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# AdminNetworkPolicy

## A New Kubernetes-Native API for Comprehensive Cluster-Wide Network Security

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## The Hogwarts Cluster



ns: Gryffindor



**Harry Potter**

Application Developer

ns: Slytherin



**Draco Malfoy**

Application Developer



**Albus Dumbledore**  
Hogwarts Cluster  
Admin

ns: Professors

**McGonagall**

System Developer



ns: Forbidden Forest



# Kubernetes Networking: Always Allow



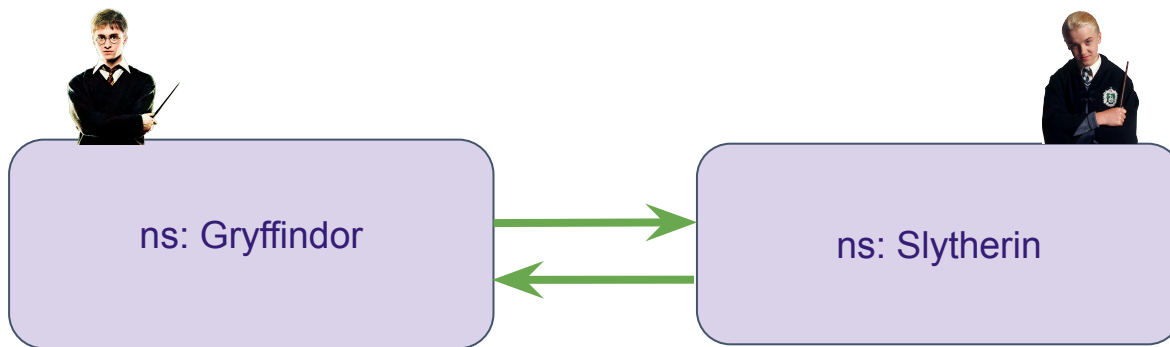
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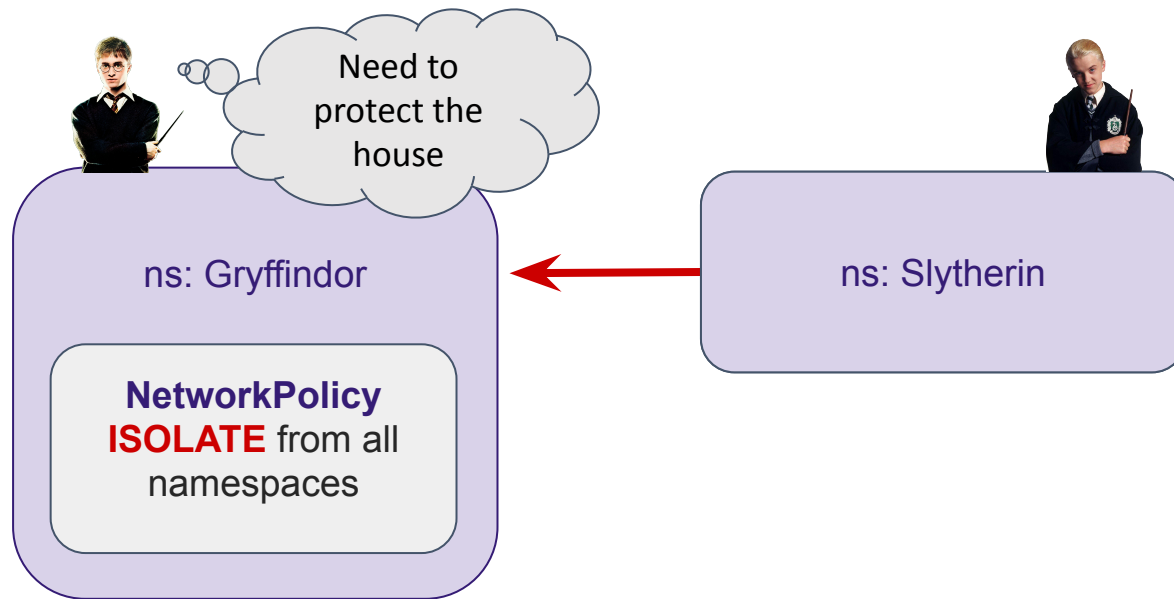
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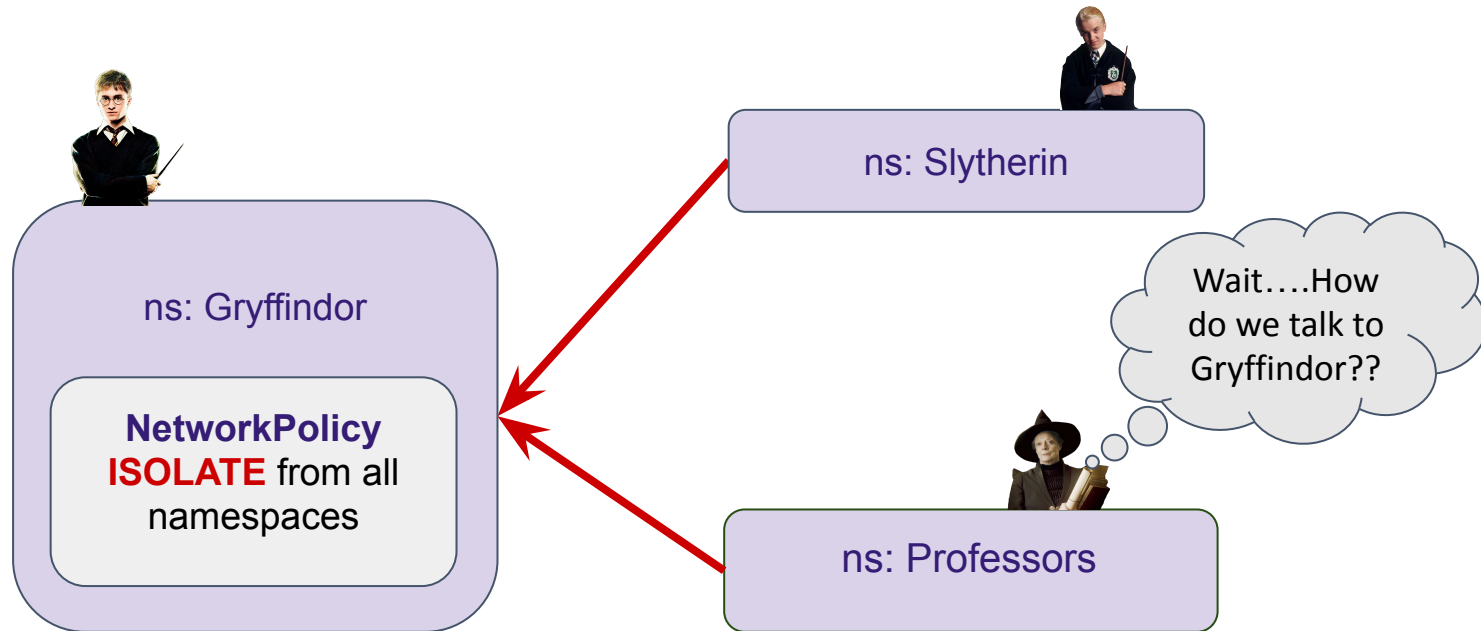
By default, all connections between pods are **allowed** in a kubernetes cluster.



