



Getting Started with HashiCorp Vault

Objective 2 - Create Vault Policies

Objective 2a - Illustrate the value of Vault policy

- Policies are Vault's RBAC system
 - provides granular control
- Policies are Deny by Default
 - must explicitly grant capabilities
 - can add explicit Deny in policy
- Written in declarative statements
 - JSON
 - HCL
- Policies include path and capability
- policies are cumulative and capabilities are additive
- always follow principle of least privilege
- policies are attached to tokens when created
- default policies
 - root
 - root tokens
 - default
 - added to all non-root tokens by default
 - can be removed if desired

Objective 2b - Describe Vault policy syntax: path

- Anatomy of a policy
 - path
 - capabilities
- Policies are path based
- Using * and +
 - *
 - used as wildcard
 - can only be used at end of policy
 - +
 - used to replace path
 - can be used in middle of policy
- Root-protected Paths
- Path Templating

Objective 2c - Describe Vault policy syntax: capabilities

- capabilities
 - Create
 - create new
 - Read
 - read or "generate" creds
 - Update
 - update an existing value
 - Delete
 - delete a object
 - List
 - list but not read
 - Sudo
 - used for root-protected paths
 - Deny
 - always takes precedence over others
- LIST permissions for browsing paths and UI

Objective 2d - Craft a Vault policy based on requirements

- show examples of policies
- combining + and * for policies
- understanding common paths for auth and secrets engines