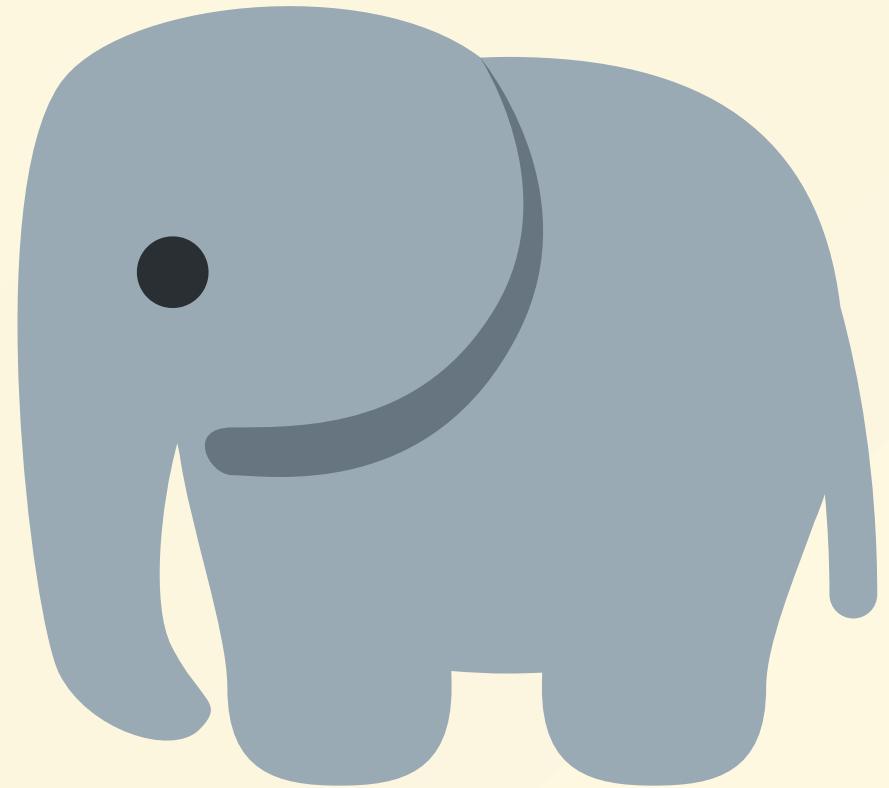


# Policy as *[versioned]* Code

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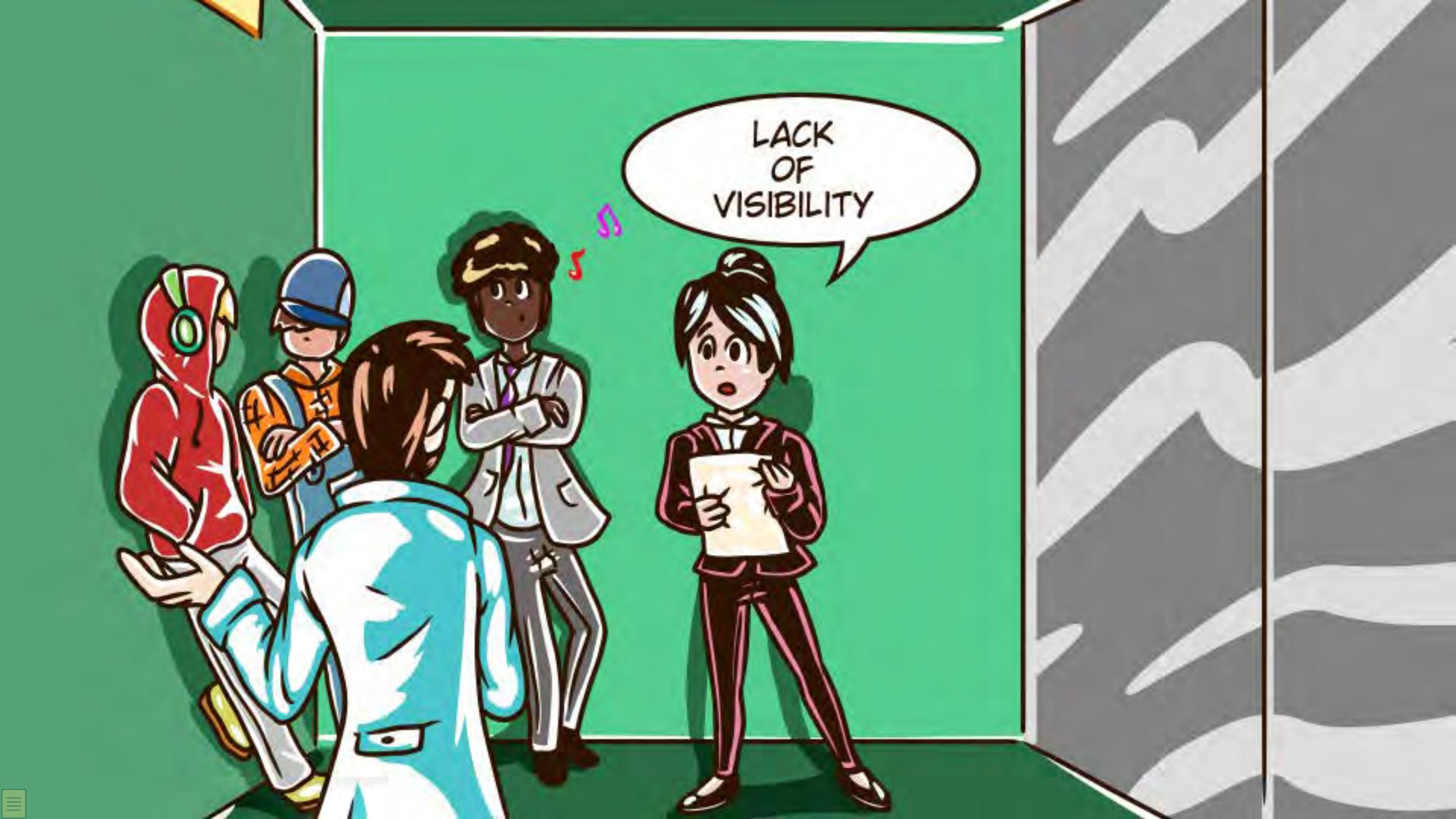


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LACK  
OF  
VISIBILITY





UPDATING  
POLICY

...



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LACK  
OF  
CONTROL



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???