The **NetworkPolicy API** facilitates namespaced network security for pods.  
It utilizes an allowlist model enabling **application developers** to restrict pod connections.

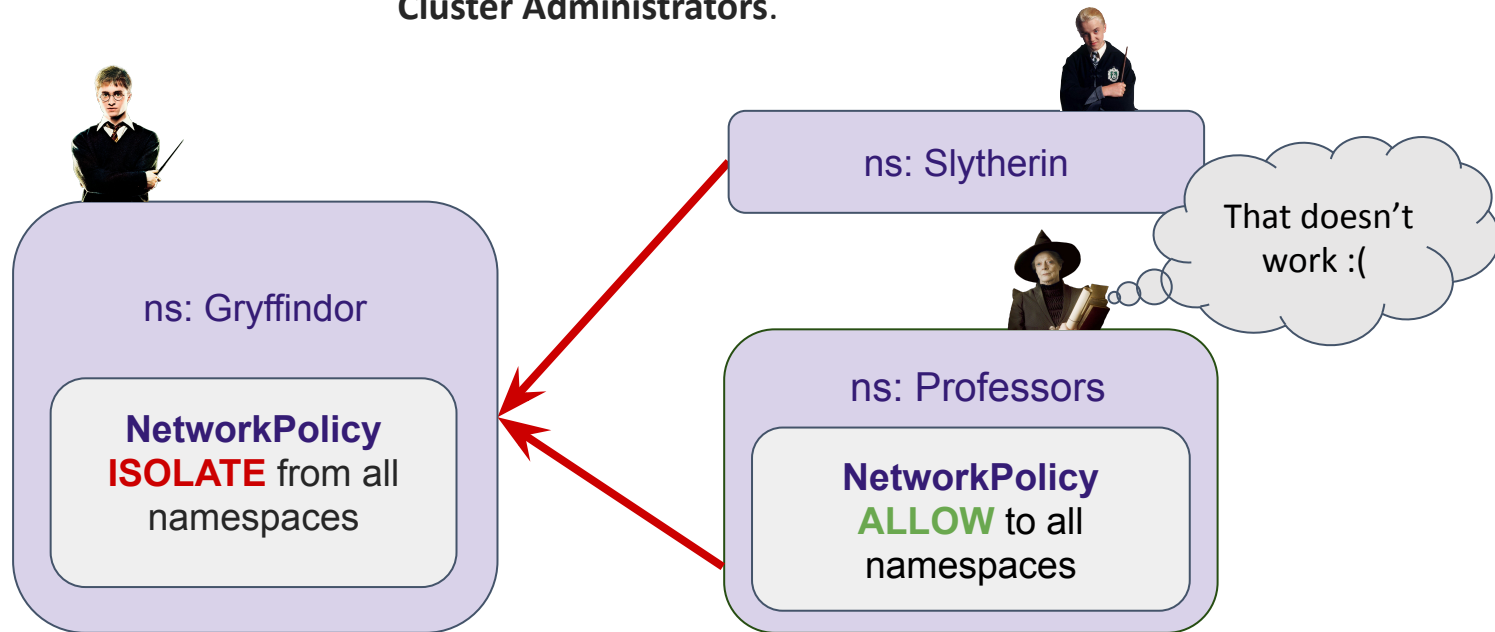


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A connection should be allowed from **both sides** to succeed.

To **override** this behaviour a cluster-level object is required, but the **NetworkPolicy API** was **not** designed for **Cluster Administrators**.



# AdminNetworkPolicy API: Strong ALLOW non-overrideable



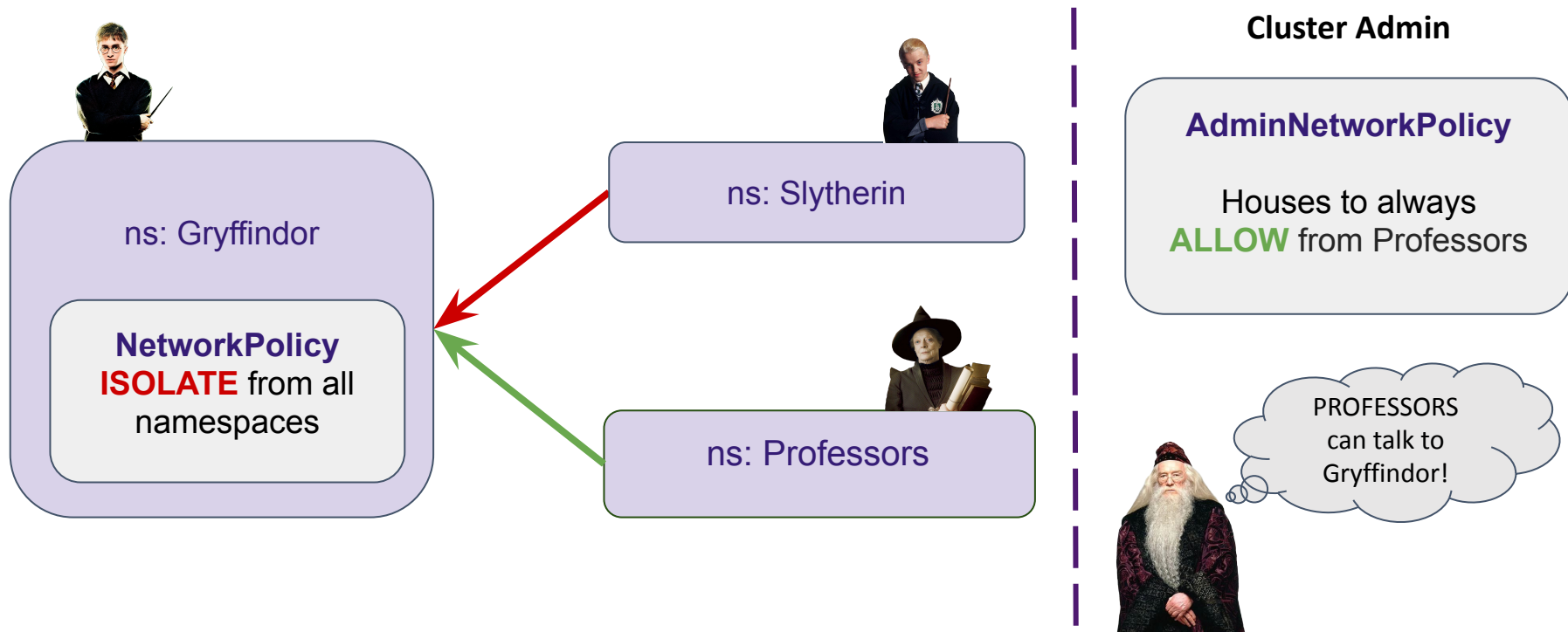
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**Cluster Administrators** need to enforce security policies that will apply to multiple namespaces in the cluster and cannot be overridden by other cluster personas.





