



# Secure Pods

## Sandboxing workloads in Kubernetes

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# What is a secure pod?



# Threats from the *outside*

*Keeping the attackers out:*

- Application Security
- Firewall
- Integrity Checks
- Intrusion Detection
- ...





# Threats from the *inside*

*Keeping the attackers in.*

# Why do we care?

*Who put the attackers there in the first place?*

1. Untrusted Code
2. Containment

# How do we protect from internal threats?



# Attack Surfaces

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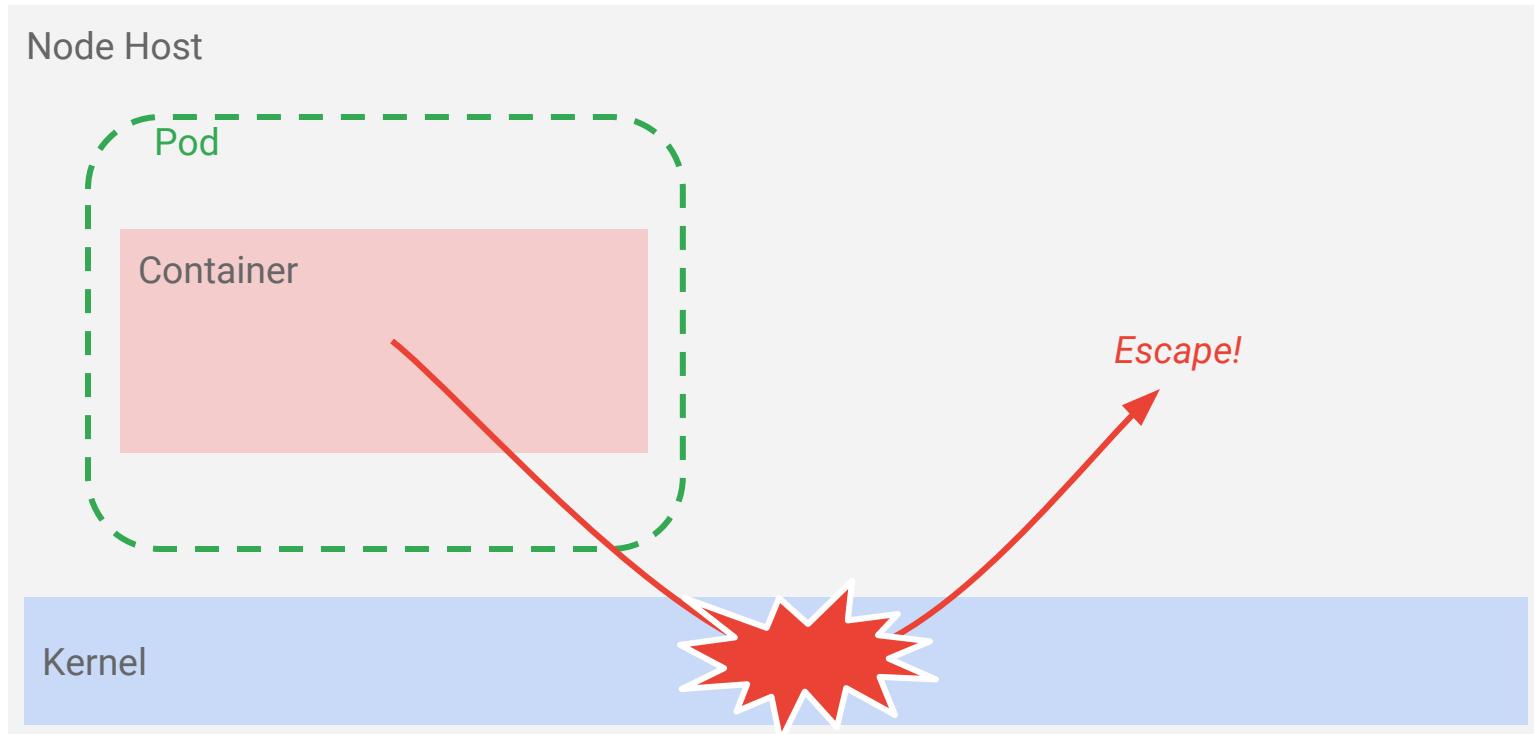


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# Attacks via the **Kernel**



## [Linux](#) » [Linux Kernel](#) : Security Vulnerabilities Published In 2017 [\(Execute Code\)](#)

2017 : January February March April May June July August September October November December CVSS Scores Greater Than: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