♪ ♪

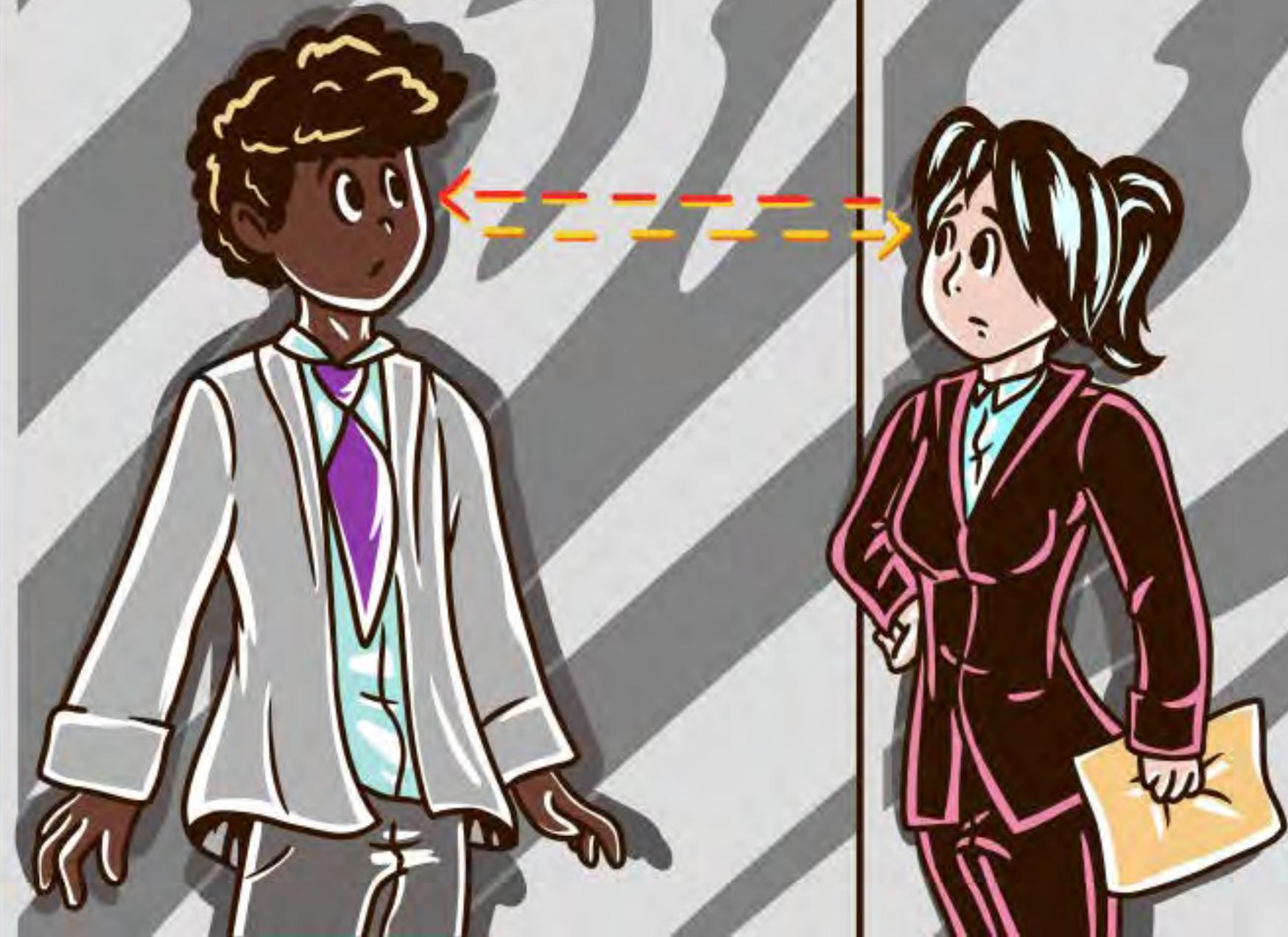


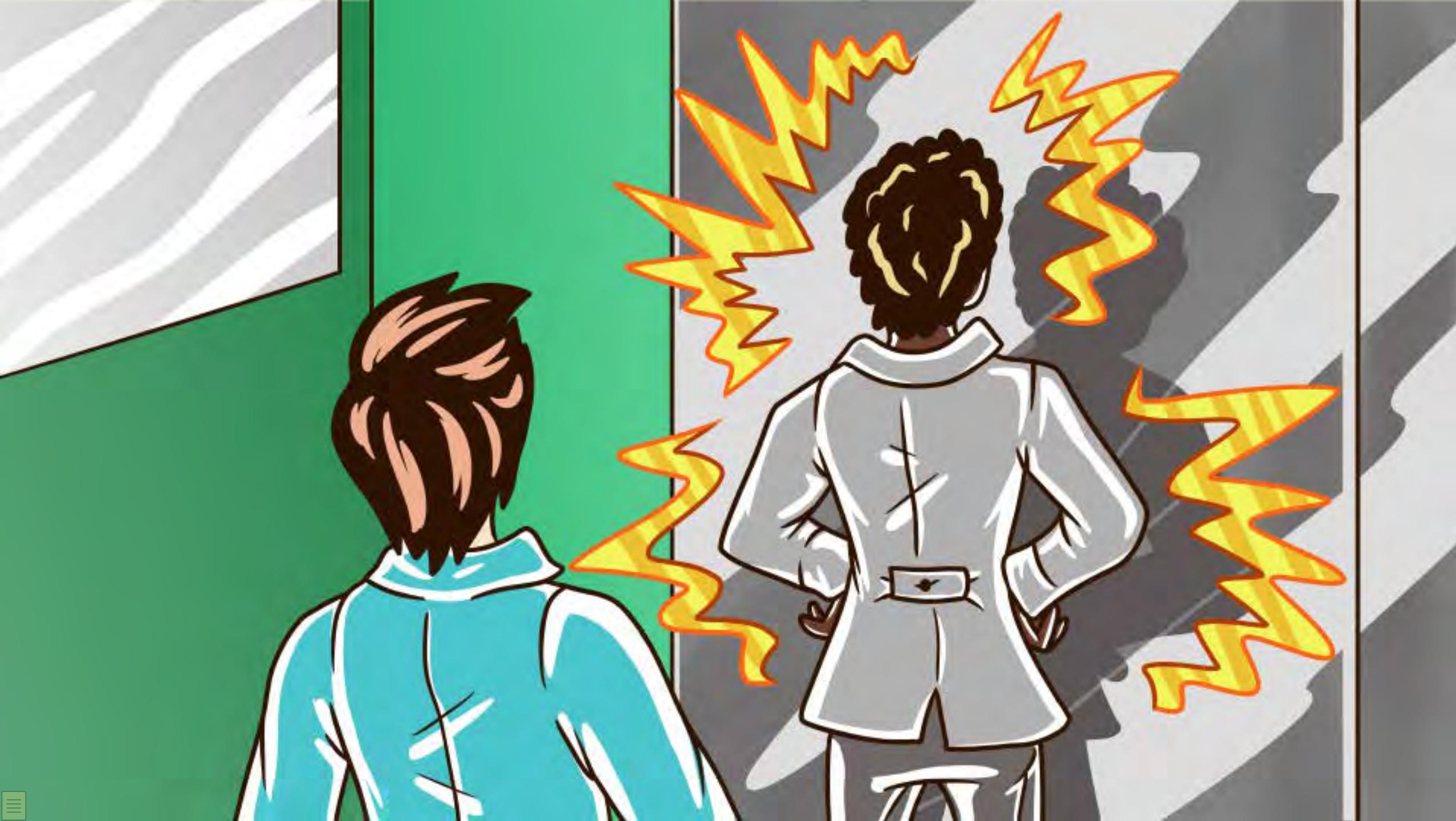
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MANAGING  
RISK









