



# open source Intrusion Detection for containers

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# Welcome to Our Story

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# shopify

\$61.1

billion  
volume

300

million  
shoppers

\$1.5

million

sales per minute  
(peak)



# shopify

50+

clusters

10+

thousand  
services

170+

thousand  
requests per second  
(peak)

# Commerce at scale

over 1,000,000 shops.

some may look familiar.

we enable their brand.



A screenshot of a web browser displaying the Cloud Native Computing Foundation's product catalog. The header features the foundation's logo and navigation links for HOME, CATALOG, and ABOUT US. Below the header, a breadcrumb trail shows 'Home &gt; Products'. The main content area is titled 'Products' and displays several items: a blue steering wheel-shaped item, the foundation's logo, a small colorful patch, and two people modeling apparel (a woman in a grey vest and a man in a dark hoodie). The page includes a search bar, a cart icon, and sorting options.

# Security is our business

defence in depth

external audits

security bug bounty:  
[hackerone.com/Shopify](https://hackerone.com/Shopify)



# Journey to the cloud

Kubernetes  
scales workloads to meet demand

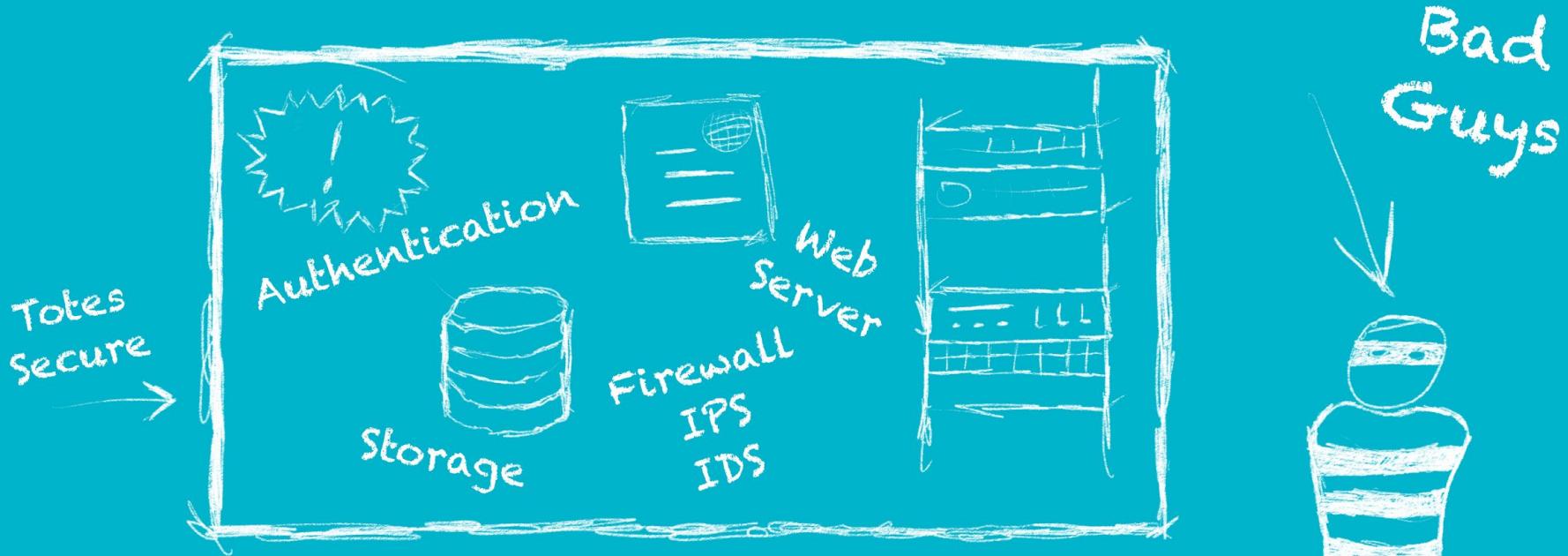
Cloud Provider  
provides resources on-demand