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#	CVE ID	CWE ID	# of Exploits	Vulnerability Type(s)	Publish Date	Update Date	Score	Gained Access Level	Access	Complexity	Authentication	Conf.	Integ.	Avail.
1	<a href="#">CVE-2016-10229</a>	<a href="#">358</a>		Exec Code	2017-04-04	2017-09-19	<b>10.0</b>	None	Remote	Low	Not required	Complete	Complete	Complete
udp.c in the Linux kernel before 4.5 allows remote attackers to execute arbitrary code via UDP traffic that triggers an unsafe second checksum calculation during execution of a recv system call with the MSG_PEEK flag.														
2	<a href="#">CVE-2017-0561</a>	<a href="#">264</a>		Exec Code	2017-04-07	2017-08-15	<b>10.0</b>	None	Remote	Low	Not required	Complete	Complete	Complete
A remote code execution vulnerability in the Broadcom Wi-Fi firmware could enable a remote attacker to execute arbitrary code within the context of the Wi-Fi SoC. This issue is rated as Critical due to the possibility of remote code execution in the context of the Wi-Fi SoC. Product: Android. Versions: Kernel-3.10, Kernel-3.18. Android ID: A-34199105. References: B-RB#110814.														
3	<a href="#">CVE-2017-13715</a>	<a href="#">20</a>		DoS Exec Code	2017-08-28	2017-09-08	<b>10.0</b>	None	Remote	Low	Not required	Complete	Complete	Complete
The __skb_flow_dissect function in net/core/flow_dissector.c in the Linux kernel before 4.3 does not ensure that n_proto, ip_proto, and thoff are initialized, which allows remote attackers to cause a denial of service (system crash) or possibly execute arbitrary code via a single crafted MPLS packet.														
4	<a href="#">CVE-2016-6758</a>	<a href="#">284</a>		Exec Code +Priv	2017-01-12	2017-01-19	<b>9.3</b>	None	Remote	Medium	Not required	Complete	Complete	Complete
An elevation of privilege vulnerability in Qualcomm media codecs could enable a local malicious application to execute arbitrary code within the context of a privileged process. This issue is rated as High because it could be used to gain local access to elevated capabilities, which are not normally accessible to a third-party application. Product: Android. Versions: Kernel-3.10, Kernel-3.18. Android ID: A-30148882. References: QC-CR#1071731.														
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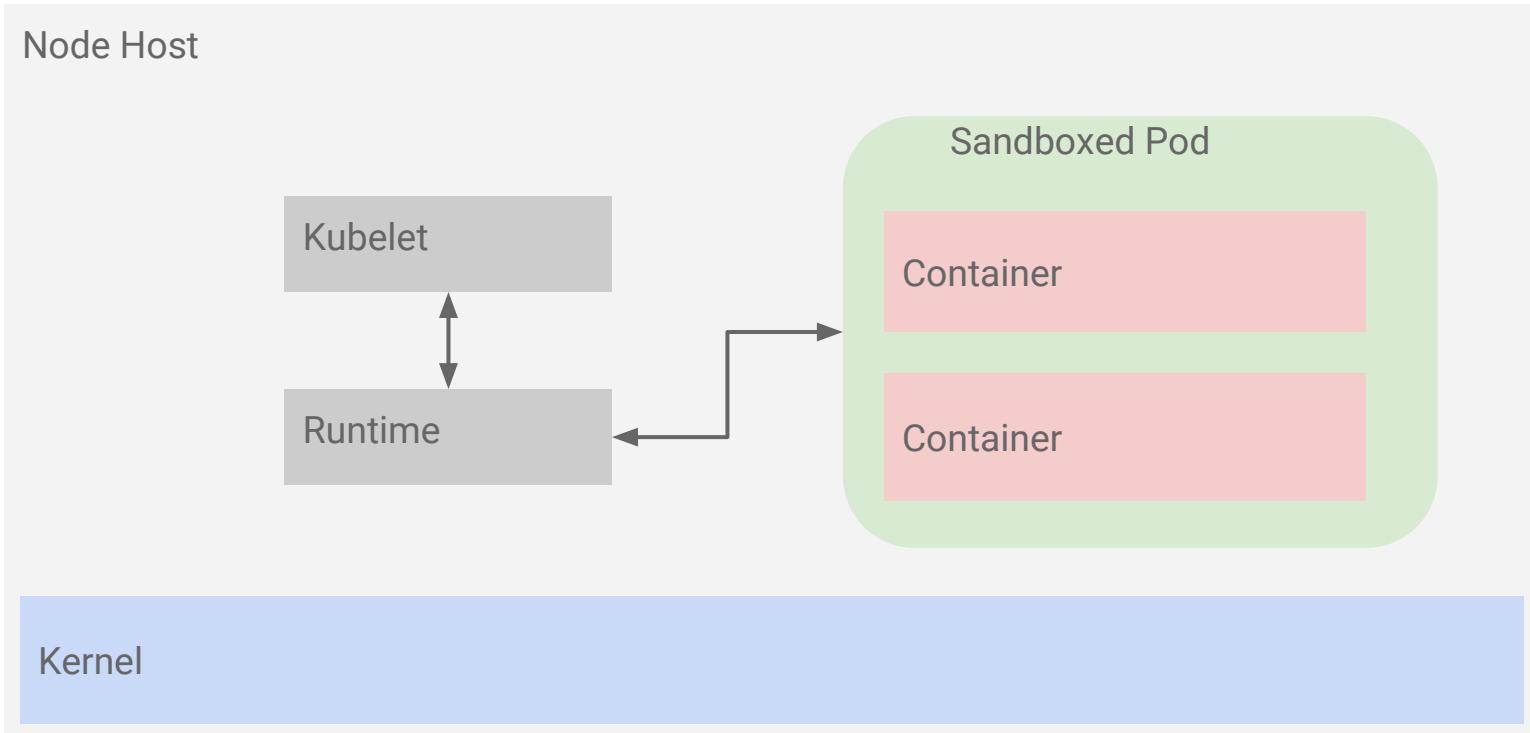
# Dirty COW