CLEANER





CODE

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PATCHING



(SOME)  
RULES



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QUALITY









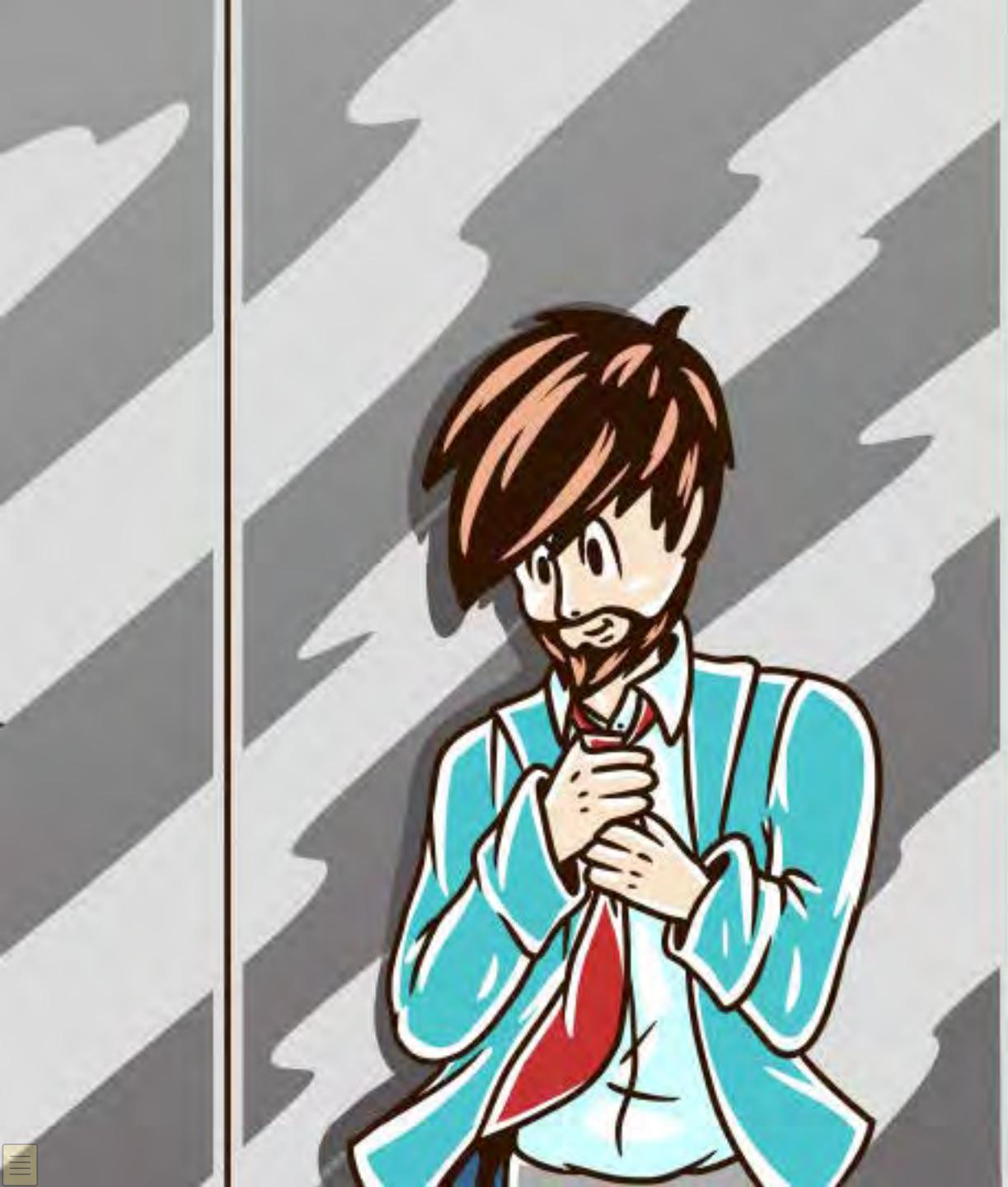






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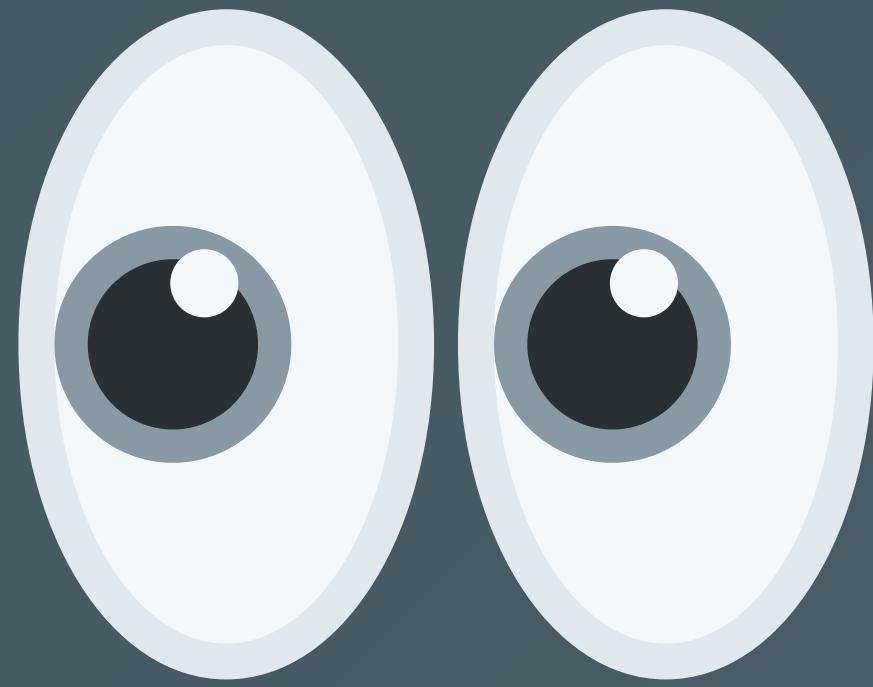


What if...  
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Update policy...

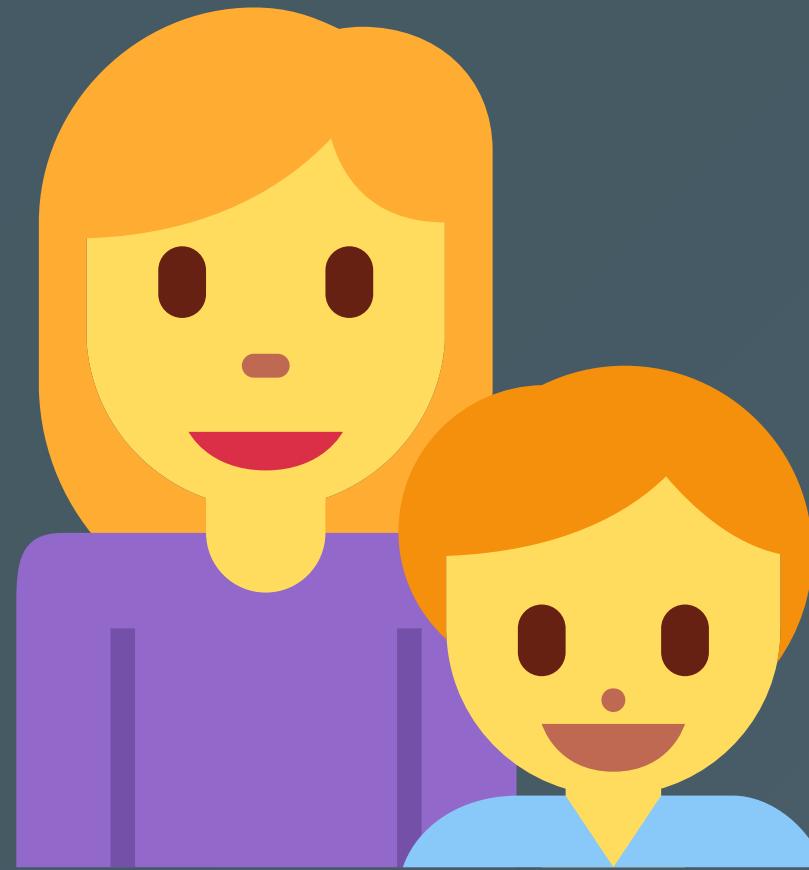
Update policy...

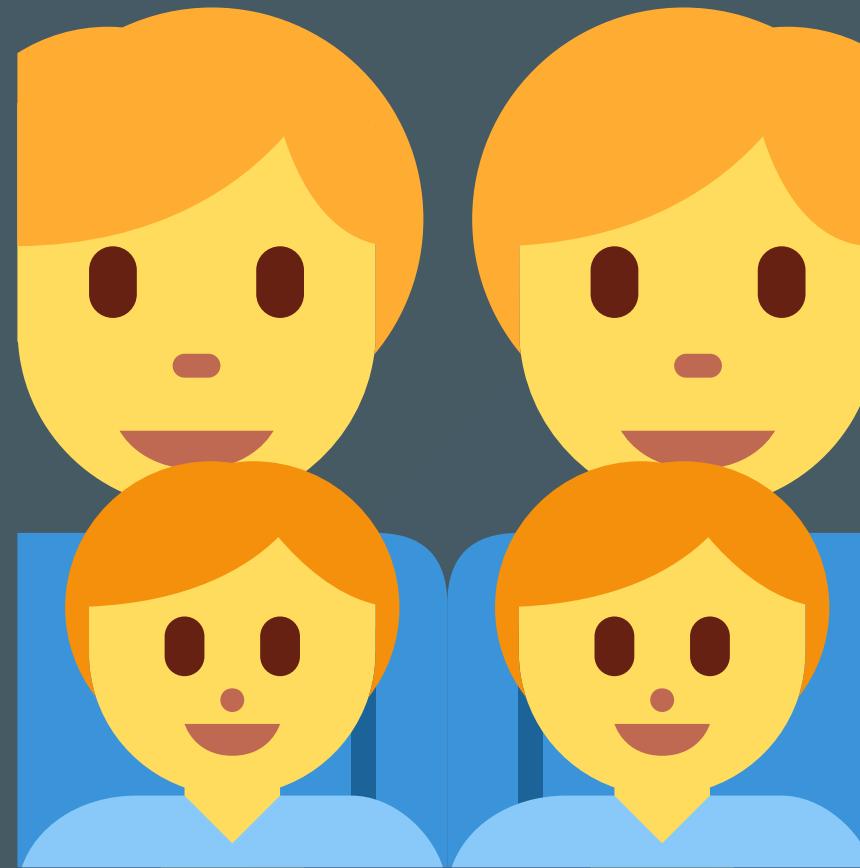
Daily!?





easy





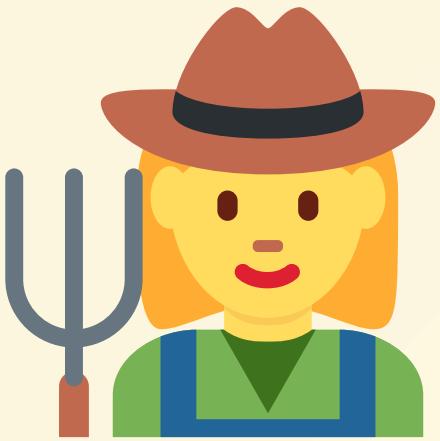




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- **esynergy - Digital Transformation Consultant**
- **Crown Prosecution Service (UK gov) - Consultant**
- **Opensource**











