

# TOP 5 KUBERNETES SECURITY ATTACK VECTORS

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# INTRODUCTION

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- **Kubernetes is widely used but comes with security risks.**
- **Misconfigurations can lead to severe breaches.**
- **Importance of securing Kubernetes clusters.**
- **Overview of the top 5 attack vectors.**

# ATTACK VECTOR #1 - MISCONFIGURED RBAC (ROLE-BASED ACCESS CONTROL)

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- Weak RBAC permissions allow privilege escalation.
- Attackers can gain unauthorized access.
- Best practice: Follow the principle of least privilege.
- Use role bindings carefully to avoid privilege misuse.

# **ATTACK VECTOR #2 - INSECURE API SERVER EXPOSURE**

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- API server is the control plane entry point.
- Unrestricted access can lead to cluster takeover.
- Best practice: Implement strong authentication & authorization.
- Use network policies to restrict API access.

# ATTACK VECTOR #3 - CONTAINER ESCAPES

- **Attackers exploit container vulnerabilities to access the host.**
- **Misconfigured privileged containers increase risks.**
- **Best practice: Use least privilege containers.**
- **Enforce sandboxing to isolate workloads.**

# ATTACK VECTOR #4 - IMAGE SUPPLY CHAIN ATTACKS

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- Malicious or vulnerable images pose security threats.
- Attackers can inject malware through unverified images.
- Best practice: Use trusted registries and image signing.
- Regularly scan images for vulnerabilities.

# ATTACK VECTOR #5 - NETWORK POLICY MISCONFIGURATIONS

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- Open communication between pods allows lateral movement.
- Unrestricted pod-to-pod communication increases risks.
- Best practice: Define strict network policies.
- Implement zero-trust network segmentation.

# THANK YOU

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