# KUBERNETES ETCD BACKUP AND NAMESPACE SECURITY

As an infrastructure admin, I was assigned the task of safeguarding a Kubernetes cluster by backing up its etcd data, ensuring network security within a specific namespace, restricting user access to view access only, and upgrading the cluster's master node to the latest version. This project emphasized the importance of data integrity and security within cloud-native environments.

# Step 1: Setting up Cluster

sudo kubeadm init

```
sudo cp -i /etc/kubernetes/admin.conf $HOME/.kube/config
sudo chown $(id -u):$(id -g) $HOME/.kube/config
```

kubectl apply -f
https://raw.githubusercontent.com/projectcalico/calico/v3.25.0/manifests/calico.
yaml

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Labsure master: $ sudo Nubeadm init

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```

#### Worker Nodes initialization - Worker1 & 2

```
-discovery-token-ca-cert-hash sha256:fb2d578ac95eff98926aa1f7bee6c983c1e0c161224047ab02423d0ac041ea
```

Step 2: Backup the ETCD Cluster Data

```
etcdctl snapshot save /tmp/myback --endpoints=https://172.31.21.203:2379 --
cacert=/etc/kubernetes/pki/etcd/ca.crt --
cert=/etc/kubernetes/pki/etcd/server.crt --
key=/etc/kubernetes/pki/etcd/server.key

etcdctl snapshot status /tmp/myback --endpoints=https://172.31.21.203:2379 --
cacert=/etc/kubernetes/pki/etcd/ca.crt --
cert=/etc/kubernetes/pki/etcd/server.crt --
key=/etc/kubernetes/pki/etcd/server.key

labsuser@master:-$ sudo FTCDCTL_API-3 FTCDCTL_CACERT-/etc/kubernetes/pki/etcd/server.key ETCDCTL_BNDPOINTS=https://127.8.0
29 etcdctl snapshot save /tmp/myback.part: permission denied)
```

Step 3: Creating the Namespace and Configuring Network Policies: The next task was to isolate a specific environment for the project within Kubernetes. I created a namespace named cepproject2. Afterward, I applied a strict network policy to ensure that only the Pods within this namespace could communicate with each other, blocking all external access

```
kubectl create namespace cep-project2
vi network-policy.yaml
kubectl apply -f network-policy.yaml
```

```
apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1
metadata:
   name: allow-same-namespace
   namespace: cep-project2
spec:
   podSelector: {}
   ingress:
   - from:
        - podSelector: {}
```

```
labsuser@master:~$ kubectl create namespace cep-project2
namespace/cep-project2 created
labsuser@master:~$ ■
```

```
labsuser@master:~$ kubectl apply -f network-policy.yaml
networkpolicy.networking.k8s.io/allow-internal-namespace-communication created
```

This allowed only intra-namespace communication and denied access from Pods outside the cep-project2 namespace.

Step 4: Configuring Kubernetes Client for User4 (Worker Node 3): The next challenge was to configure access for user4, ensuring that this user had read-only permissions on Worker Node 3. I generated the necessary certificates for user4 and used kubectl commands to assign only view access to the cep-project2 namespace.

```
openssl genrsa -out user4.key 2048

openssl req -new -key user4.key -out user4.csr -subj "/CN=user4
```

```
labsuser@master:~$ openssl genrsa -out user4.key 2048
labsuser@master:~$ openssl req -new -key user4.key -out user4.csr -subj "/CN=user4"
```

## Then i Created a Certificate Signing Request

vi user4-csr.yaml

```
kind: CertificateSigningRequest
metadata:
   name: user4
spec:
   request:
    signerName: kubernetes.io/kube-apiserver-client
   expirationSeconds: 86400 # one day
   usages:
   - client auth
```

kubectl apply -f user4-csr.yaml

labsuser@master:~\$ kubectl apply -f user4-csr.yaml
certificatesigningrequest.certificates.k8s.io/user4 created

```
cat user4.csr | base64 | tr -d "\n"
```

This command gets the base64 encoded value of the CSR file content, copy and paste it in the request of the user4-csr.yaml file.

**Approve the CertificateSigningRequest** 

kubectl certificate approve user4

```
labsuser@master:~$ kubectl certificate approve user4
certificatesigningrequest.certificates.k8s.io/user4 approved
```

Get Certificate and Export the issued certificate from the CertificateSigningRequest.

```
kubectl get csr/user4 -o yaml
kubectl get csr user4 -o jsonpath='{.status.certificate}'| base64 -d > user4.crt
```

Create the user4.kubeconfig File Use the signed certificate (user4.crt), key (user4.key), and Kubernetes CA (ca.crt) to generate user4.kubeconfig

```
kubectl config set-credentials user4 --client-key=user4.key --client-
certificate=user4.crt --embed-certs=true --
kubeconfig=/home/labsuser/user4.kubeconfig
kubectl config set-context user4-context --cluster=my-cluster --user=user4
--namespace=cep-project2 --kubeconfig=/home/labsuser/user4.kubeconfig
kubectl config use-context user4-context --
kubeconfig=/home/labsuser/user4.kubeconfig
```