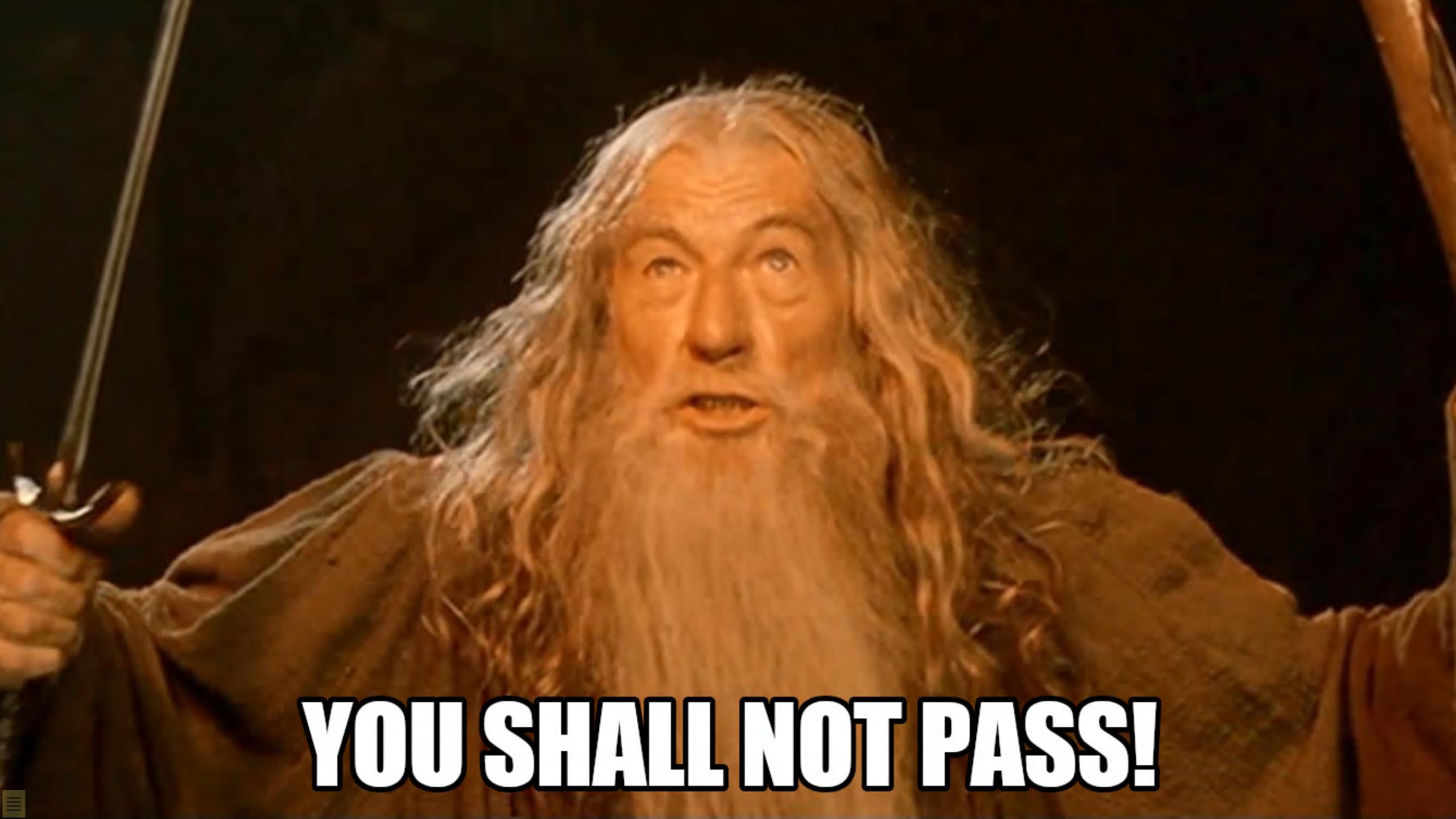
**DANGER**  
**WRONG WAY**  
**TURN BACK**

# policy

noun [ C ]

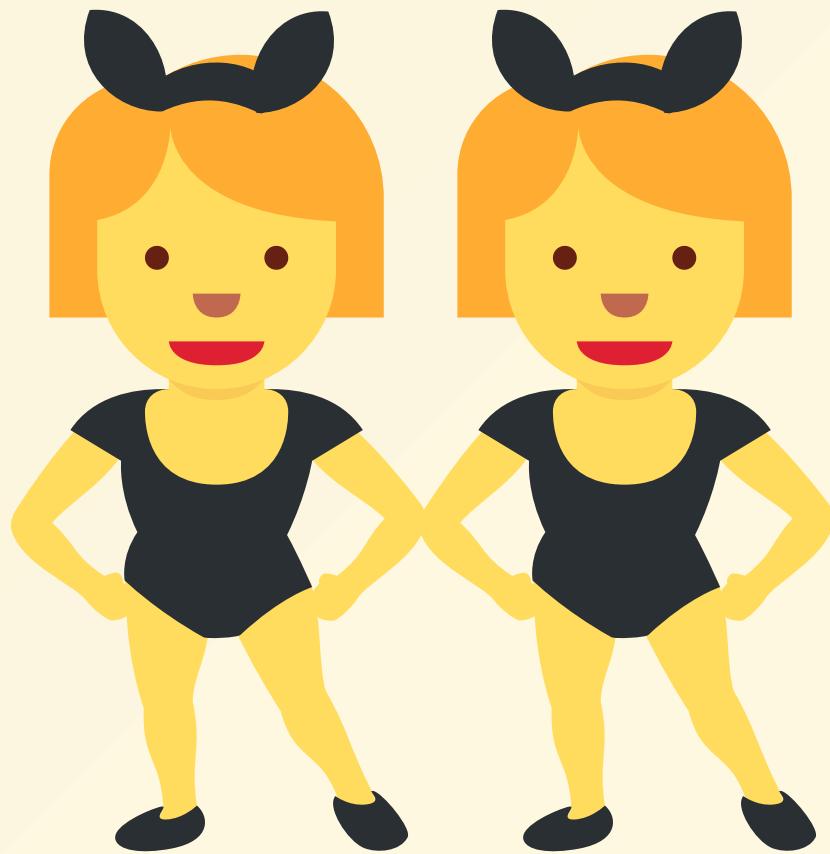
UK /'pɒl.ə.si/ US /'pa:.lə.si/

a set of ideas or a plan of what to do in particular situations that has been agreed to officially by a group of people, a business organization, a government, or a political party

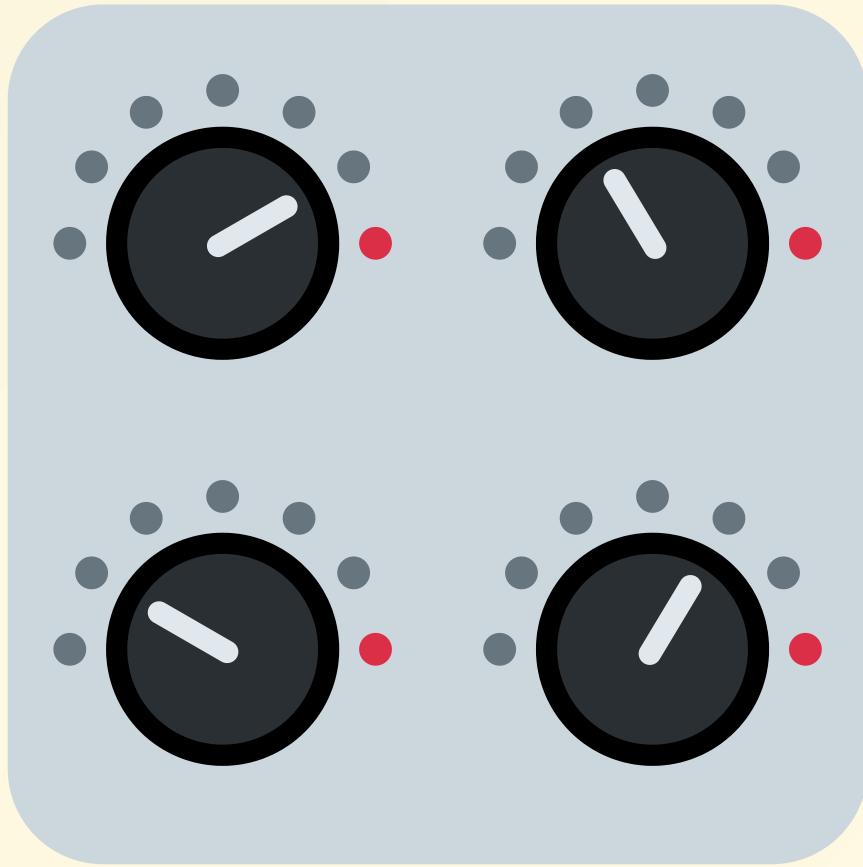


**YOU SHALL NOT PASS!**



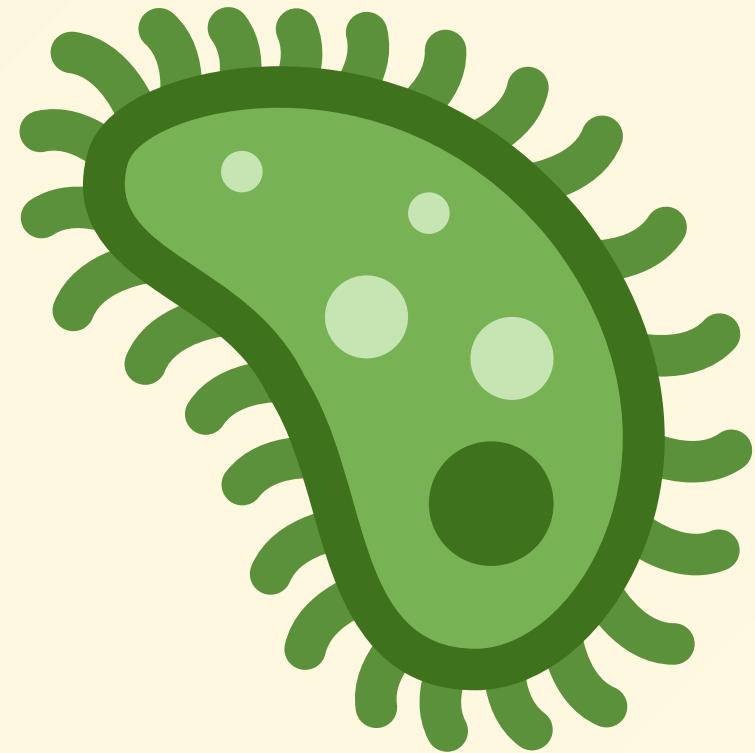














Policy, as <code/> ?