CVE-2016-5195

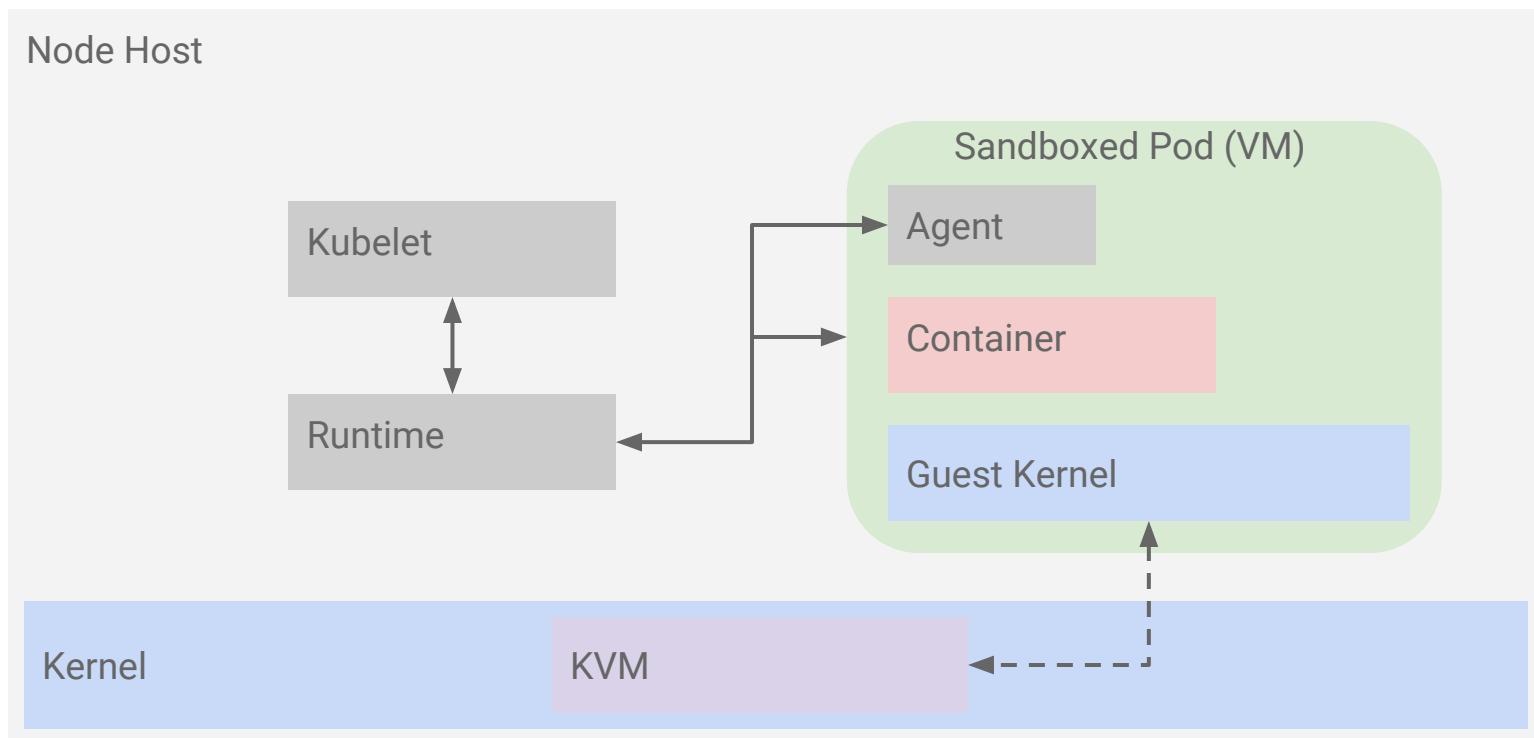
PoC escape demonstrated  
via the vDSO by @scumjr



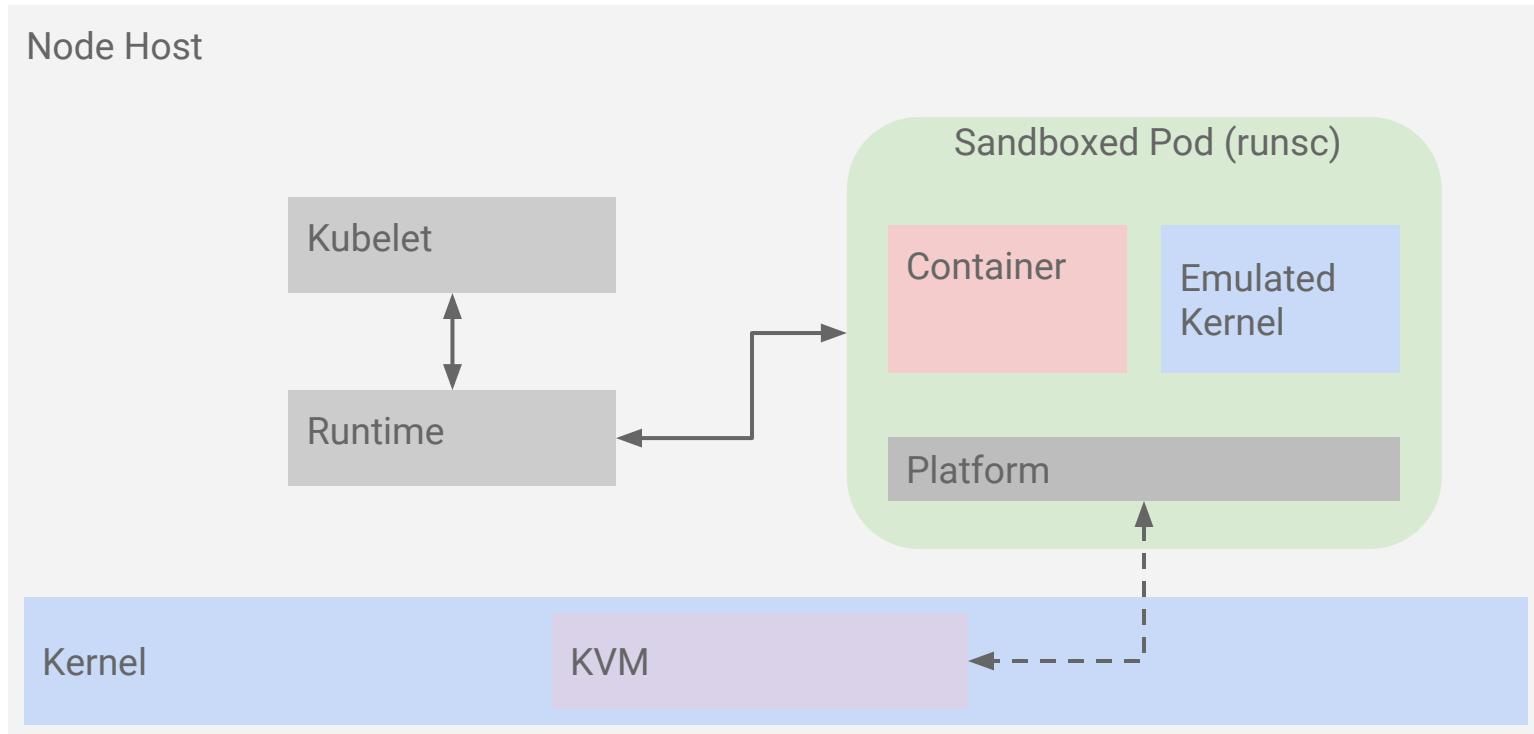
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# Sandboxes - katacontainers



