



Runtime Security for Complex Applications

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Using KubeArmor



Demo Scenario

3. Block the access of Kubernetes API server

4. Block the execution of specific processes

K8s service account mounted by default



WP credentials: /var/www/wp-config.php

2. Block any credential accesses by unknown processes

Database path: /var/lib/mysql/

1. Audit all access in this path



KubeArmor Demo Policies

```
apiVersion: security.accuknox.com/v1
kind: KubeArmorPolicv
metadata:
  name: ksp-mysgl-dir-audit
  namespace: wordpress-mysql
spec:
  selector:
    matchLabels:
      app: mysql
  file.
    matchDirectories:
    - dir: /var/lib/mvsql/
      recursive: true
  action:
    Audit
  severity: 1
```

```
apiVersion: security.accuknox.com/v1
kind: KubeArmorPolicy
metadata:
 name: ksp-wordpress-process-block
 namespace: wordpress-mysql
spec:
  severity: 3
  selector:
    matchLabels:
      app: wordpress
 process:
    matchPaths:
    - path: /usr/bin/apt
    - path: /usr/bin/apt-get
  action:
    Block
```

```
apiVersion: security.accuknox.com/v1
kind: KubeArmorPolicv
metadata:
  name: ksp-wordpress-config-block
  namespace: wordpress-mysql
spec:
  severity: 10
  selector:
    matchLabels:
      app: wordpress
  file:
    matchPaths:
    - path: /var/www/html/wp-
config.php
      fromSource:
        path: /bin/cat
  # cd /var/www/html
  # cat wp-config.php
  action:
    Block
```

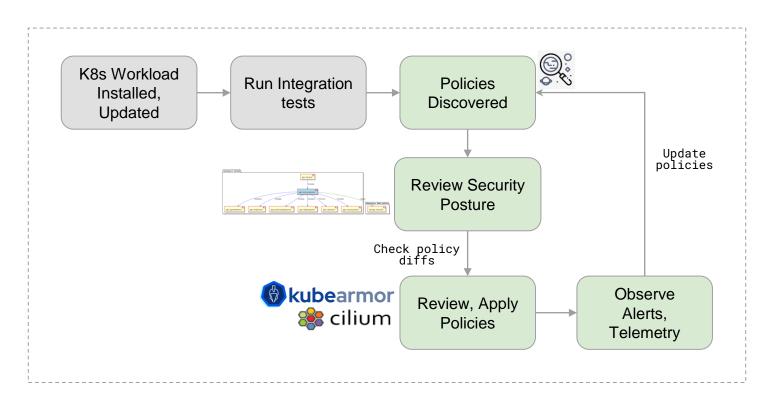
```
apiVersion: security.accuknox.com/v1
kind: KubeArmorPolicy
metadata:
 name: ksp-wordpress-sa-block
 namespace: wordpress-mysql
spec:
  severity: 7
  selector:
    matchLabels:
      app: wordpress
 file:
    matchDirectories:
    - dir: /run/secrets/kubernetes.io/serviceaccount/
      recursive: true
# cat /run/secrets/kubernetes.io/serviceaccount/token
# curl https://$KUBERNETES PORT 443 TCP ADDR/api --insecure --header \
 "Authorization: Bearer $ (cat
/run/secrets/kubernetes.io/serviceaccount/token)"
  action:
    Block
```

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Lateral Movement	Credential Access	Execution
Access cloud resources	App credentials in config files	bash/cmd inside container
App credentials in config files	Access container service account	

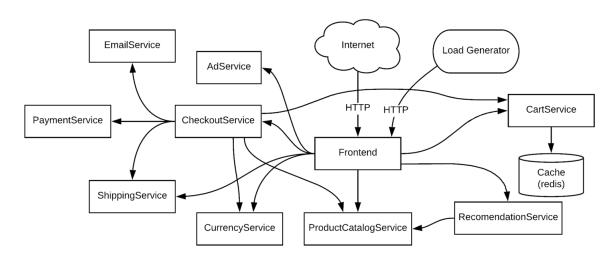


LifeCycle

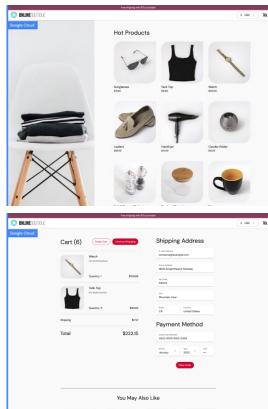




Demo Application: Google Microservice Demo

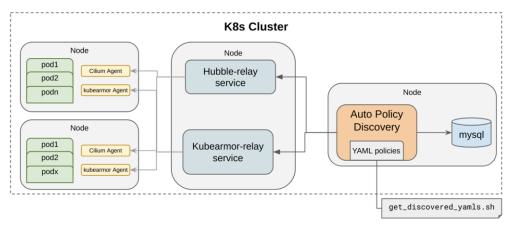


- Online Boutique Ecommerce application
- Internal Load Generator that generates traffic