I encountered an issue here where i did not specify the full path to my user4.kubeconfig file where it kept asking for username.

```
labsuser@master:-$ kubectl config set-cluster my-cluster —-server=https://172.31.21.203:6443 —certificate-authority=/etc/kubernetes/pki/ca.crt —-kubeconfig=/home/labsuser/user4.kubeconfig kubectl config set-credentials user4 —client-key=user4.key —client-certificate-user4.crt —embed-certs=true —-kubeconfig=/home/labsuser/user4.kubeconfig kubectl config set-context user4-context —usersuser4 —namespace=cep-project2 —kubeconfig=/home/labsuser/user4.kubeconfig kubectl config use-context user4-context —kubeconfig=/home/labsuser/user4.kubeconfig wuser4.kubeconfig e/home/labsuser/user4.kubeconfig e/home/labsuser/user4.kubeconfig e/home/labsuser/user4.kubeconfig e/home/labsuser/user4.kubeconfig e/home/labsuser/user4.kubeconfig eft pods —namespace=cep-project2

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Error: must specify one of -f and -k

error: unknown command "pods"

See 'kubectl create -h' for help and examples labsuser/user4.kubeconfig auth can-i create pods —namespace=cep-project2

labsuser@master:-$ kubectl —kubeconfig=/home/labsuser/user4.kubeconfig auth can-i get pods —namespace=cep-project2
```

Step 5: Grant user4 View Access Create a role and rolebindingwith view access in the cepproject2 namespace

```
kubectl create role view-role --verb=get,list,watch --resource=pods,services --
namespace=cep-project2
```

kubectl create rolebinding user4-view-binding --role=view-role --user=user4 -namespace=cep-project2

## Then i created a deployment in the namespace

```
kubectl create deployment nginx --image=nginx --namespace=cep-project2
kubectl scale deployment nginx --replicas=3 --namespace=cep-project2
```

```
labsuser@master:~$ kubectl create deployment nginx --image=nginx --namespace=cep-project2
deployment.apps/nginx created
labsuser@master:~$ kubectl scale deployment nginx --replicas=3 --namespace=cep-project2
deployment.apps/nginx scaled
```

Step 6: I Configured a Kubernetes client on worker node 2 in such a way that user4 has only view access to cep-project2.

I copied my use4.kubeconfig file on my master node to my workernode2 and validated if user4 truly has view access only.

kubectl --kubeconfig=/home/labsuser/.kube/user4.kubeconfig auth can-i get pods -namespace=cep-project2

kubectl --kubeconfig=/home/labsuser/.kube/user4.kubeconfig auth can-i create
pods --namespace=cep-project2

kubectl --kubeconfig=/home/labsuser/.kube/user4.kubeconfig get pods -namespace=cep-project2

kubectl --kubeconfig=/home/labsuser/.kube/user4.kubeconfig create pods -namespace=cep-project2

# Step7: Upgrading Kubernetes Cluster

1. Update the Package List

sudo apt update

2. Check Available Versions of kubeadm

sudo apt-cache madison kubeadm

3. Unhold kubeadm

sudo apt-mark unhold kubeadm

## If kubeadm was held from being updated previously, this command releases it.

4. Install the Chosen Version of kubeadm

```
sudo apt-get install -y kubeadm=1.28.12-1.1
```

5. Hold kubeadm Again

```
sudo apt-mark hold kubeadm
```

6. Check Installed kubeadm Version

kubeadm version

7. Plan the Upgrade

sudo kubeadm upgrade plan

8. Apply the Upgrade

sudo kubeadm upgrade apply v1.28.12-1.1

9. Drain the Control Plane Node

kubectl drain master.example.com --ignore-daemonsets

This safely evicts workloads from the control plane node. The --ignore-daemonsets flag allows the drain to complete even if there are DaemonSets running.

10. Upgrade kubelet and kubectl

```
sudo apt-get install -y kubelet=1.28.12-1.1 kubectl=1.28.12-1.1
sudo apt-mark hold kubelet kubectl
```

This upgrades kubelet and kubectl on the control plane to the same version as kubeadm.

11. Restart kubelet

```
sudo systemctl restart kubelet
```

Reloads systemd to apply any configuration changes and restarts the kubelet service.

12. Uncordon the Control Plane Node:

kubectl uncordon master.example.com

This marks the control plane node as schedulable again, allowing workloads to be placed on it.