# Sandboxes - gVisor

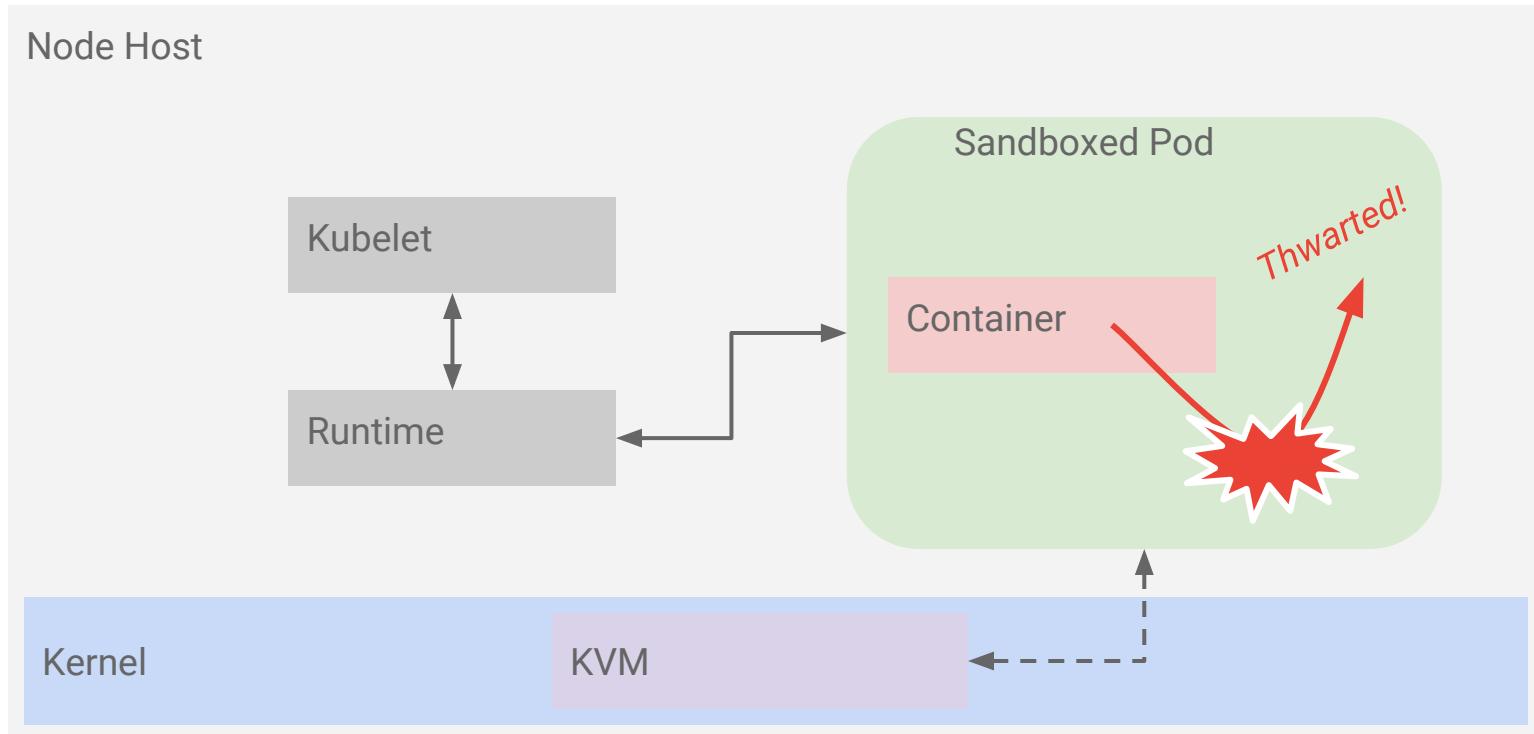


# Future: sandboxed

*API still under discussion*

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  name:  sandboxed-pod
spec:
  securityContext:
    sandboxed: true
  containers:
    - name: untrusted-container
      image: sketchy:v1
```

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## What's the catch?

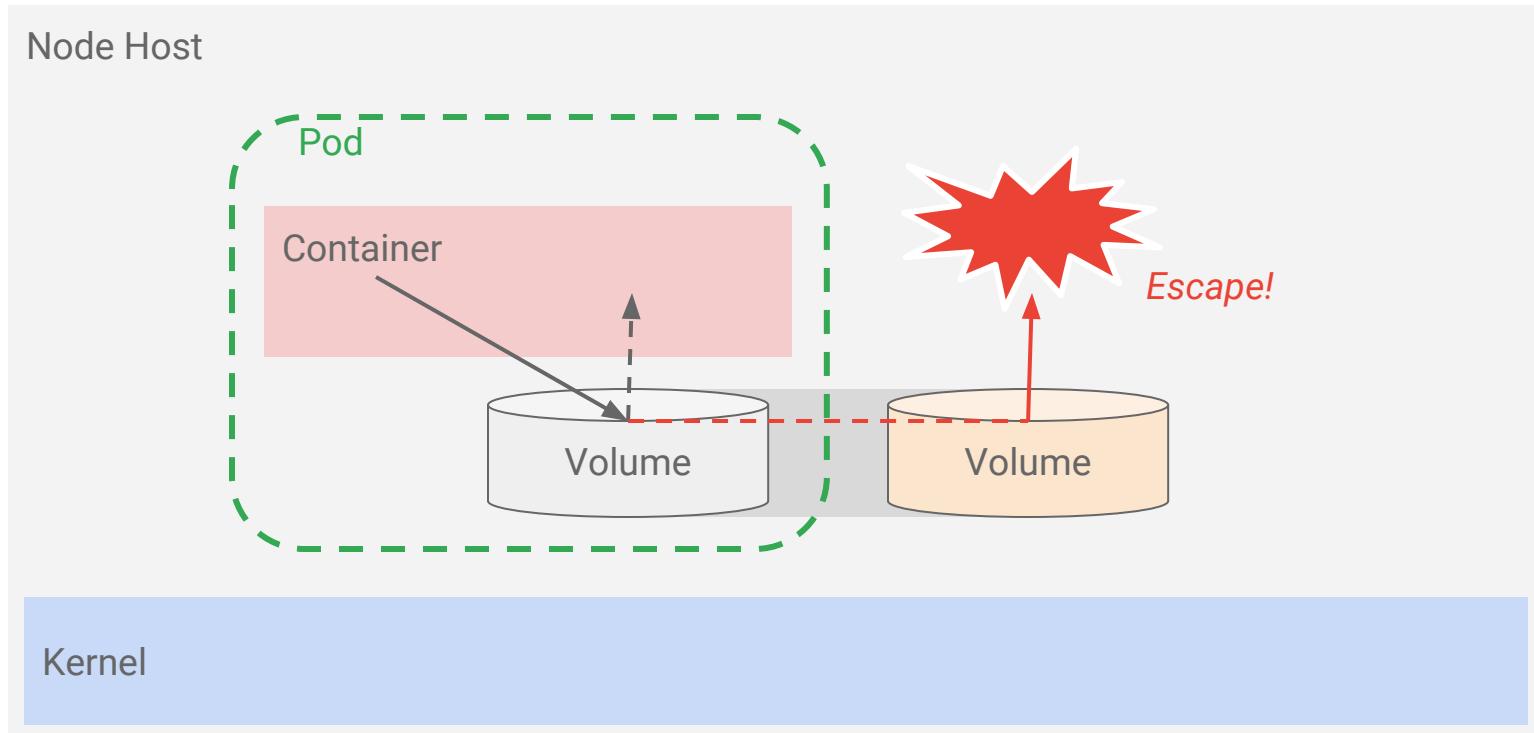
1. Cost & Performance  
*But getting better!*
2. Not 100% compatible  
*Close though*