Data Centers?  
not for us

Charlie

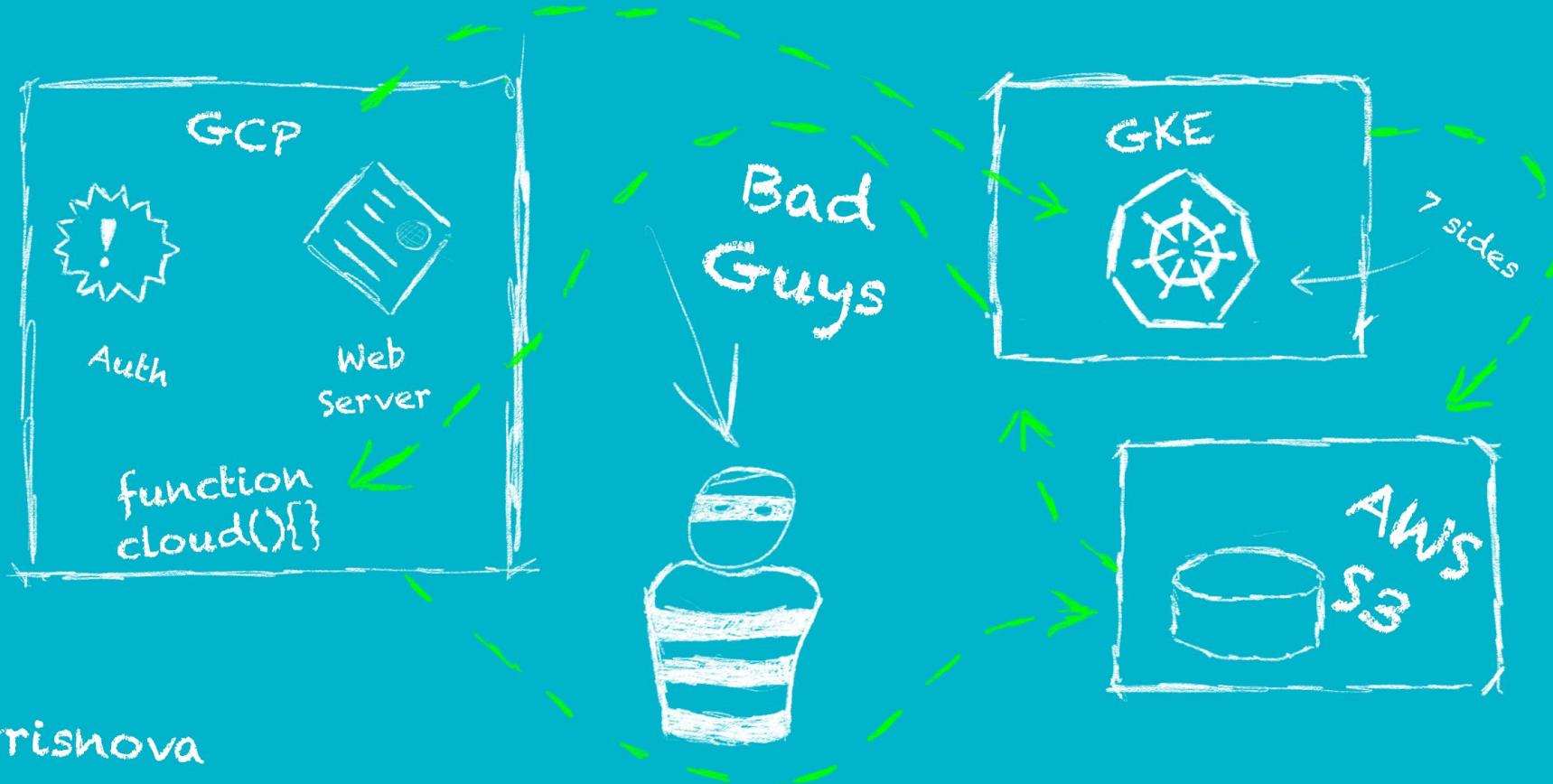


# Network Security Boundaries



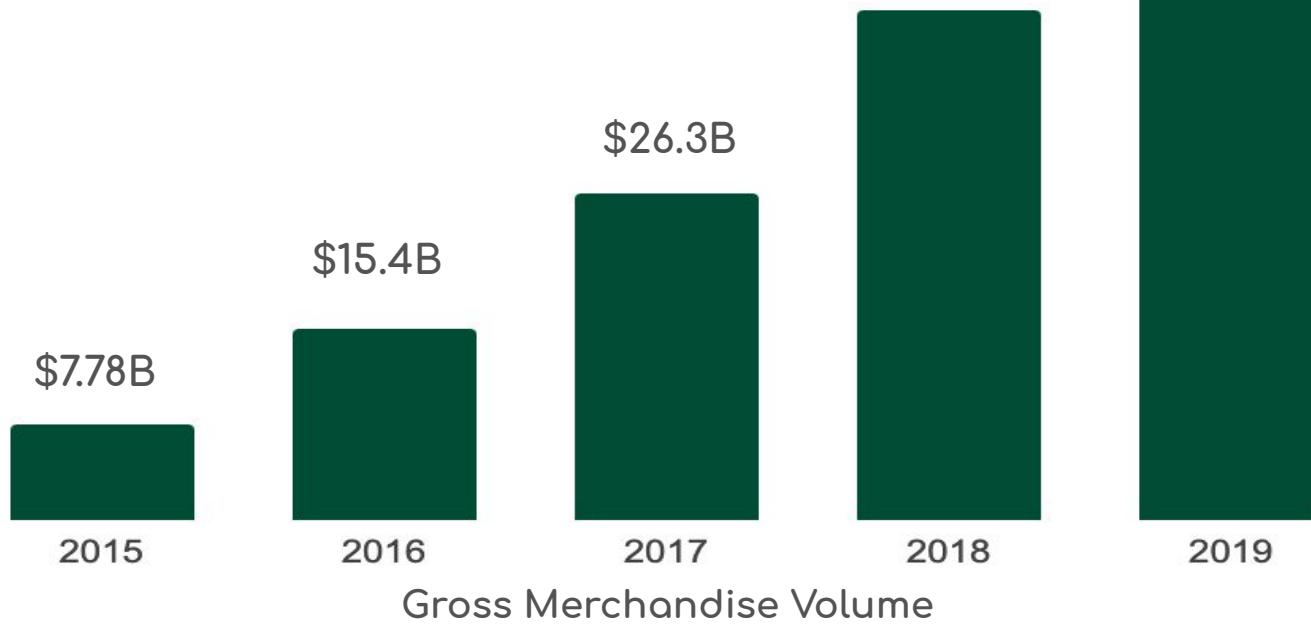
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# Network Security in the Cloud





# shopify



# Greenfield Kubernetes

Kubernetes on GKE in early 2017:

- ABAC only
- dashboards enabled  
with admin access
- open computeMetadata
- no cloud audit logs

# PCI Compliance

auditors vs. early adopters

don't take our word for it.



# Security Approach: Prevention

## Kubernetes

- disable old APIs, unused features
- metadata proxy
- kubelet bootstrap
- Role Based Access Control
- seccomp & apparmor profiles
- network policies

## In-house

- [github.com/Shopify/kubeaudit](https://github.com/Shopify/kubeaudit)
- security-auditors

# Security Approach: Detection

## Misconfiguration

- insecure API endpoints
- overprivileged roles
- weak security context
- assumptions about safety/identity

## Software supply chain

- deliberate backdoors
- bugs in dependencies
- typo, tag hijacking

## Unmitigated Vulnerabilities

- Heartbleed  
CVE-2014-0160
- Spectre v1  
CVE-2017-5753
- Spectre v2  
CVE-2017-5715
- Meltdown  
CVE-2017-5754
- CVE-2019-5736  
runc Container Escape
- CVE-2018-15664  
Symlink directory traversal
- CVE-2018-1002105  
Unauthenticated Remote Privilege Escalation
- CVE-2020-8558  
Localhost Boundary Bypass



# Falco

## Cloud-Native Runtime Security

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# What is Falco?

