: '*'
spec:
  privileged: true
  allowPrivilegeEscalation: true
  allowedCapabilities:
  - '*'
  volumes:
  - '*'
  hostNetwork: true
  hostPorts:
  - min: 0
    max: 65535
  hostIPC: true
  hostPID: true
  runAsUser:
    rule: 'RunAsAny'
  selinux:
    rule: 'RunAsAny'
  supplementalGroups:
    rule: 'RunAsAny'
  fsGroup:
    rule: 'RunAsAny'
```

Usage via RBAC with ClusterRoles and ClusterRoleBindings to ServiceAccount or User



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Network Policy



A network policy is a specification of how groups of pods are allowed to communicate with each other and other network endpoints.

Uses labels to select pods and define rules.

NetworkPolicy needs network plugin which supports it.(calico/weave..)

By default, if no policies exist in a namespace, then all ingress and egress traffic is allowed to and from pods in that namespace.

NetowrkPolicy example



```
apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1
kind: NetworkPolicy
metadata:
  name: test-network-policy
  namespace: default
spec:
  podSelector:
    matchLabels:
      role: db
  policyTypes:
    - Ingress
    - Egress
  ingress:
    - from:
        - ipBlock:
            cidr: 172.17.0.0/16
            except:
              - 172.17.1.0/24
```

```
- namespaceSelector:
    matchLabels:
      project: myproject
- podSelector:
    matchLabels:
      role: frontend
ports:
  - protocol: TCP
    port: 6379
egress:
  - to:
      - ipBlock:
          cidr: 10.0.0.0/24
    ports:
      - protocol: TCP
        port: 5978
```



CIS Kubernetes Benchmark



- 200+ pages of best practices and tests
<https://www.cisecurity.org/benchmark/kubernetes/>
- Tests for workers, masters and federated nodes
- **kube-bench** (Aqua Security)
 - 1265 stars at github
 - ~30 contributors
 - <https://github.com/aquasecurity/kube-bench>

more tools



- **sonobuoy**(heptio)
 - 1141 stars at github
 - 33 contributors
 - <https://github.com/heptio/sonobuoy>
- **kubeaudit** (shopify)
 - 306 stars at github
 - 16 contributors
 - <https://github.com/Shopify/kubeaudit>
- **k8sguard**
 - 122 stars at github
 - 8 contributors
 - <https://github.com/k8sguard/k8sguard-start-from-here>



CVE-2018-1002105 - Remote Privilege Escalation Vulnerability



With a specially crafted request, users that are authorized to establish a connection through the Kubernetes API server to a backend server can then send arbitrary requests over the same connection directly to that backend, authenticated with the Kubernetes API server's TLS credentials used to establish the backend connection.

- <https://github.com/kubernetes/kubernetes/issues/71411>
- <https://cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2018-1002105>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1M4oXPgxYyE>
- https://github.com/evict/poc_CVE-2018-1002105

Affected versions:

- Kubernetes v1.0.x-1.9.x
- Kubernetes v1.10.0-1.10.10 (fixed in [v1.10.11](#))
- Kubernetes v1.11.0-1.11.4 (fixed in [v1.11.5](#))
- Kubernetes v1.12.0-1.12.2 (fixed in [v1.12.3](#))

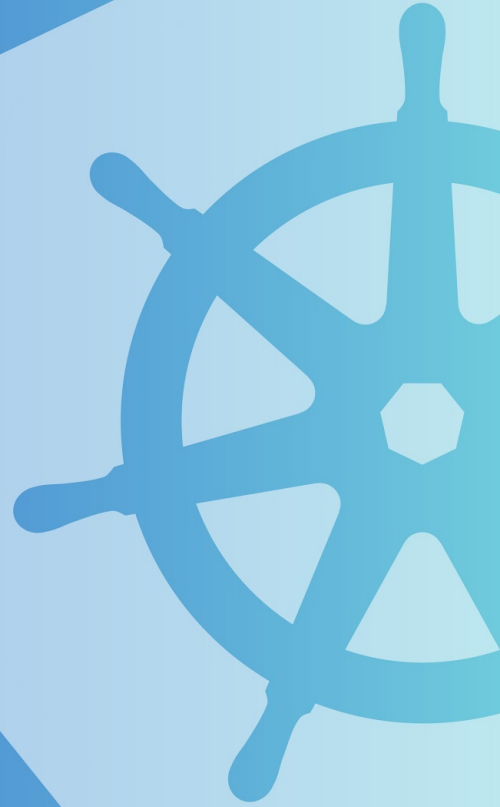


Demo

Demo 1 - scraping unsecured metrics

Demo 2 - exploiting misconfigured taints for master

Demo 3 - exploiting the lack of PSP



aliases:

k = kubectl

kdp = kubectl describe pods

kep = kubectl edit pod

kgn = kubectl get nodes --show-labels -o wide

lp = kubectl get pods

lpa = kubectl get pods --all-namespaces

kshell = kubectl exec -it \$\$ bash



Resources and goodreads



- <https://github.com/kelseyhightower/kubernetes-the-hard-way>
- <https://github.com/hardening-kubernetes/from-scratch>
- <https://github.com/cncf/presentations/tree/master/kubernetes>



Q&A