3. Incomplete solution  
*Requires network hardening*

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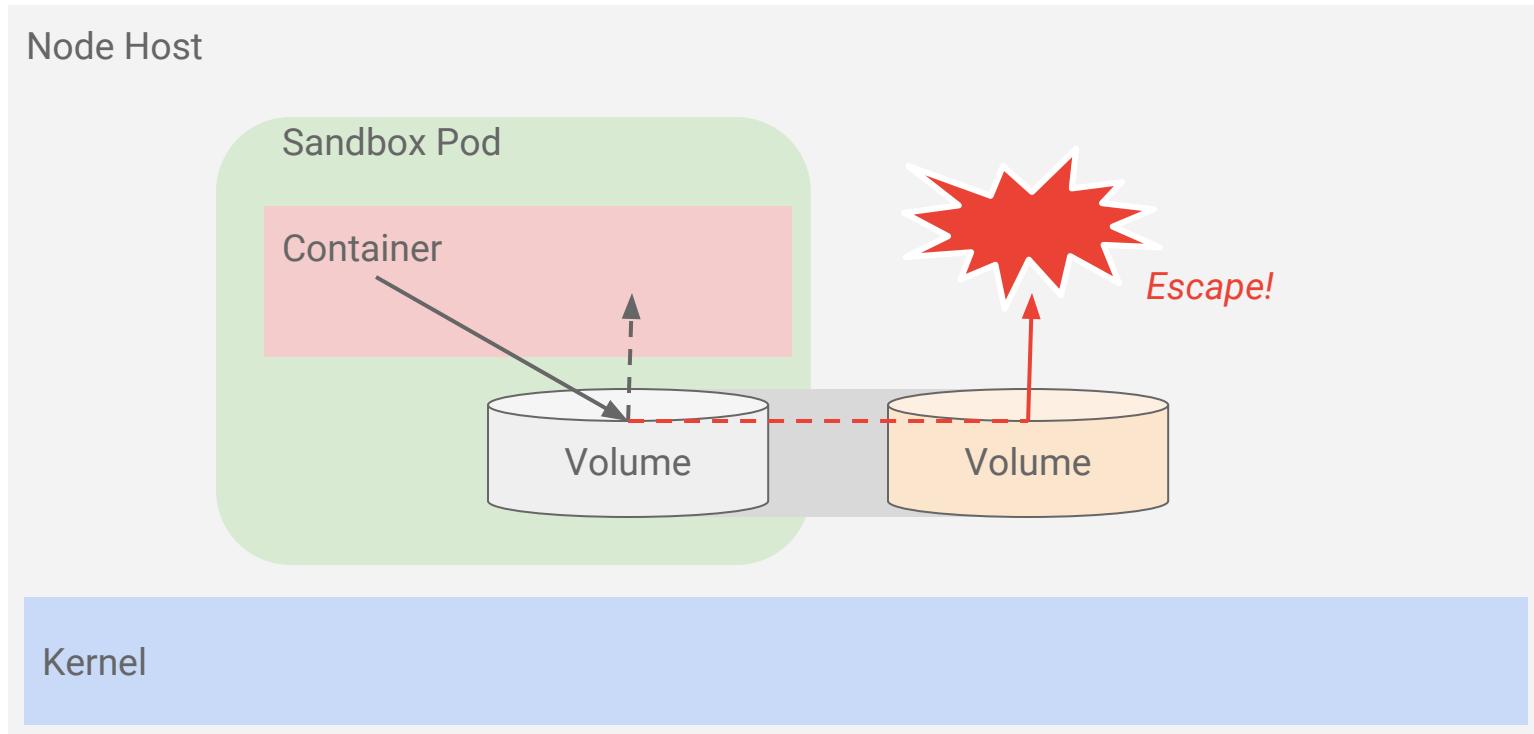
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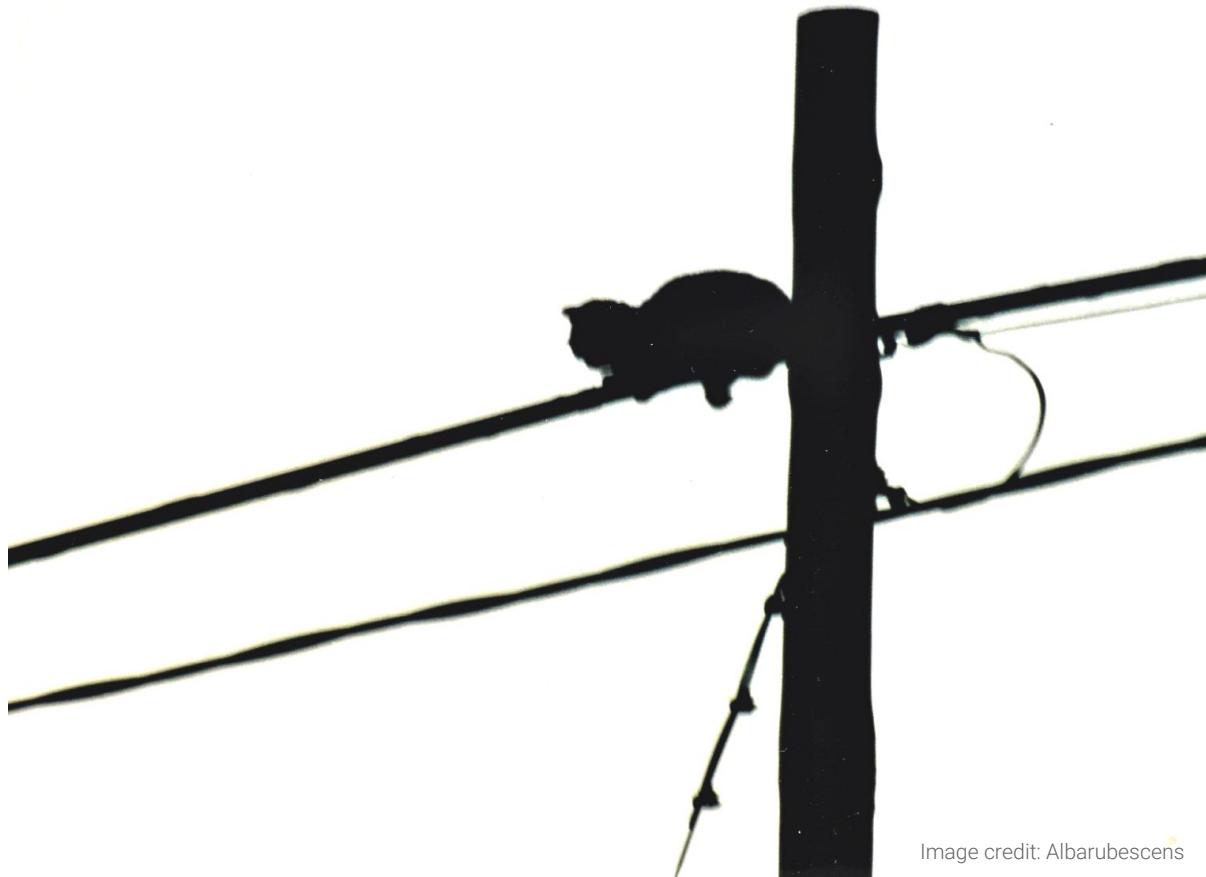
# TODO: Sandboxed storage

1. Readonly storage via **readonly protocols**
2. Ephemeral storage **opaque to host**
3. **Direct access** block volumes
4. Sandboxed persistent filesystems ???

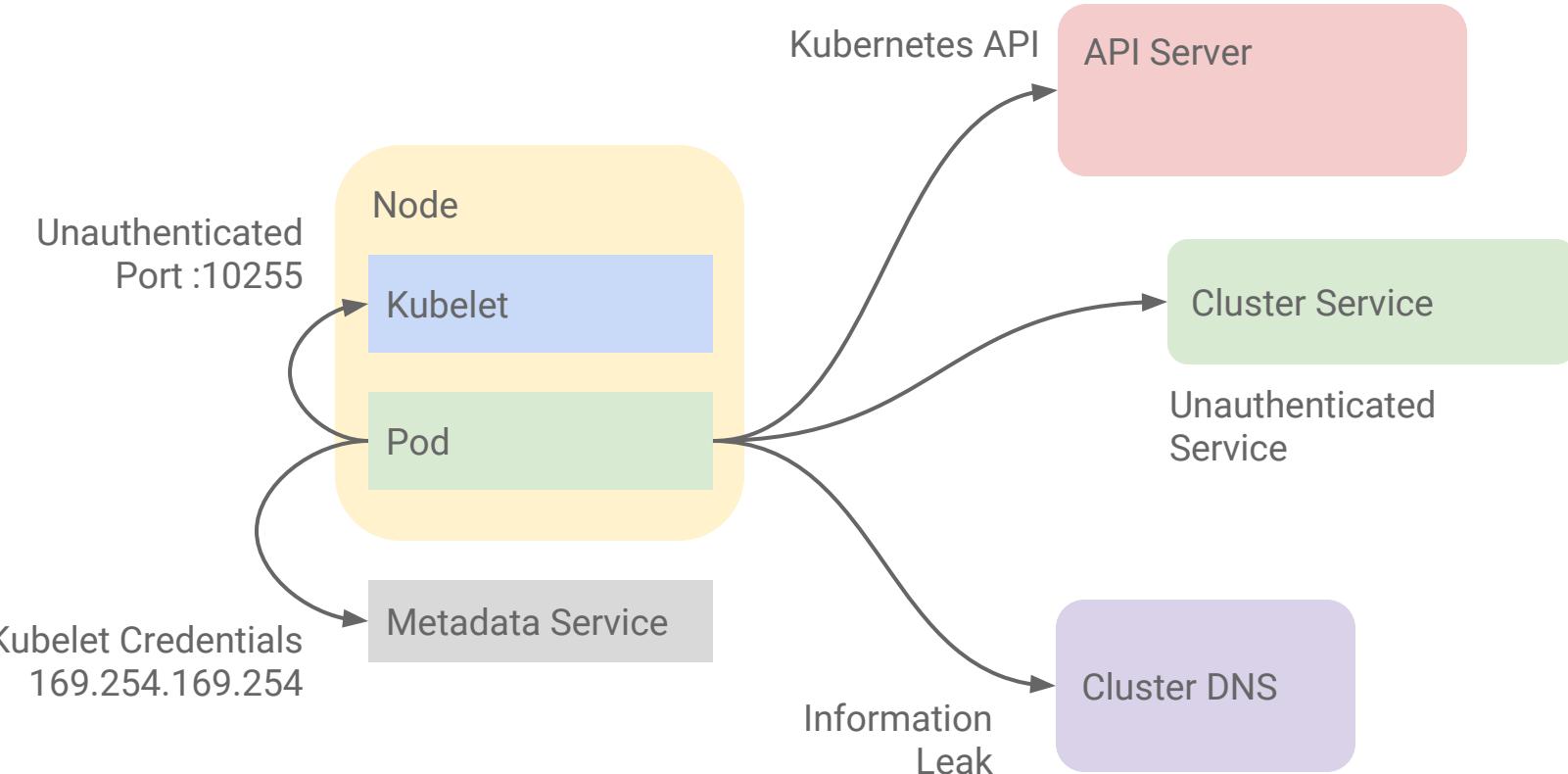