# AdminNetworkPolicy API: Precedence



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# AdminNetworkPolicy API: Strong ALLOW non-overridable



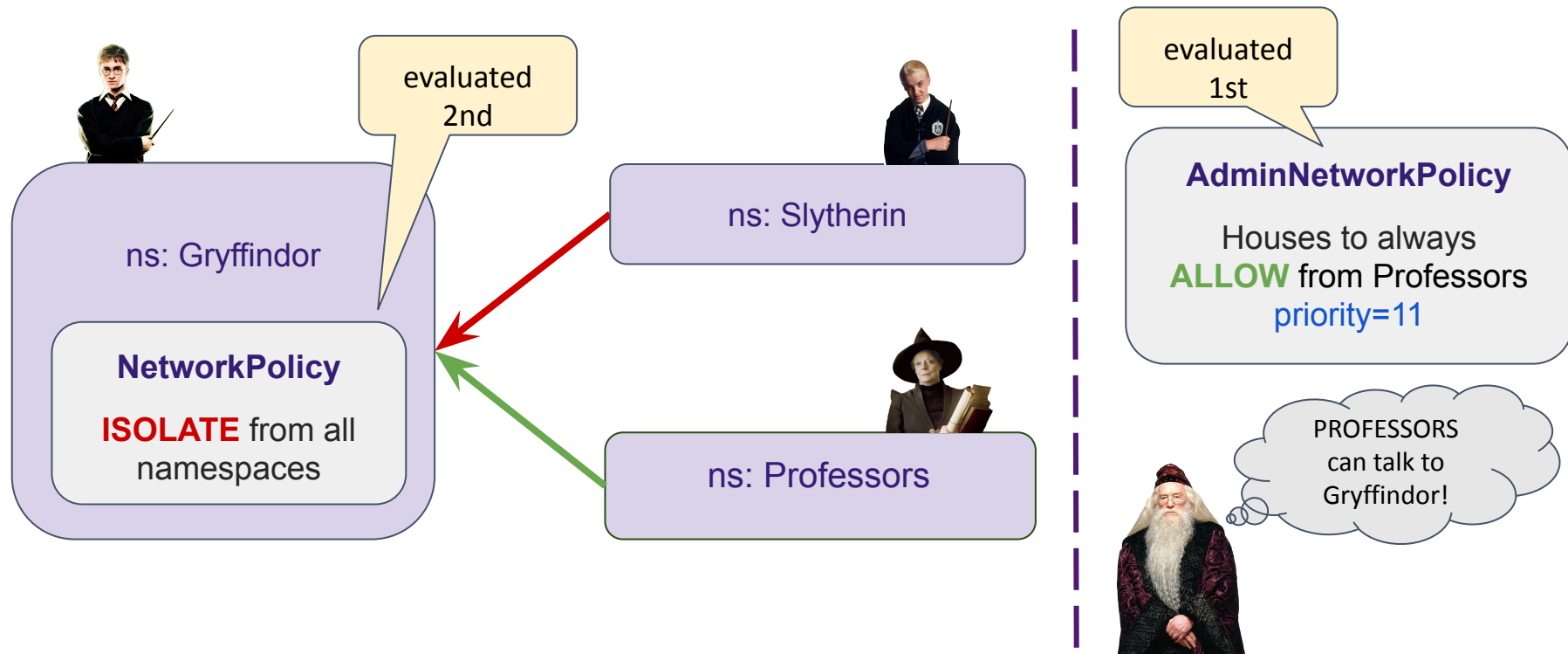
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# Admin Network Policy Demo: Strong ALLOW



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```
anp-strong-allow.yaml — ~/kubecon-na-2023-demo-anp