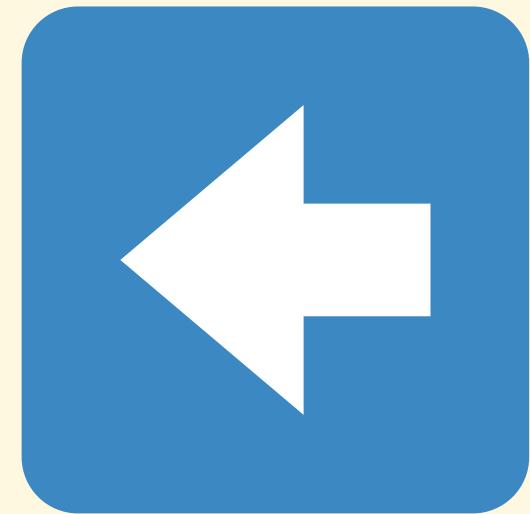
**Admission Control** | **Anchore** |  
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SHIFT?





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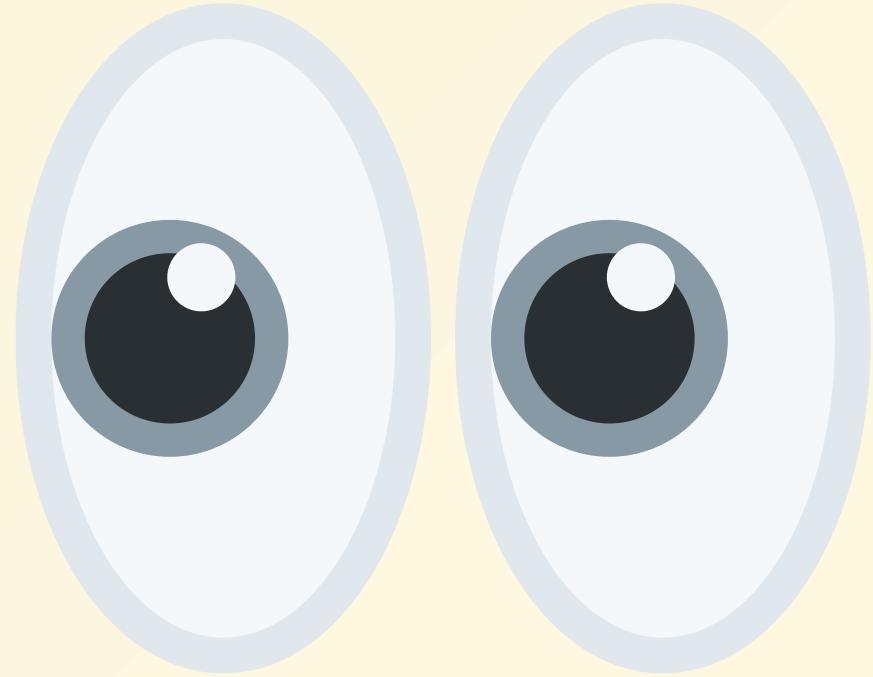






But, we just provide

warn ings not error s?



*jenkins*

gitops







**(easily:)**

- **visible**
- **communicable**
- **consumable**
- **testable**
- **usable**
- **updatable**
- **measurable**



NOTHING  
NEW UNDER  
THE SUN





git

>= inner source

# open source?

**(easily:)**

- **visible** ✓
- **communicable**
- **consumable**
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- **updatable**
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# semver

(semantic versioning)

**1.20.300**

**Breaking change**

2.20.300

Breaking change

2.20.300

Minor change

2.21.300

Minor change

2.21.300

Patch change

2.21.301

Patch change

**(easily:)**

- **visible** ✓
- **communicable** ✓
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```
sudo apt-get install coffee
```

```
npm install --save-dev eslint
```

# (easily:)

- **visible** ✓
- **communicable** ✓
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# unit testing

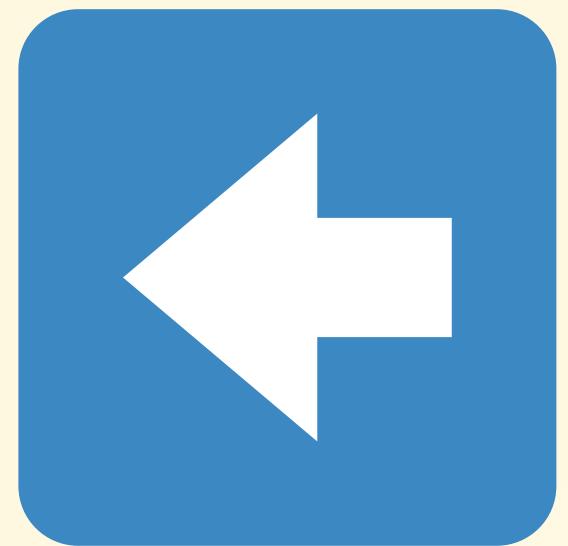
**no really...**

# (easily:)

- **visible** ✓
- **communicable** ✓
- **consumable** ✓
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**SHIFT**



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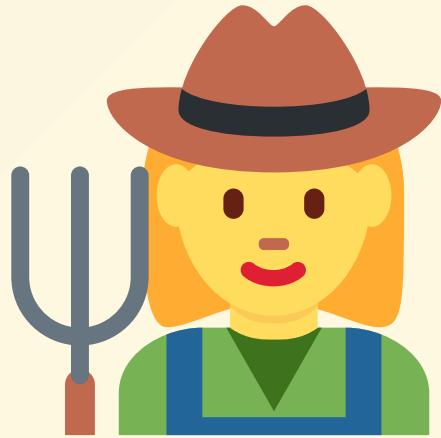
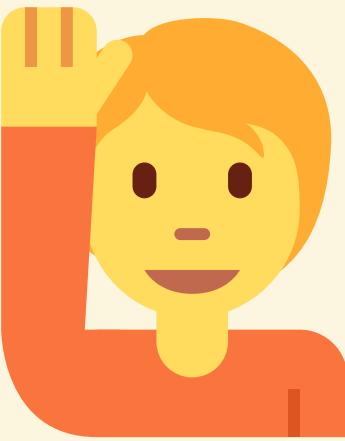
**bonus[able]: reliable**

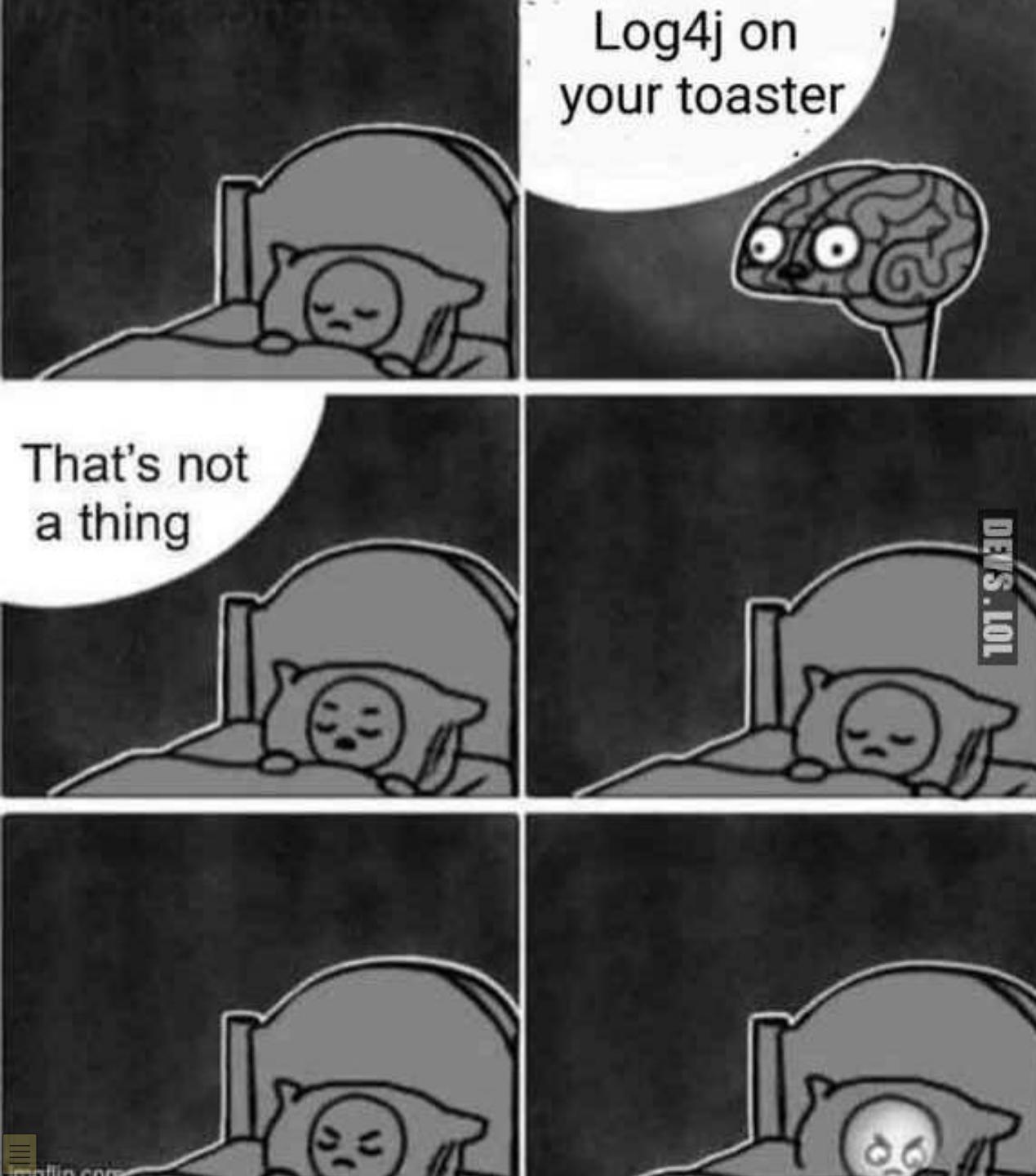


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- **communicable** ✓
- **consumable** ✓
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- **updatable** ✓
- **measurable**







**CVE-2021-44228**

# CVE-2021-45046

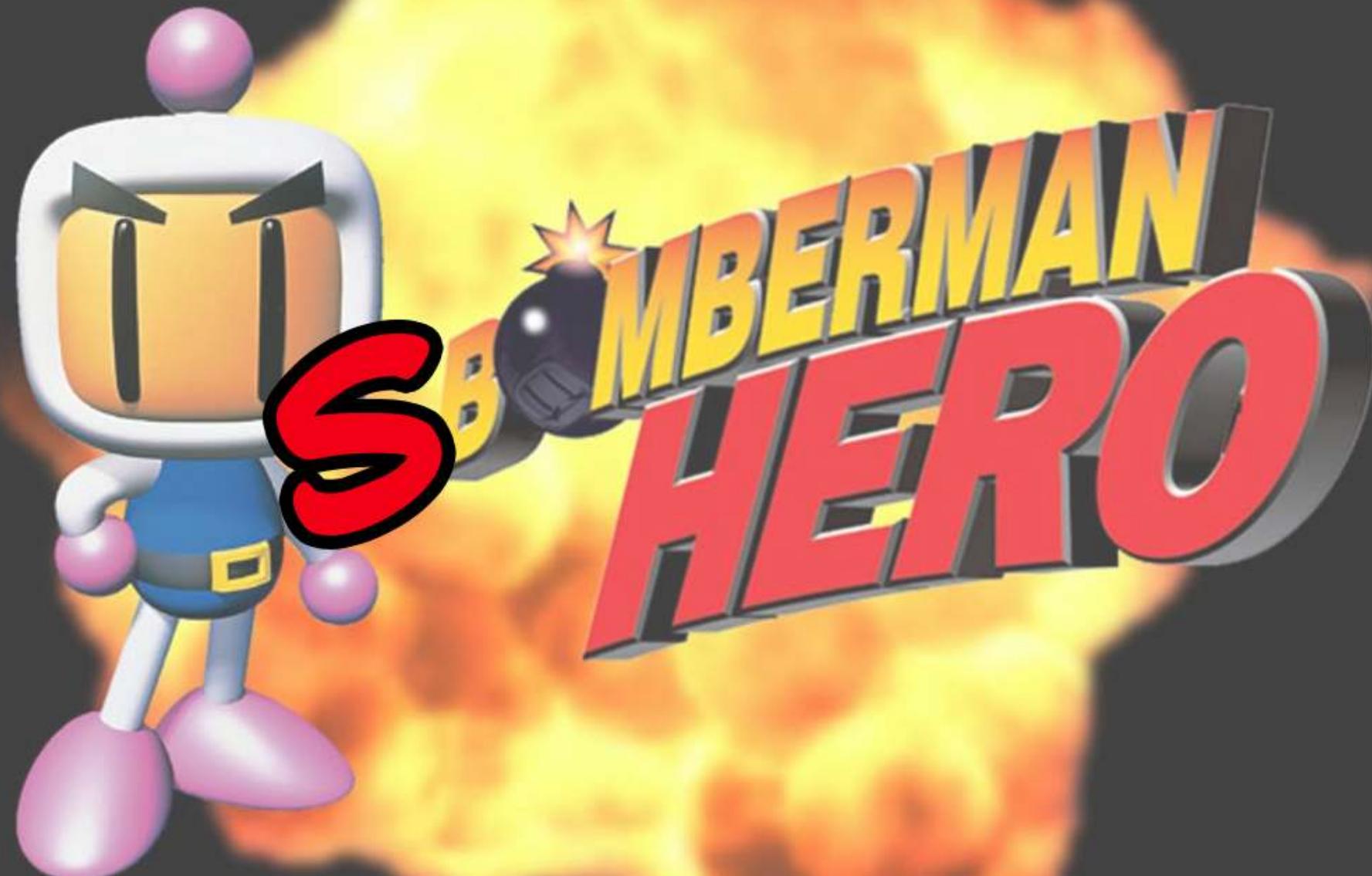




CVE-2021-45105







(easily:)

- visible ✓
- communicable ✓
- consumable ✓
- testable ✓
- usable ✓
- updatable ✓
- measurable ✓





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- Here is where your presentation begins

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# terraform + k8s





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# github.com/policy-as-versioned-code



## Policy as Versioned Code demo

📍 United Kingdom

✉️ chris@cns.me.uk

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Projects

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People



# policy-as-versioned-code/policy

Public

Company Policy

Releases 4

v2.1.1 Latest

18 hours ago

+ 3 releases

## Policy as [versioned] code

This repo contains the company policy that has been codified into [kyverno](#) and [checkov](#) policies.

# v1.0.0 policy