Accuknox Daemonsets and services



- KubeArmor Daemonset
- Cilium Daemonset
- Relay services
- Auto Policy Discovery service

NAMESPACE	NAME	READY	STATUS
kube-system	coredns-96cc4f57d-xw7j6	1/1	Running
kube-system	hubble-relay-57bb755b8-6kj79	1/1	Running
default	recommendationservice-77bdd78d96-hl968	1/1	Running
default	svclb-frontend-external-knh8d	1/1	Running
default	currencyservice-b89649bf6-ct8mf	1/1	Running
default	shippingservice-5b887b455b-l9zdd	1/1	Running
default	frontend-6dd766ff95-j28bt	1/1	Running
kube-system	cilium-operator-67df8d4fc7-w8g7c	1/1	Running
default	cartservice-5dff477f54-cpzrk	1/1	Running
default	loadgenerator-7fb546d89-qghd6	1/1	Running
default	paymentservice-8657cc6794-rhtq6	1/1	Running
default	redis-cart-77d5f5577-k8n25	1/1	Running
kube-system	local-path-provisioner-5bd75fdd7f-9r8qh	1/1	Running
default	checkoutservice-8f859666-qjp82	1/1	Running
explorer	knoxautopolicy-6fbf6f6c76-tvhph	1/1	Running
default	emailservice-7b4d9776-679kk	1/1	Running
default	productcatalogservice-64cc47d648-pn2f5	1/1	Running
default	adservice-ccfc858d4-mk5wr	1/1	Running
explorer	mysql-0	1/1	Running
kube-system	metrics-server-ff9dbcb6c-94hfk	1/1	Running
kube-system	cilium-4rnq6	1/1	Running
kube-system	kubearmor-4lfbs	1/1	Running
kube-system	kubearmor-policy-manager-54ffc4dc56-x2l5q	2/2	Running
kube-system	kubearmor-host-policy-manager-766447b4d7-gtth8	2/2	Running
kube-system	kubearmor-relay-645667c695-6kglt	1/1	Running
default	attacker-7f99cbd557-pjgkg	1/1	Running



Retrieve Auto Discovered Policies

- Retrieve discovered policies from autopolicy-discovery service
 - get_discovered_yamls.sh: sends a GRPC
 request to fetch discovered policies
- KubeArmor Policies
 - Yaml policy per deployment
- Cilium Network Policy
 - Single yaml across the cluster
 - filter-policy tool to split up on per deployment basis, if needed

```
/get_discovered_yamls.sh
  "res": "ok"
Got 161 cilium policies in file cilium policies.yaml
  "res": "ok"
Got 1 kubearmor policies in file kubearmor_policies_default_default_uorfjumc.yaml
Got 1 kubearmor policies in file kubearmor policies default default attacker qtikozip.vaml
Got 1 kubearmor policies in file kubearmor policies default default kabuntu sooljeye.yaml
Got 1 kubearmor policies in file kubearmor_policies_default_default_main_lkoehrsq.yaml
Got 1 kubearmor policies in file kubearmor_policies_default_default_redis_gfxkociy.yaml
Got 1 kubearmor policies in file kubearmor policies default default server bxuhwhxx.yaml
Got 1 kubearmor policies in file kubearmor_policies_default_default_server_feuzmcnu.yaml
Got 1 kubearmor policies in file kubearmor_policies_default_default_server_forjhldw.yaml
Got 1 kubearmor policies in file kubearmor_policies_default_default_server_hgaraquf.yaml
Got 1 kubearmor policies in file kubearmor_policies_default_default_server_hhziwxkq.yaml
Got 1 kubearmor policies in file kubearmor_policies_default_default_server_mnykhxfh.yaml
Got 1 kubearmor policies in file kubearmor_policies_default_default_server_nsqicjut.yaml
Got 1 kubearmor policies in file kubearmor policies default default server sovrhigt.yaml
Got 1 kubearmor policies in file kubearmor_policies_default_default_server_tnoufwqq.yaml
Got 1 kubearmor policies in file kubearmor_policies_default_default_server_vzcswcbc.yaml
Got 1 kubearmor policies in file kubearmor policies default explorer knoxautopolicy rsumgalb.yam
Got 1 kubearmor policies in file kubearmor_policies_default_explorer_mysql_qrrufwnd.yaml
```