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# Attacks over the network



# Network Policy

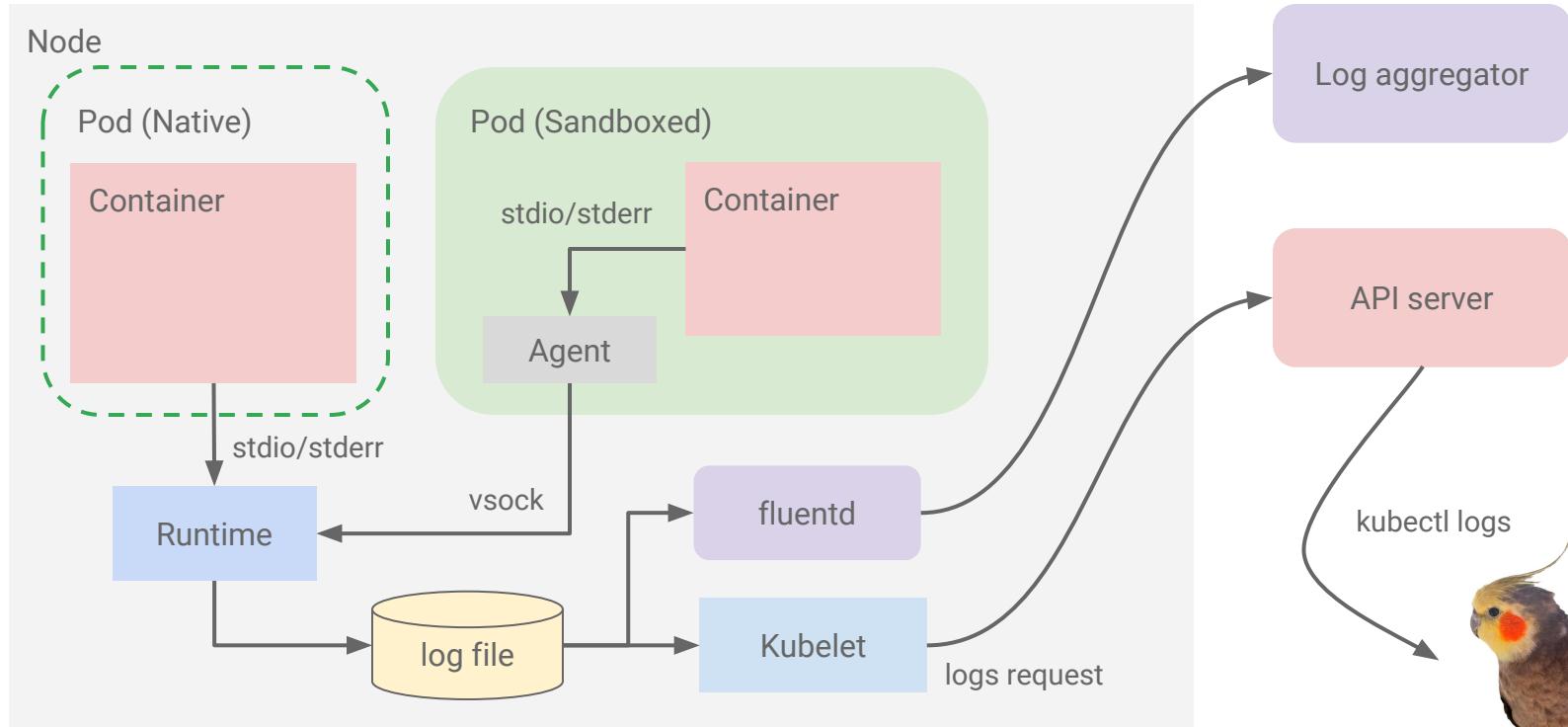
```
apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1
kind: NetworkPolicy
metadata: { ... }
spec:
  podSelector:
    matchLabels:
      sandboxed: true
  policyTypes:
  - Egress
  egress:
  - to:
    - ipBlock:
        cidr: 0.0.0.0/0
        except:
        - 10.0.0.0/8
        - 172.16.0.0/12
        - 192.168.0.0/16
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# Attacks via system logs