```
# checkov terraform
metadata:
  name: >-
    Check that all resources are tagged with
    the key - department"
  id: "CUSTOM_AWS_1"
  category: "CONVENTION"
scope:
  provider: aws
definition:
  and:
    - cond_type: "attribute"
      resource_types: "all"
      attribute: "tags.mycompany.com.department"
      operator: "exists"
```

```
# kyverno kubernetes
apiVersion: kyverno.io/v1
kind: ClusterPolicy
metadata:
  name: require-department-label
  annotations:
    policies.kyverno.io/title: Require Department Label
    policies.kyverno.io/category: Example Org Policy
    policies.kyverno.io/description: >-
      It is important we know the department that resources
      belong to, so you need to define a 'mycompany.com/department'
      label on all your resources.
  pod-policies.kyverno.io/autogen-controllers: none
spec:
  validationFailureAction: enforce
  background: false
  rules:
    - name: require-department-label
      validate:
        message: >-
          The label `mycompany.com/department` is
          required.
      pattern:
        metadata:
          labels:
            "mycompany.com/department": "?*"
```

# v1.0.0 policy tests

```
// fail0.tf
resource "aws_s3_bucket" "b" {
  bucket = "my-tf-test-bucket"
}
---

// pass0.tf
resource "aws_s3_bucket" "b" {
  bucket = "my-tf-test-bucket"
  tags = {
    mycompany.com.department = "finance"
  }
}
```

```
# fail0.yaml
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  name: require-department-label-fail0
spec: ...
---

# pass0.yaml
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  name: require-department-label-pass0
  labels:
    mycompany.com/department: finance
spec: ...
```

# V1.0.0 Initial Policy Release

 chrisns released this 20 hours ago

· 8 commits to main since this release

 1.0.0 

 9b360cb 

## What's Changed

Initial release of policy

All resources require a label (Kubernetes) or tag (terraform) of mycompany.com/department to be set

Full Changelog: <https://github.com/policy-as-versioned-code/policy/commits/v1.0.0>

## ▼ Assets 2

 [Source code \(zip\)](#)

 [Source code \(tar.gz\)](#)



Commit signature



1.0.0



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This tag was signed with the committer's **verified signature**.



chrisns

Chris Nesbitt-Smith

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GPG key ID: 0D8BDD6393601BA9

[Learn about vigilant mode.](#)

# v2.0.0 policy

```
# checkov terraform
metadata:
  name: >-
    Check that all resources are tagged with the key - department"
  id: "CUSTOM_AWS_1"
  category: "CONVENTION"
scope:
  provider: aws
definition:
  or:
    - cond_type: "attribute"
      resource_types: "all"
      attribute: "tags.mycompany.com.department"
      operator: "equals"
      value: hr
    - cond_type: "attribute"
      resource_types: "all"
      attribute: "tags.mycompany.com.department"
      operator: "equals"
      value: accounts
```

```
# kyverno kubernetes
apiVersion: kyverno.io/v1
kind: ClusterPolicy
metadata:
  name: require-department-label
  annotations:
    policies.kyverno.io/title: Require Department Label
    policies.kyverno.io/category: Example Org Policy
    policies.kyverno.io/description: >-
      It is important we know the department that resources
      belong to, so you need to define a 'mycompany.com/department'
      label on all your resources.
  pod-policies.kyverno.io/autogen-controllers: none
spec:
  validationFailureAction: enforce
  background: false
  rules:
    - name: require-department-label
      validate:
        message: >-
          The label `mycompany.com/department` is required to be one
          of [accounts|hr]"
      pattern:
        metadata:
          labels:
            "mycompany.com/department": "accounts|hr"
```

# v2.1.0 policy