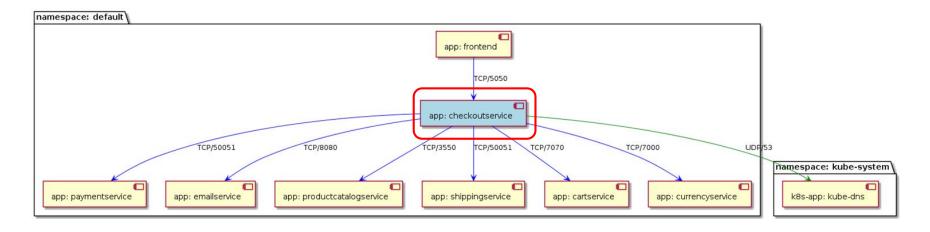
Discovered Network (Cilium) Policies



Visualize discovered policies: Network

Lets see what "app: checkoutservice" network activity is

```
./filter-policy -f cilium_policies.yaml -l '^app: checkoutservice' -g checkoutservice.png -o checkoutservice.yaml
```



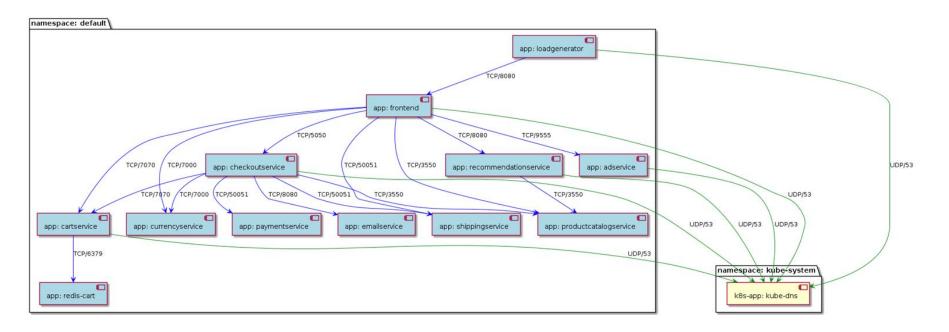
checkoutservice.yaml contains Cilium network policies only for 'app: checkoutservice'. Helps in applying policies one deployment/namespace at a time.



Visualize discovered policies: Network

Lets see what "overall" network activity is

```
./filter-policy -f cilium_policies.yaml -l '^app: .*' -g full.png -o full.yaml
```





Apply discovered policies

- Let's apply the checkoutservice.yaml discovered policies ...
 - checkoutservice.yaml can be found here.

```
> kubectl apply -f checkoutservice.yaml ciliumnetworkpolicy.cilium.io/autopol-egress-cssntheiergviet created ciliumnetworkpolicy.cilium.io/autopol-ingress-pvmiotdtzzmkgig created ciliumnetworkpolicy.cilium.io/autopol-egress-xsceyezggglldut created ciliumnetworkpolicy.cilium.io/autopol-egress-zhrwbscrnenkfft created ciliumnetworkpolicy.cilium.io/autopol-egress-zmtkekrmhujcrqq created ciliumnetworkpolicy.cilium.io/autopol-egress-xxgpyrqdjypojsa created ciliumnetworkpolicy.cilium.io/autopol-egress-nsohskpduzmyssf created ciliumnetworkpolicy.cilium.io/autopol-egress-efbrnlbtnrlouvg created
```

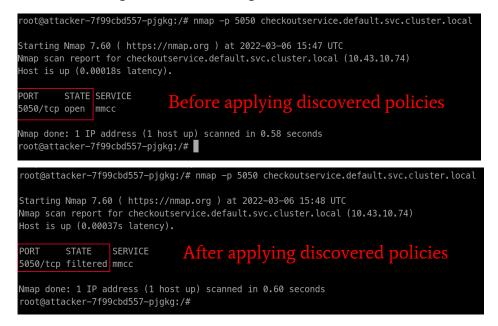
Verify that the online boutique app works unhindered...

```
apiVersion: cilium.io/v2
kind: CiliumNetworkPolicy
metadata:
  name: autopol-egress-cssntheiergviet
  namespace: default
spec:
  endpointSelector:
    matchLabels:
      app: checkoutservice
  egress:
  toEndpoints:
    - matchLabels:
        app: paymentservice
        k8s:io.kubernetes.pod.namespace: default
    toPorts:
    - ports:
      - port: "50051"
        protocol: TCP
apiVersion: cilium.io/v2
kind: CiliumNetworkPolicv
metadata:
  name: autopol-ingress-pvmiotdtzzmkgig
  namespace: default
  endpointSelector:
    matchLabels:
      app: checkoutservice
  - fromEndpoints:
    - matchlahels:
        app: frontend
        k8s:io.kubernetes.pod.namespace: default
    toPorts:
    - ports:
      - port: "5050"
        protocol: TCP
```



Lets attack the checkoutservice deployment...