anp-strong-allow.yaml
1 apiVersion: policy.networking.k8s.io/v1alpha1
2 kind: AdminNetworkPolicy
3 metadata:
4   name: allow-ingress-from-professors-to-houses
5 spec:
6   priority: 11
7   subject:
8     namespaces:
9       matchExpressions:
10      - {key: house, operator: In, values: [gryffindor, slytherin]}
11 ingress:
12 - name: "allow-all-ingress-from-professor-to-houses"
13   action: "Allow"
14   from:
15   - namespaces:
16       namespaceSelector:
17         matchLabels:
18           kubernetes.io/metadata.name: professors
```

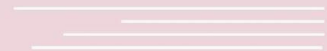


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# AdminNetworkPolicy Demo Part 1 - Strong ALLOW





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# AdminNetworkPolicy API: Strong DENY - non-overridable

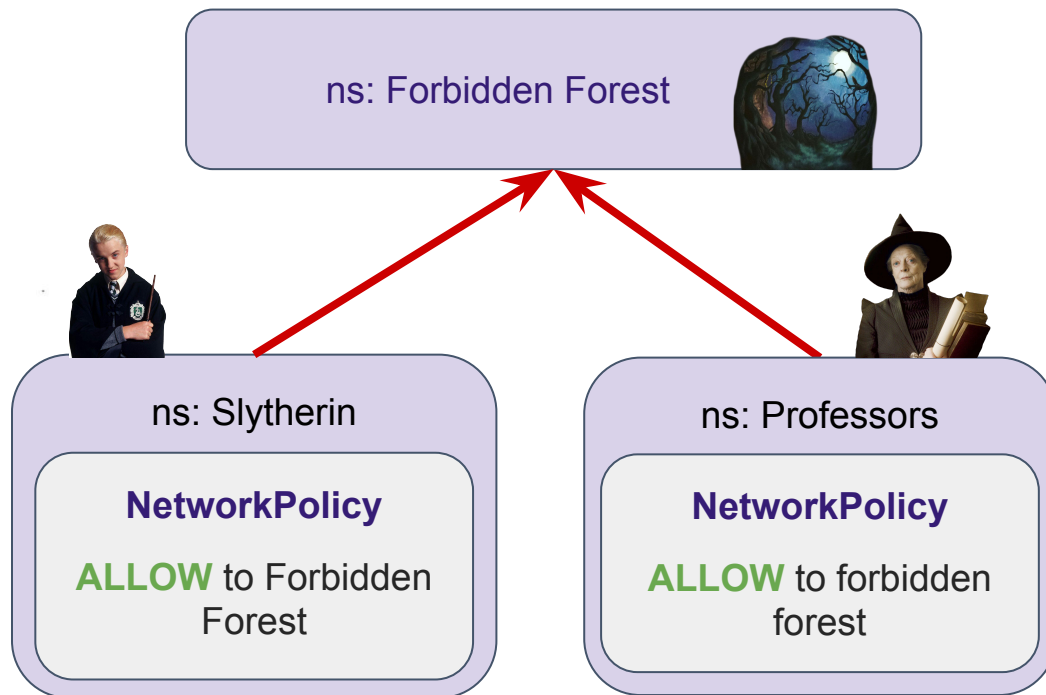


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## Cluster Admin

### AdminNetworkPolicy

**DENY** everyone to the  
Forbidden Forest  
**priority=5**



Forbidden  
Forest is very  
dangerous

# Admin Network Policy Demo: Strong DENY



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```
anp-strong-deny.yaml — ~/kubecon-na-2023-demo-anp
anp-strong-deny.yaml
1  apiVersion: policy.networking.k8s.io/v1alpha1
2  kind: AdminNetworkPolicy
3  metadata:
4    name: deny-egress-to-forbidden-forest-from-everyone
5  spec:
6    priority: 5
7    subject:
8      namespaces: {}
9    egress:
10   - name: "deny-egress-to-forbidden-forest-from-everyone"
11     action: "Deny"
12     to:
13       - namespaces:
14         namespaceSelector:
15           matchLabels:
16             kubernetes.io/metadata.name: forbidden-forest
```

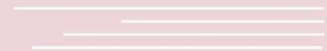


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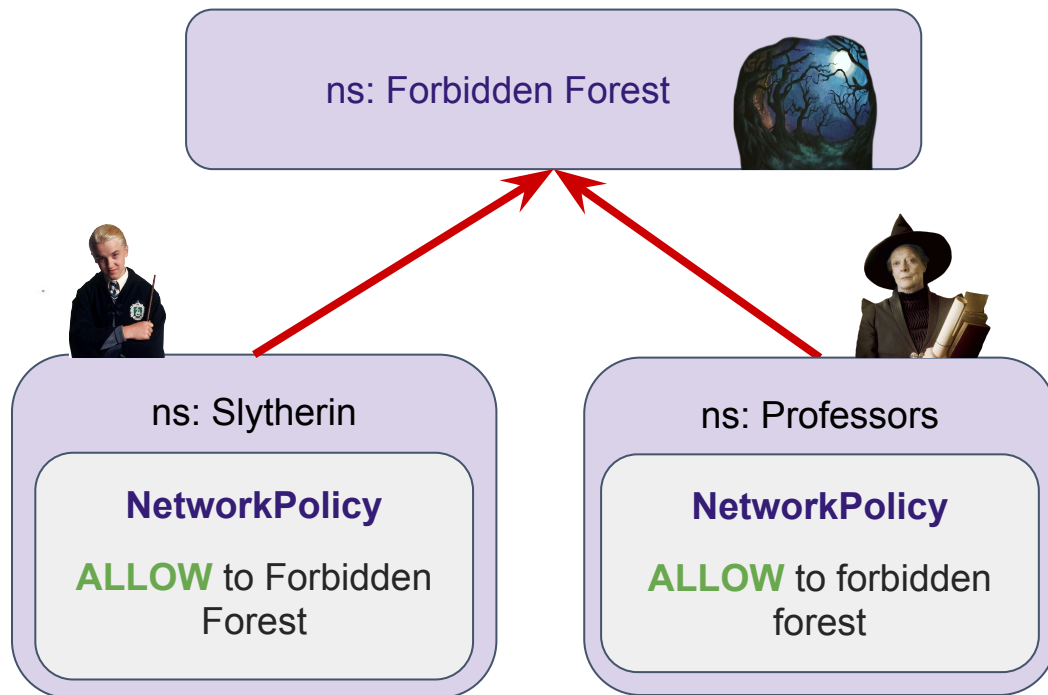