```
# checkov terraform
metadata:
  name: >-
    Check that all resources are tagged with the key - department"
  id: "CUSTOM_AWS_1"
  category: "CONVENTION"
scope:
  provider: aws
definition:
  or:
    - cond_type: "attribute"
      resource_types: "all"
      attribute: "tags.mycompany.com.department"
      operator: "equals"
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  pod-policies.kyverno.io/autogen-controllers: none
spec:
  validationFailureAction: enforce
  background: false
  rules:
    - name: require-department-label
      validate:
        message: >-
          The label `mycompany.com/department` is required to be one
          of [accounts|hr]"
      pattern:
        metadata:
          labels:
            "mycompany.com/department": "accounts|hr"
```

# v2.1.1 policy

```
# checkov terraform
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    the key - department"
  id: "CUSTOM_AWS_1"
  category: "CONVENTION"
scope:
  provider: aws
definition:
  or:
    - cond_type: "attribute"
      resource_types: "all"
      attribute: "tags.mycompany.com.department"
      operator: "equals"
      value: hr
    - cond_type: "attribute"
      resource_types: "all"
      attribute: "tags.mycompany.com.department"
      operator: "equals"
      value: accounts
    - cond_type: "attribute"
      resource_types: "all"
      attribute: "tags.mycompany.com.department"
      operator: "equals"
      value: tech
```

```
# kyverno kubernetes
apiVersion: kyverno.io/v1
kind: ClusterPolicy
metadata:
  name: require-department-label
  annotations:
    policies.kyverno.io/title: Require Department Label
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spec:
  validationFailureAction: enforce
  background: false
  rules:
    - name: require-department-label
      validate:
        message: >-
          The label `mycompany.com/department` is required to be one
          of [tech|accounts|hr]"
      pattern:
        metadata:
          labels:
            "mycompany.com/department": "tech|accounts|hr"
```

# app1 (k8s) | infra1 (tf)

1.0.0	2.0.0	2.1.0	2.1.1
			

```
$schema: "https://docs.renovatebot.com/renovate-schema.json",
labels: ["policy"],
regexManagers: [
  {
    fileMatch: ["kustomization.yaml"],
    matchStrings: ['mycompany.com/policy-version: "(?<currentValue>.*)"\\s+' ],
    datasourceTemplate: "github-tags",
    depNameTemplate: "policy",
    packageNameTemplate: "policy-as-versioned-code/policy",
    versioningTemplate: "semver",
  },
  {
    fileMatch: [".*tf$"],
    matchStrings: [
      '#\\s*renovate:\\s*policy?\\s*default = "(?<currentValue>.*)"\\s',
    ],
    datasourceTemplate: "github-tags",
    depNameTemplate: "policy",
    lookupNameTemplate: "policy-as-versioned-code/policy",
    versioningTemplate: "semver",
  }
],
```

# Update dependency policy to v2 #10

Edit [Code](#)

[Open](#) renovate wants to merge 1 commit into [main](#) from [renovate/policy-2.x](#) [View](#)

Conversation 0

Commits 1

Checks 2

Files changed 1

+1 -1



renovate bot commented 29 minutes ago



...

 WhiteSource  Renovate

This PR contains the following updates:

Package	Update	Change
policy	major	1.0.0 → 2.1.1

## Release Notes

[▼ policy-as-versioned-code/policy](#)

### v2.1.1

[Compare Source](#)

## What's Changed

- add sales department as available option of departments by @chrisns in <https://github.com/policy-as-versioned-code/policy/pull/7>

[Full Changelog: policy-as-versioned-code/policy@ v2.1.0...v2.1.1](#)

### v2.1.1

[Compare Source](#)

### v2.1.0

Reviewers

Suggestions

 chrisns

Request

Still in progress? Convert to draft

Assignees

No one—assign yourself

Labels

policy

Projects

None yet

Milestone

No milestone

Development

Successfully merging this pull request may close these issues.

None yet

Notifications

Customize

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You're not receiving notifications from this thread.

## policy

failed 29 minutes ago in 43s

Q Search logs



```
/home/runner/work/_temp/_runner_file_commands":"/github/file_commands" -v
"/home/runner/work/app1/app1":"/github/workspace" ghcr.io/policy-as-versioned-code/policy-
checker:latest
3 Found kustomization.yaml
4 Checking policy version...
5 Policy version: 2.1.1
6 Fetching Policy...
7 Policy fetched.
8 Running policy checker...
9
10 Applying 2 policies to 1 resource...
11 (Total number of result count may vary as the policy is mutated by Kyverno. To check the mutated
   policy please try with log level 5)
12
13 policy require-known-department-label -> resource default/Deployment/app1 failed:
14 1. require-known-department-label: validation error: The label `mycompany.com/department` is
   required to be one of [tech|accounts|servicedesk|hr|sales]. Rule require-known-department-label
   failed at path /metadata/labels/mycompany.com/department/
15
16 pass: 1, fail: 1, warn: 0, error: 0, skip: 0
```



4 Open



3 Closed

**policy-as-versioned-code/infra1 Update dependency policy to v2**

policy

#8 opened 7 minutes ago by renovate bot

**policy-as-versioned-code/infra2 Update dependency policy to v2.1.1**

policy

#8 opened 7 minutes ago by renovate bot

**policy-as-versioned-code/app2 Update dependency policy to v2.1.1**

policy

#6 opened 23 minutes ago by renovate bot

**policy-as-versioned-code/app1 Update dependency policy to v2**

policy

#10 opened 25 minutes ago by renovate bot

# app2(k8s) | infra2(tf)

1.0.0	2.0.0	2.1.0	2.1.1
-			



**All checks have passed**

2 successful checks



**This branch has no conflicts with the base branch**

Merging can be performed automatically.

Squash and merge ▾

You can also [open this in GitHub Desktop](#)

# app3 (k8s) | infra3 (tf)

1.0.0	2.0.0	2.1.0	2.1.1
-	-	-	



```
#!/bin/bash
```

1 main · 1 branch · 0 tags

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## About

Tool that can be used locally and in CI to check for compliance with policy.

renovate-bot and renovate[bot] Update ghcr.io/kyverno/kyverno-cli digest t... ✓ 1378349 · 5 hours ago 21 commits

.github Update docker/setup-buildx-action action to v2 17 hours ago

CODE\_OF\_CONDUCT.md Update templated files (#1) 3 days ago

Dockerfile Update ghcr.io/kyverno/kyverno-cli digest to 7f3485b 6 hours ago

README.md added readme 8 hours ago

SECURITY.md Update templated files (#1) 3 days ago

requirements.txt Update dependency checkov to v2.0.1140 yesterday

run.sh remove the v again 17 hours ago

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## Packages

[policy-checker](#)

## Languages

Shell 1.4% Dockerfile 27.8%

## Policy checker

This is a tool that can be used locally and in CI by tooling to determine if the repository is compliant with policy.

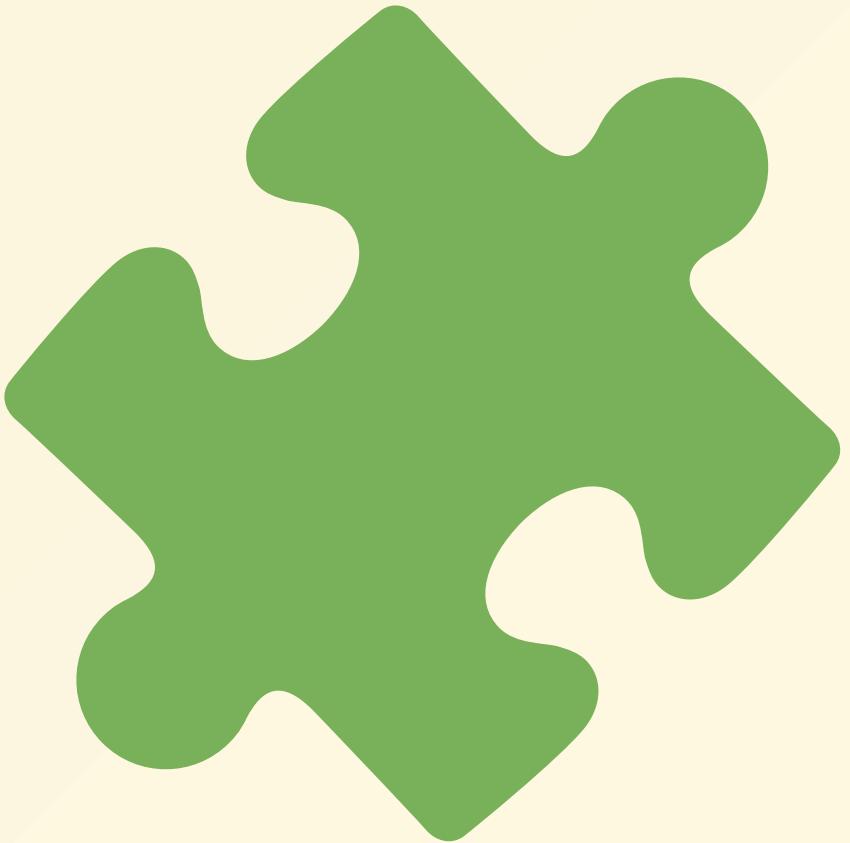
The version of policy is determined by:

- Kubernetes: reads the `kustomization.yaml` file and retrieves the `commonLabels['mycompany.com/policy-version']`
- Terraform: reads the variable `default_value` of `mycompany.com/policy-version`

If theres any `.tf` files it'll check terraform and check Kubernetes if theres a `kustomization.yaml`.