- We have an <u>attacker pod</u> installed in the cluster...
 - Attacker pod tries to nmap to the checkoutservice...



Attacker not able to access the checkoutservice port after policy enforcement...

Verify the alerts during attack...

- Lets see the alerts generated during attack...
 - Full json <u>output here</u>.

```
> hubble observe -f -o ison --verdict DROPPED
{"time": "2022-03-
06T16:06:28.351280999Z", "verdict": "DROPPED", "drop_reason":133, "ethernet": {"source": "4e:a8:54:72:e6:1c", "dest
ination": "3a:bc:48:b5:2a:d2"}, "IP": {"source": "10.0.0.40", "destination": "10.0.0.83", "ipVersion": "IPv4"}, "14":
{"TCP":{"source_port":38191, destination_port":5050, flags":{"SYN":true}}}, source":{"ID":3348, destination_port":20
366, "namespace": "default", "labels": ["k8s:app=attacker", "k8s:io.cilium.k8s.namespace.labels.kubernetes.io/met
adata.name=default", "k8s:io.cilium.k8s.policy.cluster=default", "k8s:io.cilium.k8s.policy.serviceaccount=defa
ult", "k8s:io.kubernetes.pod.namespace=default"], "pod_name": "attacker-7f99cbd557-
pigkg". "workloads": [{"name": "attacker-
7f99cbd557", "kind": "ReplicaSet" \ ] \ , "destination": \ "ID": 417, "identity": 38995, "namespace": "default", "labels": [
"k8s:app=checkoutservice"."k8s:io.cilium.k8s.namespace.labels.kubernetes.io/metadata.name=default"."k8s:io.c
ilium.k8s.policy.cluster=default","k8s:io.cilium.k8s.policy.serviceaccount=default","k8s:io.kubernetes.pod.n
amespace=default"], "pod_name": "checkoutservice-8f859666-gjp82", "workloads":[{"name": "checkoutservice-
8f859666"."kind":"ReplicaSet"}]}."Type":"L3 L4"."node name":"ubuntu2004-
vagrants", "event_type":{"type":5}, "traffic_direction":"INGRESS", "drop_reason_desc":"POLICY_DENIED", "Summary"
:"TCP Flags: SYN"}
```

```
"time": "2022-03-06T16:06:28.351280999Z",
"verdict": "DROPPED",
"drop_reason": 133,
"IP": {
  "source": "10.0.0.40",
  "destination": "10.0.0.83",
  "ipVersion": "IPv4"
},
"14": {
  "TCP": {
    "source_port": 38191,
    "destination_port": 5050,
    "flags": {
      "SYN": true
"source": {
  "ID": 3348,
  "identity": 20366,
  "namespace": "default",
  "labels": [
    "k8s:app=attacker",
    "k8s:io.cilium.k8s.namespace.labels.kubernetes.io/metadata.name=default",
    "k8s:io.cilium.k8s.policy.cluster=default",
    "k8s:io.cilium.k8s.policy.serviceaccount=default",
    "k8s:io.kubernetes.pod.namespace=default"
   "pod_name": "attacker-7f99cbd557-pjgkg",
   "workloads":[
      "name": "attacker-7f99cbd557",
      "kind": "ReplicaSet"
},
"destination": {
  "ID": 417,
  "identity": 38995,
  "namespace": "default",
  "labels": [
    "k8s:app=checkoutservice",
    "k8s:io.cilium.k8s.namespace.labels.kubernetes.io/metadata.name=default",
    "k8s:io.cilium.k8s.policy.cluster=default",
    "k8s:io.cilium.k8s.policy.serviceaccount=default",
    "k8s:io.kubernetes.pod.namespace=default"
   "pod_name": "checkoutservice-8f859666-qjp82",
   "workloads":[
       "name": "checkoutservice-8f859666",
      "kind": "ReplicaSet"
"Type": "L3_L4",
"node_name": "ubuntu2004-vagrants",
"event_type": {
  "type": 5
"traffic_direction": "INGRESS",
"drop_reason_desc": "POLICY_DENIED",
"Summary": "TCP Flags: SYN"
```