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# AdminNetworkPolicy API: PASS

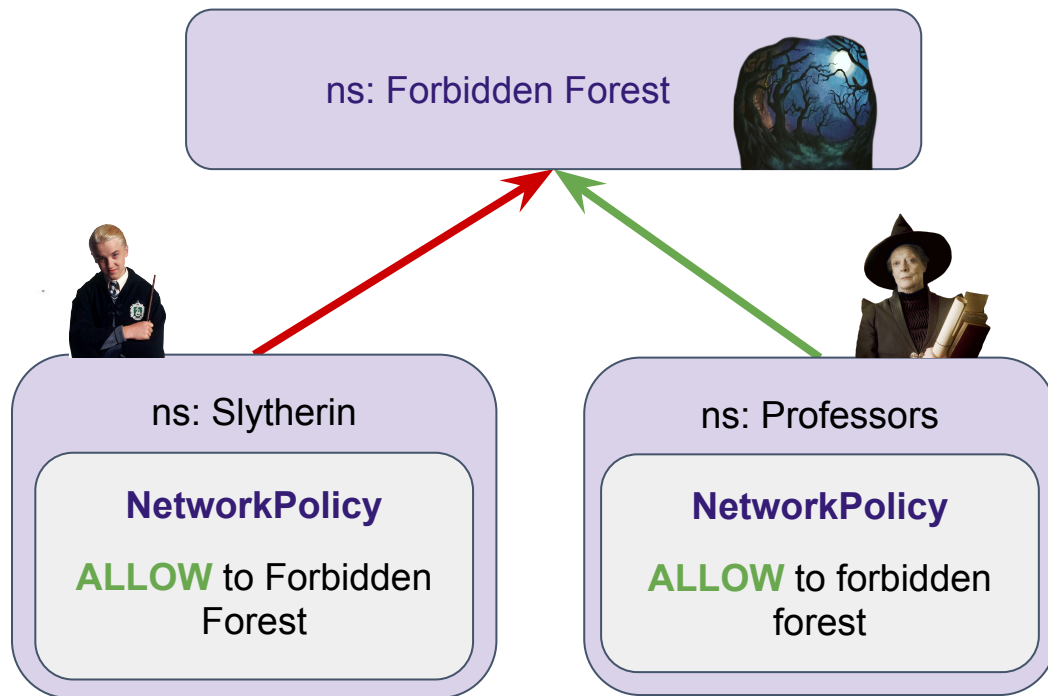


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## Cluster Admin

**AdminNetworkPolicy**  
**PASS** professor to the  
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**priority=3**

**AdminNetworkPolicy**  
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PROFESSORS  
are an  
exception I  
want to  
delegate



# Admin Network Policy Demo: PASS Action - Delegate to NetPol



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```
anp-pass.yaml — ~/kubecon-na-2023-demo-anp