Parses system calls at runtime

Rebuilds system state

Enriches with Kubernetes data

Event triggered during anomaly





# Enabling Prevention

Unexpected change in system

Runtime based detection

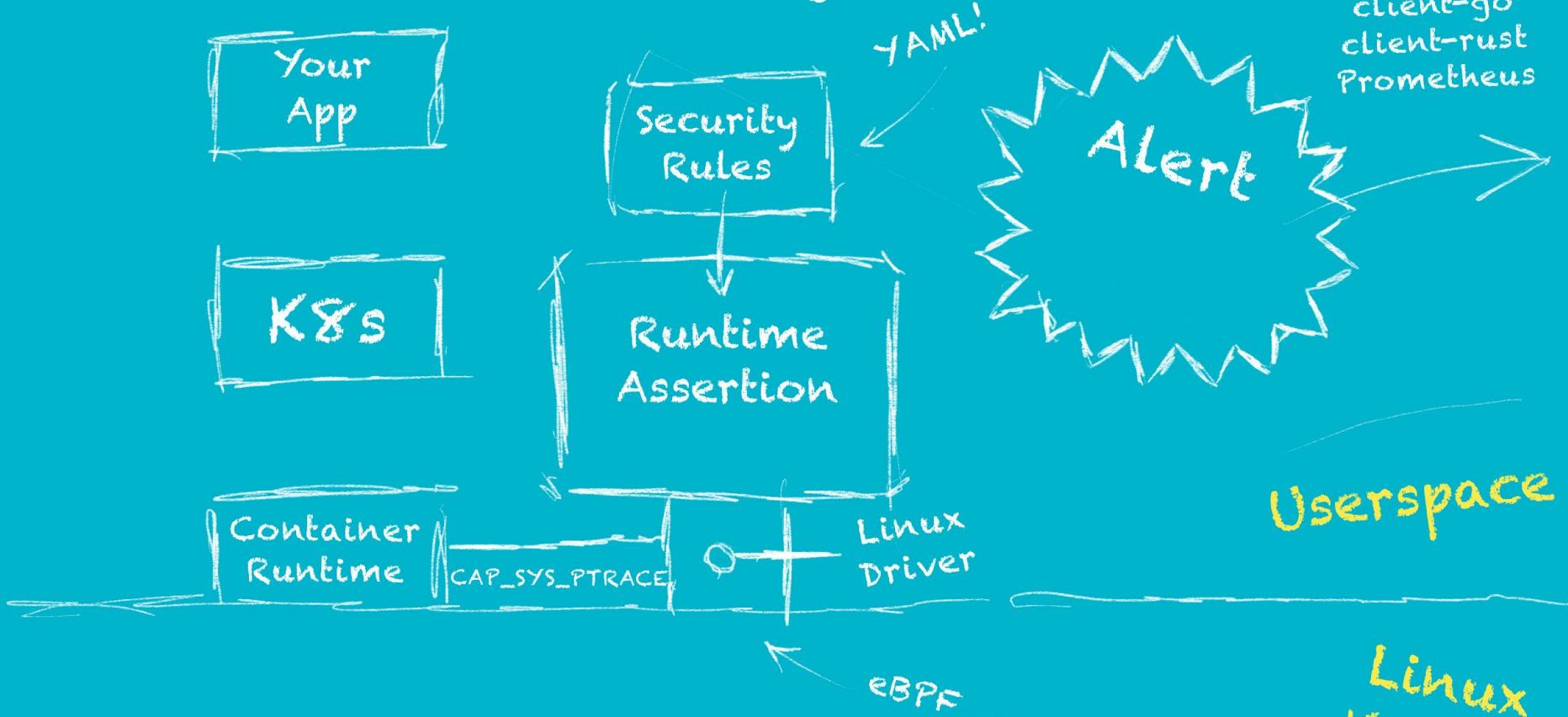
Utility for uncovering future security policy

