## JSON File (k8s\_security\_findings.json):

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JSON
  "controlID": "C-0001",
  "name": "RBAC: Cluster-admin role should not be used",
  "description": "The cluster-admin role grantssuperuser permissions. Avoid binding it to users or
groups unless absolutely necessary.",
  "severity": "High",
  "category": "RBAC",
  "occurrences": [
     "resourceType": "RoleBinding",
    "resourceName": "default:admin-binding",
     "namespace": "default",
     "message": "RoleBinding 'admin-binding' in namespace 'default' is bound to the 'cluster-admin'
role."
   }
  1,
  "remediation": "Review RoleBindings and avoid using the 'cluster-admin' role. Create more specific
roles with the minimum required permissions.",
  "status": "Fail"
},
  "controlID": "C-0012",
  "name": "Secrets: Secrets should be encrypted at rest",
  "description": "Kubernetes Secrets should be encrypted when stored in etcd to prevent
unauthorized access.",
  "severity": "Medium",
  "category": "Data Protection",
  "occurrences":
     "resourceType": "Cluster",
    "resourceName": "etcd",
     "namespace": null,
     "message": "etcd is not configured for encryption at rest."
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}
  ],
  "remediation": "Configure encryption at rest for etcd. Consult your Kubernetes distribution's
documentation for specific instructions.",
  "status": "Fail"
 },
 {
  "controlID": "C-0045",
  "name": "NetworkPolicy: Default network policy should deny all ingress and egress traffic",
  "description": "Implement default deny network policies to restrict network traffic within the
cluster.",
  "severity": "Low",
  "category": "Network Security",
  "occurrences": [
     "resourceType": "Namespace",
     "resourceName": "default",
  "namespace": "default",
    "message": "No default deny ingress network policy found in namespace 'default'."
 {
     "resourceType": "Namespace",
    "resourceName": "kube-system",
     "namespace": "kube-system",
    "message": "No default deny egress network policy found in namespace 'kube-system'."
 }
  1,
  "remediation": "Create default deny NetworkPolicy objects for ingress and egress in all
namespaces.",
  "status": "Fail"
 },
  "controlID": "C-0101",
  "name": "Containers: Running as root user should be avoided",
  "description": "Containers should run with the least privilege necessary and avoid running as the
root user.",
  "severity": "High",
  "category": "Workload Security",
  "occurrences": [
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"resourceType": "Pod",
  "resourceName": "my-app-pod-123",
    "namespace": "default",
     "containerName": "app-container",
     "message": "Container 'app-container' in pod 'my-app-pod-123' is running as root."
  }
  1,
  "remediation": "Update the Pod's SecurityContext to specify a non-root user and group ID.",
  "status": "Fail"
 },
  "controlID": "C-0022",
  "name": "API Server: Ensure API server certificate is valid and not expired",
  "description": "The Kubernetes API server relies on certificates for secure communication. Ensure
the certificate is valid and has not expired.",
  "severity": "Medium",
  "category": "Control Plane Security",
  "occurrences": [],
  "remediation": "Monitor the API server certificate expiry and rotate it before it expires.",
  "status": "Pass"
}
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```

## **Explanation of the Fields:**

- **controlID**: A unique identifier for the security control or rule that was checked.
- **name**: A short, descriptive name of the security control.
- description: A more detailed explanation of the security control and its importance.
- **severity**: The level of risk associated with the finding (e.g., High, Medium, Low).
- **category**: The area of Kubernetes security the finding belongs to (e.g., RBAC, Network Security).
- occurrences: An array detailing each instance where the security control was violated or checked.
  - resourceType: The type of Kubernetes resource involved (e.g., RoleBinding, Pod, Namespace).
  - **resourceName**: The name of the specific resource.
  - namespace: The namespace the resource belongs to (if applicable).

- containerName: (Specific to containers) The name of the container within the pod.
- message: A specific message describing the finding for this occurrence.
- remediation: Steps or recommendations on how to fix the identified issue.
- **status**: The outcome of the check for this control ("Fail" indicates a violation, "Pass" indicates compliance).

## **How to Actually Generate This:**

To get a real k8s\_security\_findings.json file, you would need to:

- 1. **Install a local Kubernetes cluster:** Choose one like Minikube, K3s, or Kind and follow their installation instructions.
- 2. **Install a Kubernetes security scanning tool:** Kubescape is a good option. Follow the installation instructions for your chosen tool (usually involves downloading a binary or using a package manager).
- 3. **Run the security scan:** Execute the scanning tool against your local Kubernetes cluster. For Kubescape, it might look something like:

  Bash
  - kubescape scan --format json --output k8s\_security\_findings.json (The exact command might vary slightly depending on the tool and its version).
- 4. **Examine the output file:** The k8s\_security\_findings.json file will be created in your current directory (or the specified output path) and will contain the actual findings from your local cluster.

This example JSON provides a good understanding of the structure and content you can expect from such a scan. Remember that the actual findings will depend on the configuration and security posture of your local Kubernetes cluster.