anp-pass.yaml
1 apiVersion: policy.networking.k8s.io/v1alpha1
2 kind: AdminNetworkPolicy
3 metadata:
4   name: pass-from-professors-to-forbidden-forest
5 spec:
6   priority: 3
7   subject:
8     namespaces:
9     namespaceSelector:
10    matchLabels:
11      kubernetes.io/metadata.name: professors
12 egress:
13 - name: "pass-from-professors-to-forbidden-forest"
14   action: "Pass"
15   to:
16   - namespaces:
17     namespaceSelector:
18     matchLabels:
19       kubernetes.io/metadata.name: forbidden-forest
```

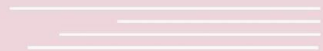


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# AdminNetworkPolicy Demo Part 2 - PASS to NetPol





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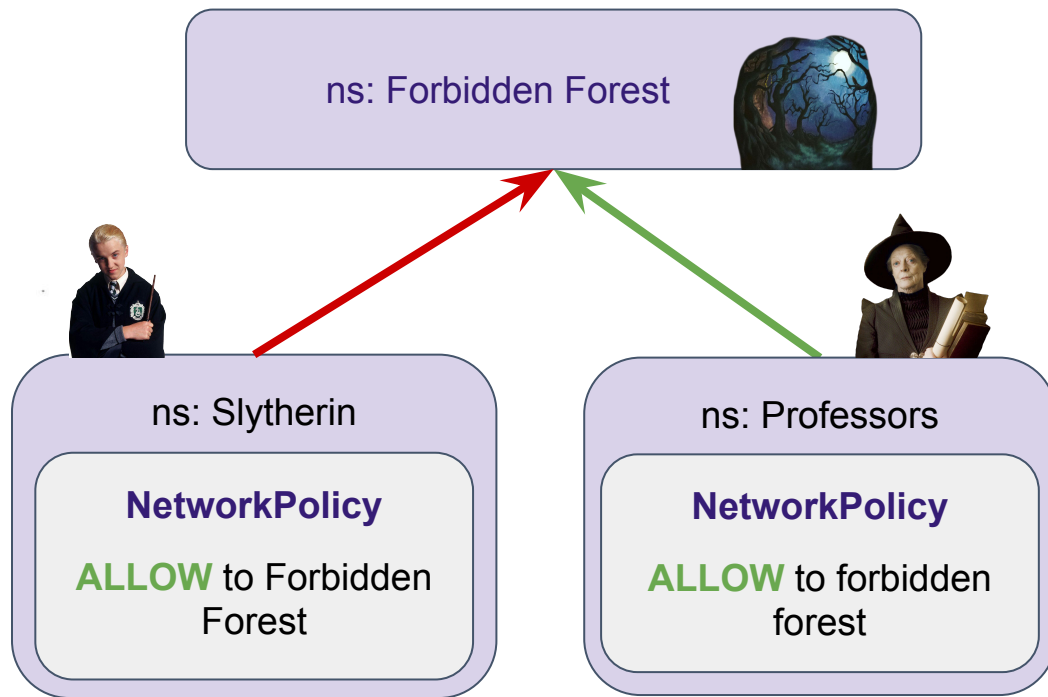


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# BaselineAdminNetworkPolicy API: Precedence



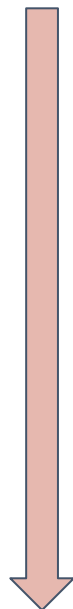
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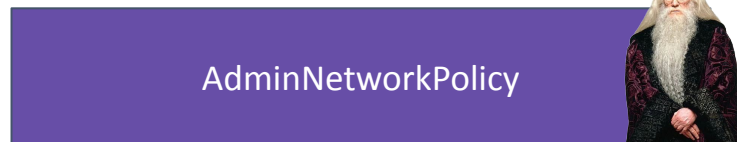
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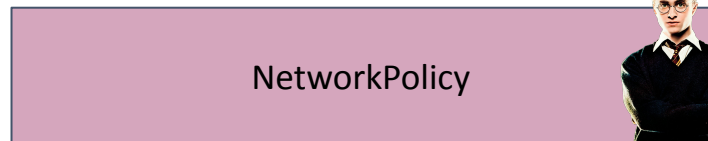


cluster-admin

No matching  
ANP

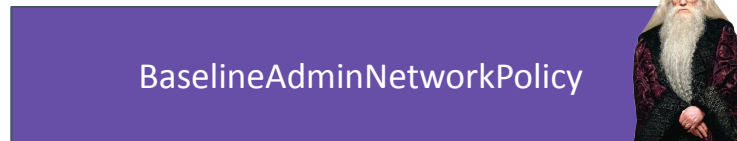


ANP PASS  
Rule



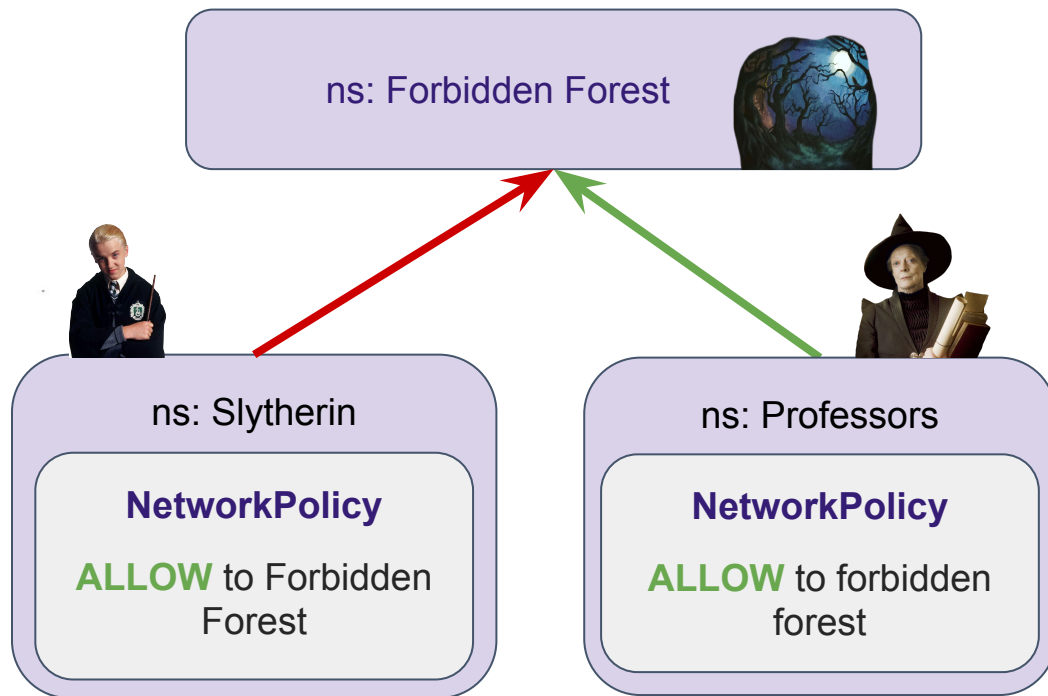
application developer

No matching  
NP



cluster-admin





## Cluster Admin

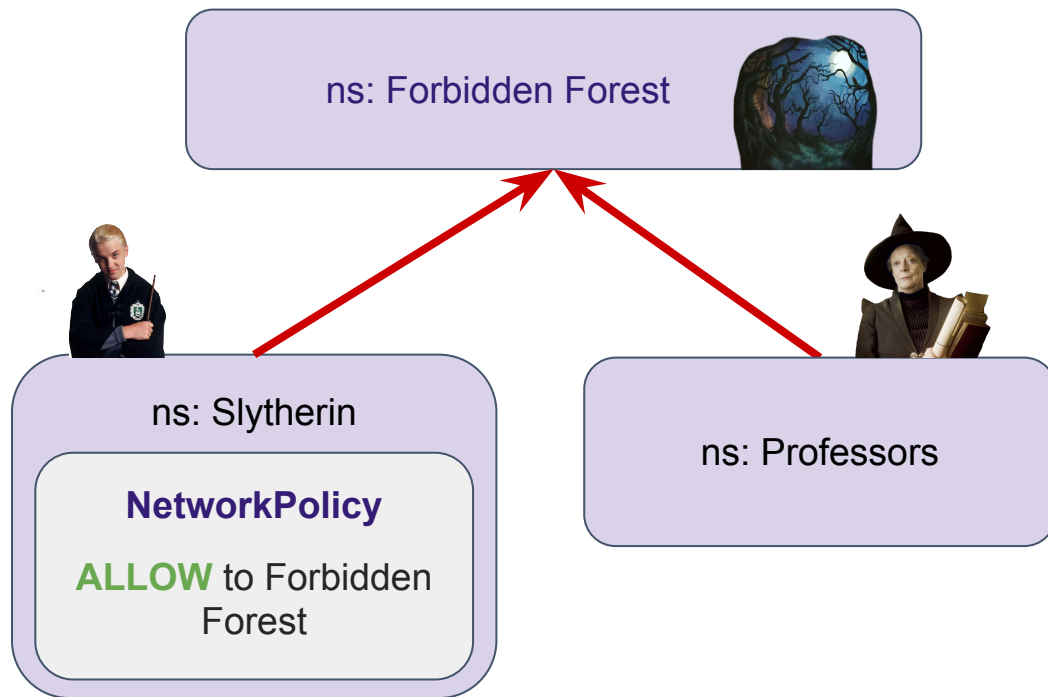
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# BaselineAdminNetworkPolicy API



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```
banp.yaml — ~/Documents

banp.yaml
1  apiVersion: policy.networking.k8s.io/v1alpha1
2  kind: BaselineAdminNetworkPolicy
3  metadata:
4    name: default # singleton
5  spec:
6    subject:
7      namespaces: {}
8    egress:
9      - name: "deny-egress-to-forbidden-forest-from-everyone"
10        action: "Deny"
11        to:
12          - namespaces:
13              namespaceSelector:
14                matchLabels:
15                  kubernetes.io/metadata.name: forbidden-forest
16
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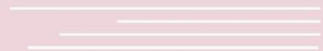


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# AdminNetworkPolicy Demo Part 2 - BANP





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# Key Takeaways!



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ANP PASS  
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NetworkPolicy



application developer

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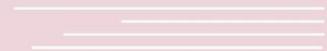


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# Get Involved!

# Getting Involved in the project!



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- **Level 1: Completely new to K8s and Don't know where to start!?**
  - Checkout the [K8s contributor guide!](#)
  - Read the [Network Policy V1 documentation](#)
  - Read the [AdminNetworkPolicy KEP](#)
- **Level 2: Familiar with the basics but still unsure where to dive in?**
  - Read though our documentation at <https://network-policy-api.sigs.k8s.io/> please open issues I am sure there are documentation bugs we've yet to find 🐱
  - Checkout our [help wanted](#) and [good first](#) issues
  - Review any of the open PRs
- **Level 3: Want more features! Want more implementations! Want more feedback!**
  - Read about our [NPEP \(Network Policy Enhancement Proposal\) process](#)
  - Propose a new NPEP with an issue.



[kubernetes-sigs/network-policy-api](https://github.com/kubernetes-sigs/network-policy-api)



[#sig-network-policy-api](https://twitter.com/sig-network-policy-api)



<https://network-policy-api.sigs.k8s.io>





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**Cluster Administrators** need to enforce security policies that will allow a single namespace to be an exception to any ANP rules.