```
$ docker run --rm -ti \  
-v $(pwd):/apps \  
ghcr.io/policy-as-versioned-code/policy-checker  
  
Found kustomization.yaml  
Checking policy version...  
Policy version: 1.0.0  
Fetching Policy...  
Policy fetched.  
Running policy checker...  
  
Applying 1 policy to 1 resource...  
(Total number of result count may vary as the  
policy is mutated by Kyverno. To check the  
mutated policy please try with log level 5)  
  
pass: 1, fail: 0, warn: 0, error: 0, skip: 0
```





# k8s terraform

# many-to-many

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	the-repository-manager[bot] and chrisns Update templated files (#1) ...	✓ e72a36f 7 hours ago	⌚ 3 commits
	.github	Update templated files (#1)	7 hours ago
	CODE_OF_CONDUCT.md	Update templated files (#1)	7 hours ago
	README.md	E2e (#2)	7 hours ago
	SECURITY.md	Update templated files (#1)	7 hours ago

[README.md](#)

## All versions of policy co-existing on a single Kubernetes Cluster

### Demo

```
# Create a cluster
$ kind create cluster
Creating cluster "kind" ...
✓ Ensuring node image (kindest/node:v1.23.4) [green]
✗ Preparing nodes [red]
✗ Writing configuration [red]
✗ Starting control-plane [red]
```

main · 1 branch · 0 tags

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chrisns cluster2

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.github

cluster2

4 minutes ago

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## >=2.0.0 versions of policy co-existing on a single Kubernetes Cluster

**Demo**

```
# Create a cluster
$ kind create cluster
Creating cluster "kind" ...
✓ Ensuring node image (kindest/node:v1.23.4) 
✓ Preparing nodes 
✓ Writing configuration 
✓ Starting control-plane 
```

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### Update templated files (#1)

CI #7

#### deploy

succeeded 1 hour ago in 2x 5s

- > [Setup job](#)
- > [Run actions/checkout@v2541bf294d2704b39e4813337133b291e3t8596c](#)
- > [Run container-tools/kind-action@f0fd7e7Mb39e532f5da844dba8f1a29ae7a075](#)
- > [Install kyverno](#)
- > [Wait for kyverno to be installed](#)

#### Apply Policy

- > Run kubectl apply -k "github.com/policy-as-versioned-code/policy/kubernetes/kyverno?ref=1.0.8"
  - clusterpolicy.kyverno.io/require-department-label-1.0.8 created
  - clusterpolicy.kyverno.io/require-department-label-2.0.8 created
  - clusterpolicy.kyverno.io/require-known-department-label-2.0.8 created
  - clusterpolicy.kyverno.io/require-department-label-2.1.8 created
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  - clusterpolicy.kyverno.io/require-department-label-2.1.1 created
  - clusterpolicy.kyverno.io/require-known-department-label-2.1.1 created

#### Wait for policy to be available

#### Deploy apps

- > kubectl apply -k "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/policy-as-versioned-code/app1/deployment.apps/app1.yaml"
  - deployment.apps/app1 created
  - deployment.apps/app1 updated
  - deployment.apps/app1 created

#### Check all apps are deployed

#### Post Run container-tools/kind-action@f0fd7e7Mb39e532f5da844dba8f1a29ae7a075

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succeeded 8 minutes and 10 seconds

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#### Wait for policy to be available

#### Deploy apps

- > Run kubectl apply -k "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/policy-as-versioned-code/app2/deployment.apps/app2.yaml"
  - deployment.apps/app2 created
  - deployment.apps/app2 created

#### Check all apps are deployed

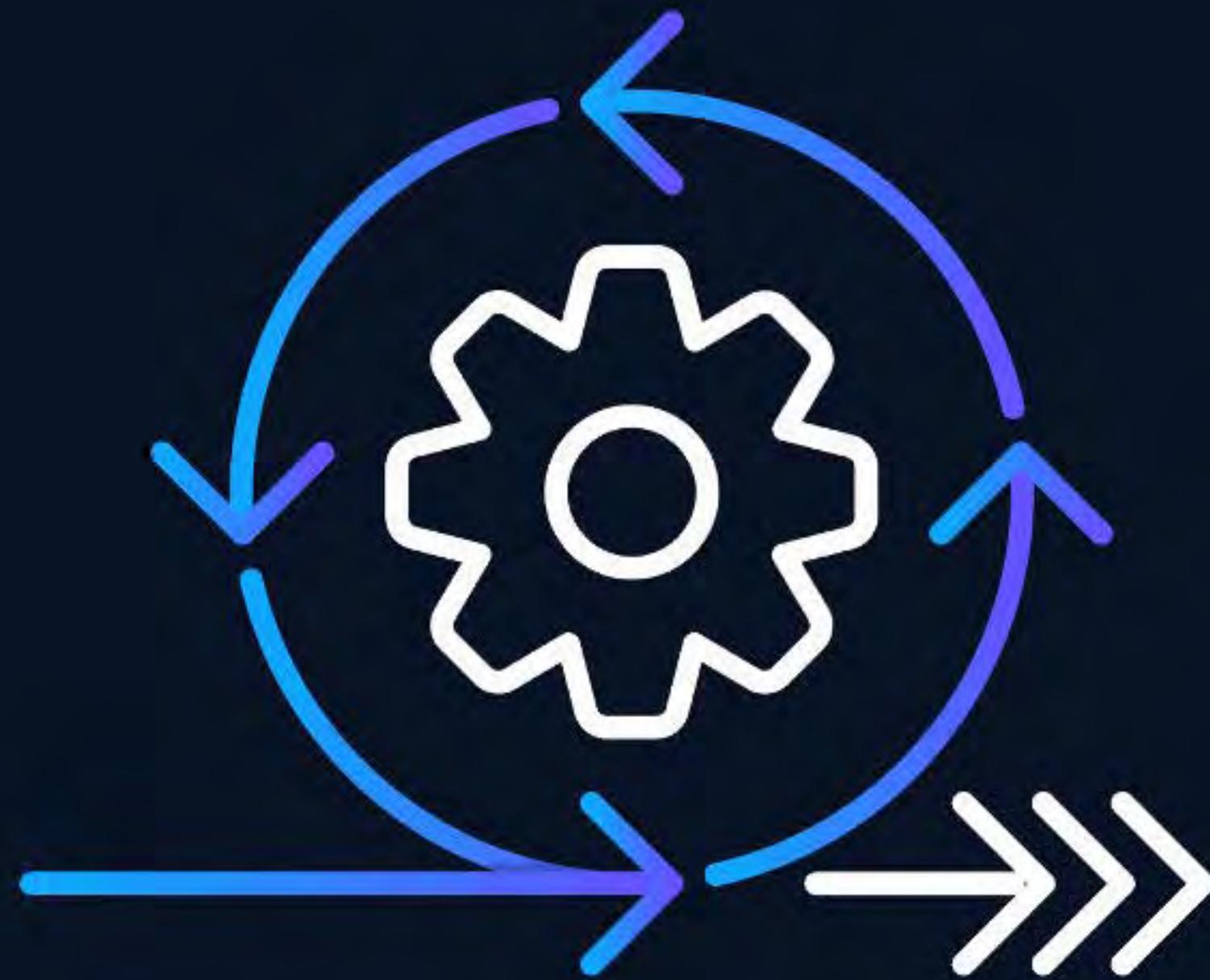
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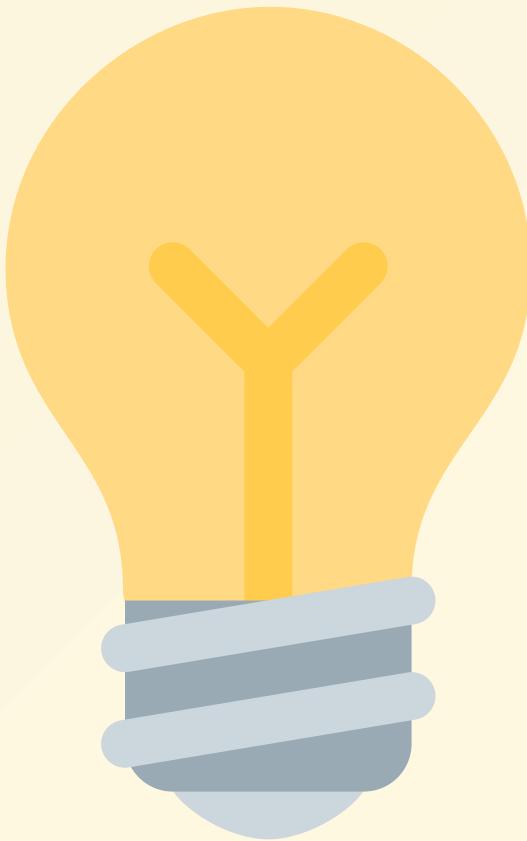
#### Complete job























Purposeless policy  
is potentially  
practically  
pointless policy.

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- [github.com/policy-as-versioned-code](http://github.com/policy-as-versioned-code)
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