CVE response

Exploit response

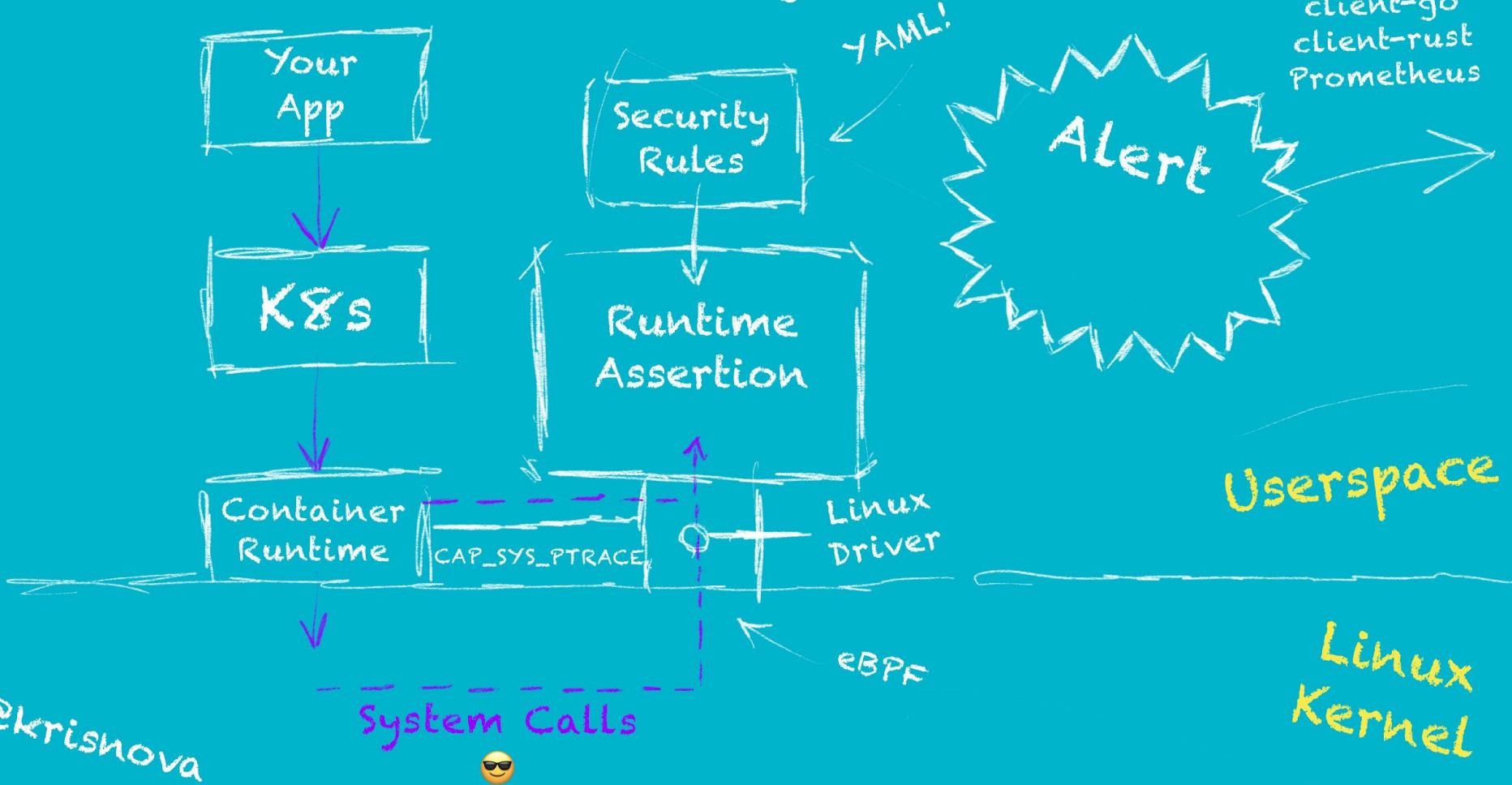
Surveillance

# Falco Engine



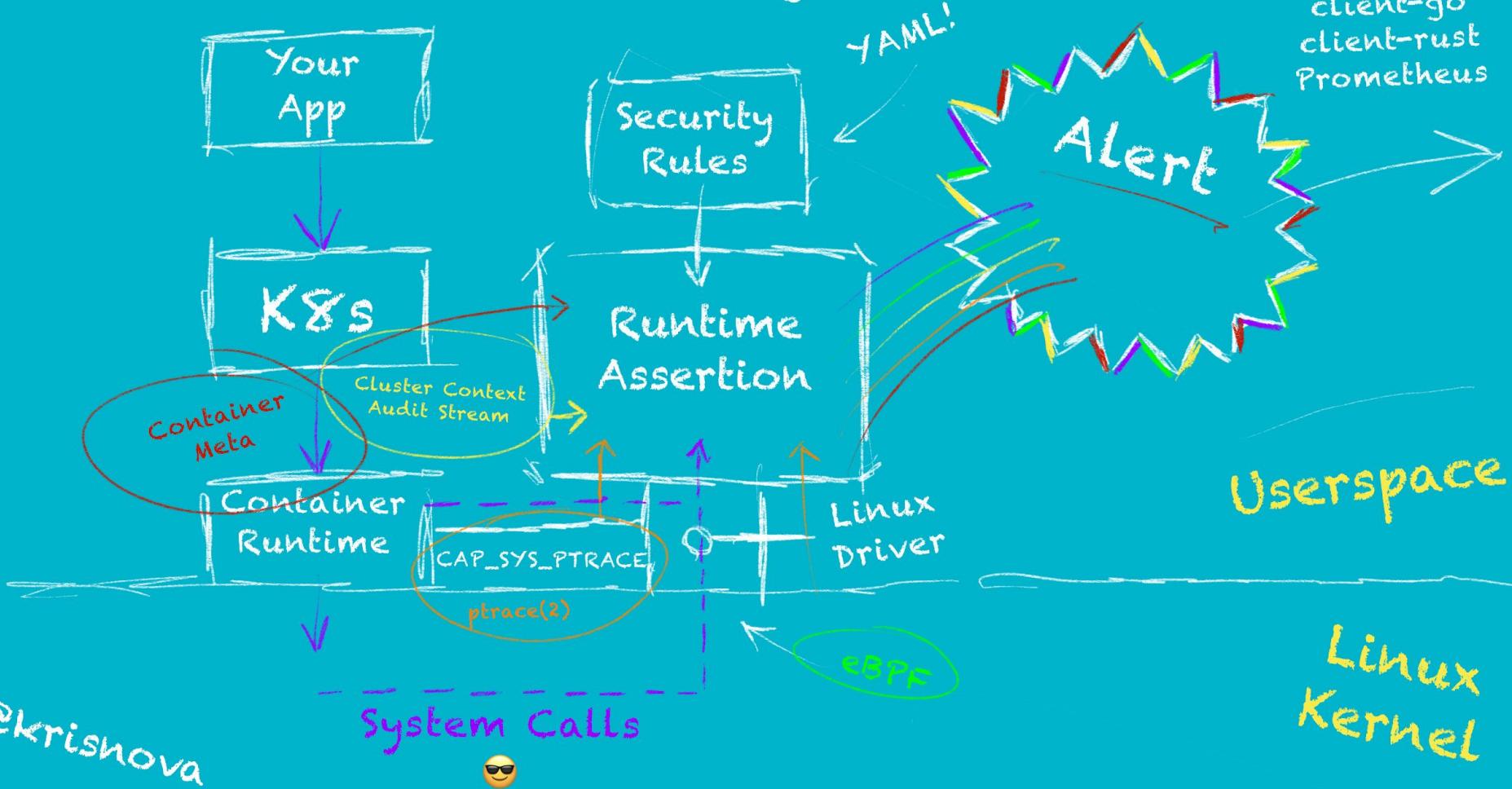
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# Falco Engine



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# Building With Falco



Access

system calls

kubernetes

Assert

state of the system

runtime with security rules

Action

dynamically respond

infrastructure



# Falco in Production

## Data egress, coin mining

- unexpected outbound connection

## Metadata server abuse

- contact cloud metadata service from container

## Remote code execution

- spawned\_process

## Clients, SDKs, gRPC

- see falco.org

```
- rule: Contact cloud metadata service from container
desc: Detect attempts to contact the Cloud Instance Metadata Service from a container
condition: outbound and fd.sip="169.254.169.254" and container and consider_metadata_access and not user_known_metadata_access
output: Outbound connection to cloud instance metadata service (command=%proc.cmdline connection=%fd.name %container.info image=%container.image.repository:%container.image.tag)
priority: NOTICE
tags: [network, container, mitre_discovery]
```



**Falco** APP 12:02 AM

**k8s.pod.name**

test-hostnetwork

**proc.cmdline**

wget -qO- --header Metadata-Flavor: Google

169.254.169.254/computeMetadata/v1/instance/service-accounts/default/email

**container.id**

d9b4c3cddd6d

**container.image.repository**

alpine

**container.image.tag**

latest

**fd.name**

10.104.204.46:56316->169.254.169.254:80

**k8s.ns.name**

**rule**

test-app

Contact cloud metadata service from  
container

**priority**

Notice

**time**

2020-07-24 04:02:18.323169867 +0000 UTC

<https://github.com/falcosecurity/falcosidekick>

# Mastering Falco

## Rules

- signal to noise ratio
- false positives

## Alerts

- severity
- immediate actions

## Infrastructure

- configuration
- upgrades



# Security with Falco



## Prevention

- first priority
- improves over time
- never guaranteed

## Detection

- allows human reasoning
- enables manual intervention
- informs future prevention

# Come Join the Party!

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