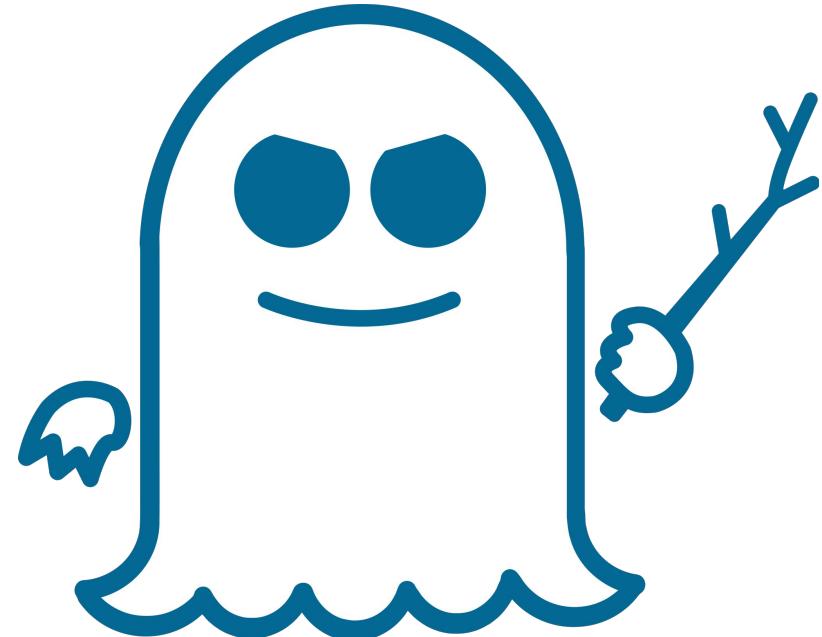
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Image credit: Jonas Löwgren