13. Check Node Status

kubectl get nodes

```
<mark>labsuser@master:</mark>∼$ sudo apt update
sudo apt-cache madison kubeadm
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Get:5 http://security.ubuntu.com/ubuntu jammy-security InRelease [129 kB]
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Fetched 3560 kB in 2s (1835 kB/s)
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done

135 packages can be upgraded. Run 'apt list —upgradable' to see them.

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## Upgrade Worker Nodes 1 to v1.28.12-1.1

1. Update the Worker Node: On each worker node, start by updating the package list

## sudo apt-get update

2. Unhold kubeadm on the Worker Node

#### sudo apt-mark unhold kubeadm

3. Install the Updated Version of kubeadm

```
sudo apt-get install -y kubeadm=1.28.12-1.1
```

4. Hold kubeadm Again

sudo apt-mark hold kubeadm

5. Verify kubeadm Version

kubeadm version

# Confirm that kubeadm on the worker node is upgraded to the correct version

6. Upgrade the Worker Node

sudo kubeadm upgrade node

## This upgrades the kubelet configuration for the worker node.

7. Drain the Worker Node from the Master: On the control plane node, run

kubectl drain worker-node-1.example.com --ignore-daemonsets --delete-emptydirdata

## This safely evicts workloads from the worker node.

8. Upgrade kubelet and kubectl on the Worker Node

sudo apt-get install -y kubelet=1.28.12-1.1 kubectl=1.28.12-1.1
sudo apt-mark hold kubelet kubectl

9. Restart kubelet

sudo systemctl restart kubelet

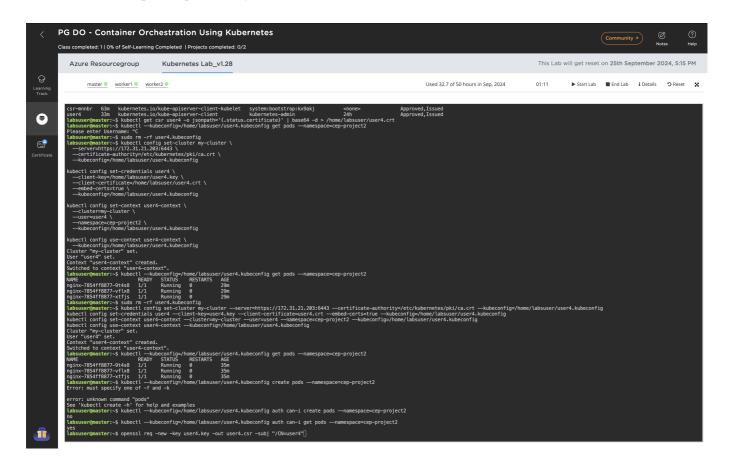
10. Uncordon the Worker Node from the Master

kubectl uncordon worker-node-1.example.com

# After the upgrade allows it to start receiving new pods again for scheduling.

11. Check Node Status

kubectl get nodes



# Upgrade Worker Nodes 2 to v1.28.12-1.1

1. Update the Worker Node: On each worker node, start by updating the package list

# sudo apt-get update

2. Unhold kubeadm on the Worker Node

# sudo apt-mark unhold kubeadm

3. Install the Updated Version of kubeadm

```
sudo apt-get install -y kubeadm=1.28.12-1.1
```

4. Hold kubeadm Again

# sudo apt-mark hold kubeadm

5. Verify kubeadm Version

## kubeadm version

# Confirm that kubeadm on the worker node is upgraded to the correct version

6. Upgrade the Worker Node

# sudo kubeadm upgrade node

This upgrades the kubelet configuration for the worker node.

7. Drain the Worker Node from the Master: On the control plane node, run

kubectl drain worker-node-2.example.com --ignore-daemonsets --delete-emptydirdata

# This safely evicts workloads from the worker node.

8. Upgrade kubelet and kubectl on the Worker Node

```
sudo apt-get install -y kubelet=1.28.12-1.1 kubectl=1.28.12-1.1
sudo apt-mark hold kubelet kubectl
```

9. Restart kubelet

```
sudo systemctl restart kubelet
```

10. Uncordon the Worker Node from the Master

kubectl uncordon worker-node-2.example.com

# After the upgrade allows it to start receiving new pods again for scheduling.

11. Check Node Status

kubectl get nodes

```
ode-2:~$ sudo apt-mark unhold kube<u>let kubectl</u>
    sudo apt-get update
sudo apt-get install -y kubelet='1.28.12-1.1' kubectl='1.28.12-1.1'
sudo apt-mark hold kubelet kubectl
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      Canceled hold on kubectl.
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    Running kernel seems to be up-to-date.
    Restarting services... systemctl restart kubelet.service
    No containers need to be restarted.
    No user sessions are running outdated binaries.
    labsuser@worker-node-2:~$ sudo systemctl daemon-reload
sudo systemctl restart kubelet
      labsusér@worker-node-2:~$
```

# Validate the Cluster Upgrade

1. Run a Test Pod: On the control plane, run the following to ensure everything is functioning correctly

```
kubectl run test-pod --image nginx --port 80
```

2. Check Pod

kubectl get pods -o wide

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In Conclusion, this project demonstrated essential Kubernetes admin tasks like securing etcd data, applying network policies, managing user access, and upgrading the cluster. It emphasized the importance of data integrity, access control, and seamless upgrades in maintaining a secure and efficient Kubernetes environment.