Discovered Application (KubeArmor) Policies



Visualize discovered policies: KubeArmor

Lets see what "app: cartservice" application activity is upto...

```
./filter-policy -f <u>kubearmor_policies_default_default_server_tnoufwqq.yaml</u> -l '^app: .*' -g cartservice.png
                                                                                                                       /usr/bin/id
                                                                                                                       /usr/bin/find
                                                                                                              /proc/
                                                                                                              cpuacct/cpu.cfs quota us
                                                                                                              cpuacct/cpu.cfs period us
                                                                                                               /usr/lib/libstdc++.so.6.0.28
                                                                                                               /usr/lib/libgcc s.so.1
                                                                                                               /memory/memory.stat
                                                                                                               /memory/memory.limit in bytes
                                                                             app cartservice
                                                                                                               /lib/libz.so.1.2.11
                                                                                                               /etc/os-release
                                                                   /app/cartservice
                                                                                                               /dev/urandom
                                                                   /bin/grpc health probe
                                    autopol-system-1760649700
                                                                                                               /cpu
                                                                   /sbin/su-exec
                       namespace default
                                                                                                               /cpu.cfs quota us
                                                                   /usr/local/bin/docker-entrypoint.sh o
                       labels
                                                                                                              /cpu.cfs period us
                                                                   /usr/local/bin/docker-entrypoint.sh | •-
                       process
                       file
                                                                                                                       /etc/passwd
                                                                   /app/cartservice
                       network
                                                                   /usr/bin/id
                                                                                                                       /etc/passwd
                                                                   /usr/bin/find
                                                                                                                       /data
                                                                   /usr/local/bin/docker-entrypoint.sh •
                                                                   /bin/grpc health probe
                                                                                                                       /etc/passwd
                                                                                                                       /etc/group
                                                                                                                       /proc/
                                                                                                                       /etc/passwd
                                                                                                                       /etc/group
                                                                                                              /app/cartservice
                                                                                                              /bin/grpc health probe
                                                                                  tcp •
                                                                                                              /usr/local/bin/docker-entrypoint.sh
                                                                                  udp ●-
                                                                                                              DefaultSocketMa
                                                                                                              cartservice
```

```
apiVersion: security.kubearmor.com/v1
kind: KubeArmorPolicy
 name: autopol-system-1760649700
 namespace: default
 severity: 1
 selector
   matchLabels:
     app: cartservice
 process:
   matchPaths:
    - path: /app/cartservice
    - path: /bin/grpc health probe
    - path: /sbin/su-exec
    - path: /usr/bin/find
      fromSource:
      - path: /usr/local/bin/docker-entrypoint.sh
    - path: /usr/bin/id
     fromSource:
      - path: /usr/local/bin/docker-entrypoint.sh
 file:
   matchPaths:
    - path: /cpu.cfs_period_us
     fromSource:
      - path: /app/cartservice
    - path: /etc/group
     fromSource:
      - path: /bin/grpc_health_probe
      - path: /usr/local/bin/docker-entrypoint.sh
    - path: /etc/passwd
     fromSource:
      - path: /bin/grpc health probe
      - path: /usr/bin/find
     - path: /usr/bin/id
     - path: /usr/local/bin/docker-entrypoint.sh
    - path: /lib/libz.so.1.2.11
     fromSource:
      - path: /app/cartservice
    - path: /usr/lib/libstdc++.so.6.0.28
      fromSource:
      - path: /app/cartservice
    - path: cpuacct/cpu.cfs_period_us
     fromSource:
     - path: /app/cartservice
    - path: cpuacct/cpu.cfs quota us
     fromSource:
     - path: /app/cartservice
    matchDirectories:
    - dir: /proc/
     fromSource:
      - path: /app/cartservice
      - path: /bin/grpc_health_probe
   - dir: /sys/
     fromSource:
      - path: /app/cartservice
     - path: /bin/grpc_health_probe
 network:
   matchProtocols:
   - protocol: tcp
     fromSource:
     - path: .NET
      - path: /app/cartservice
      - path: /bin/grpc_health_probe
     - path: /usr/local/bin/docker-entrypoint.sh
      - path: DefaultSocketMa
      - path: cartservice
    - protocol: udp
     fromSource:
      - path: .NET
      - path: cartservice
 action: Allow
```



Apply Auto Discovered KubeArmor policy

<todo>



Attack the cartservice pod...

<todo>