## Attacks via the **Hardware**





## Summary

- Kubernetes is a **complex system** with many layers of **attack surfaces** exposed to **internal threats**
- **Sandboxes** is an upcoming feature to mitigate many of those threats
  - i. Leverage hypervisor isolation
  - ii. Deeper Kubernetes integration for enhanced protection



# Roadmap

- **Experimental** today!
  - i. Annotations in CRI-O & containerd
- **Alpha** in 1.12
  - i. Kubernetes & CRI API
  - ii. Basic Kata & gVisor implementation
  - iii. Improved resource management
- **Beta**
  - i. Hardened storage interfaces
  - ii. Hardened logging & monitoring

# Get Involved!

## Join the Conversation

**Sandboxes:** <https://goo.gl/eQHuqo>

**SIG-Node:** <https://github.com/kubernetes/community/tree/master/sig-node>

## Contribute

**Kata Containers:** <https://katacontainers.io/>

**gVisor:** <https://github.com/google/gvisor>

# Thank you!

## Learn More:

**Sandboxes:** <https://goo.gl/eQHuqo>

**Docker non-events:** <https://docs.docker.com/engine/security/non-events/>

**Dirty Cow:** <https://github.com/scumjr/dirtycow-vdso>  
<https://blog.paranooidsoftware.com/dirty-cow-cve-2016-5195-docker-container-escape/>

**Symlink vulnerability:** <https://kubernetes.io/blog/2018/04/04/fixing-subpath-volume-vulnerability/>

**Network Policy:** <https://kubernetes.io/docs/concepts/services-networking/network-policies/>