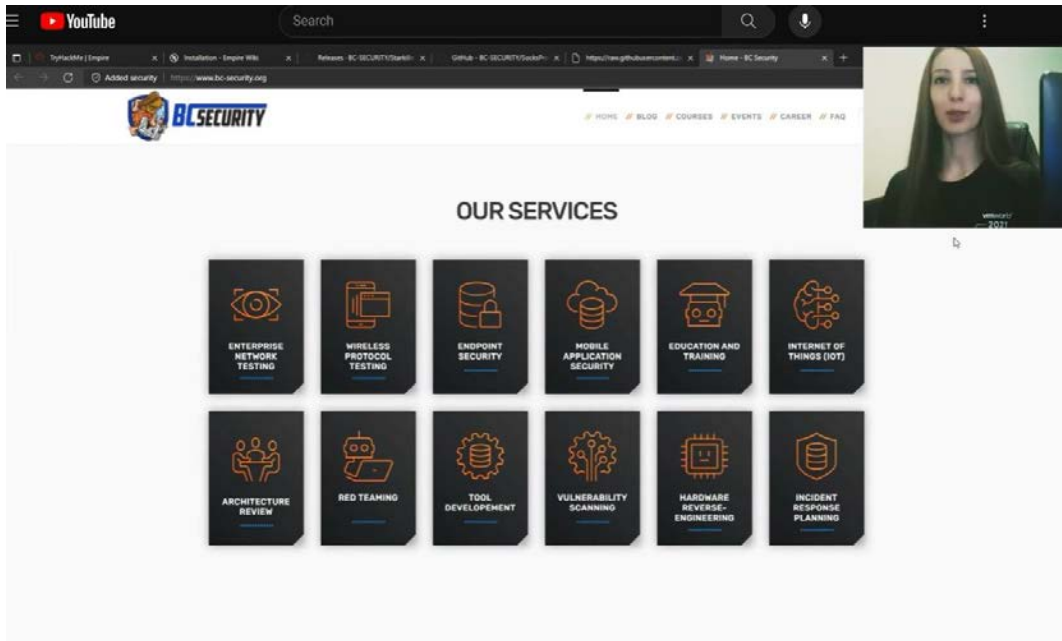




Runtime Kubernetes Security: Hands-On Threat Detection with Falcosidekick

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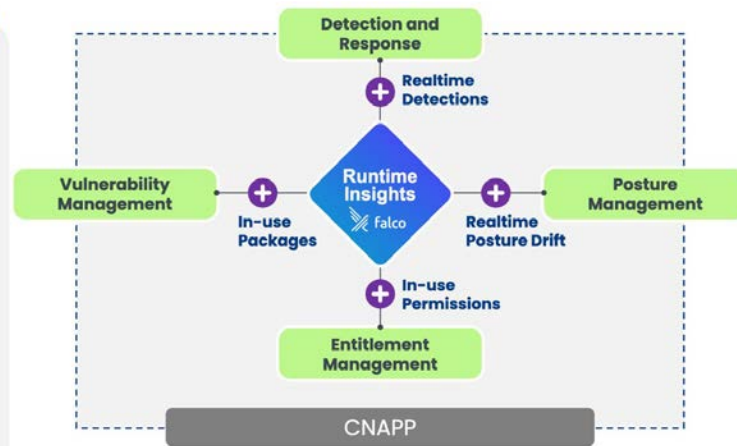
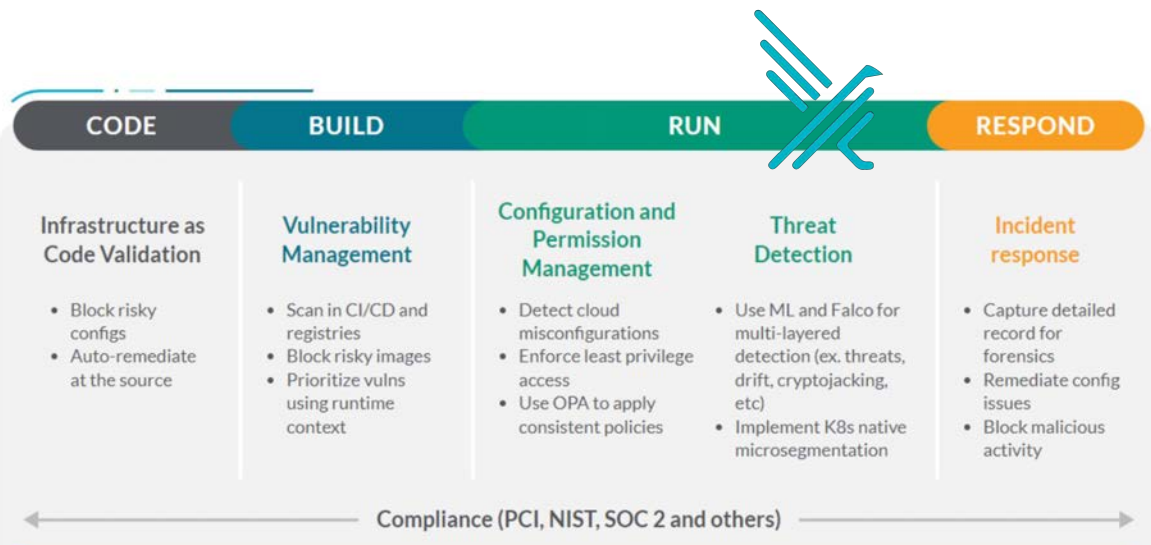
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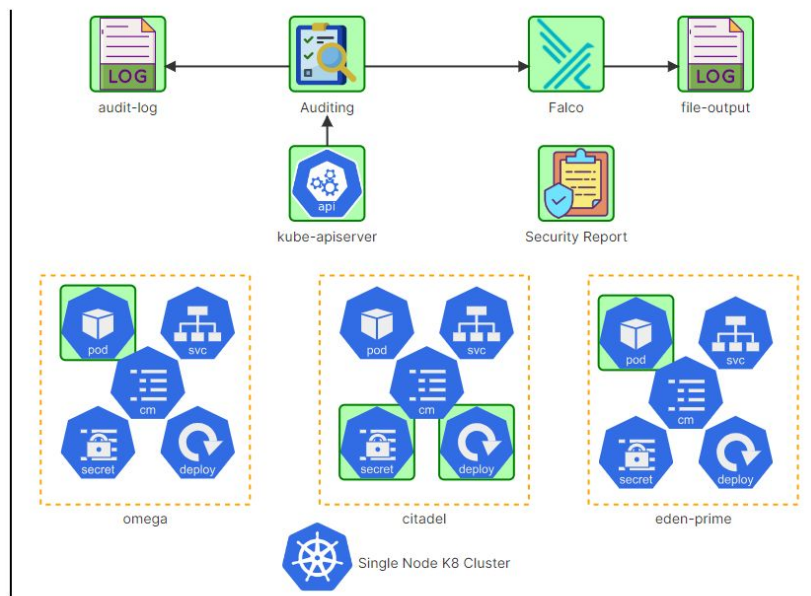
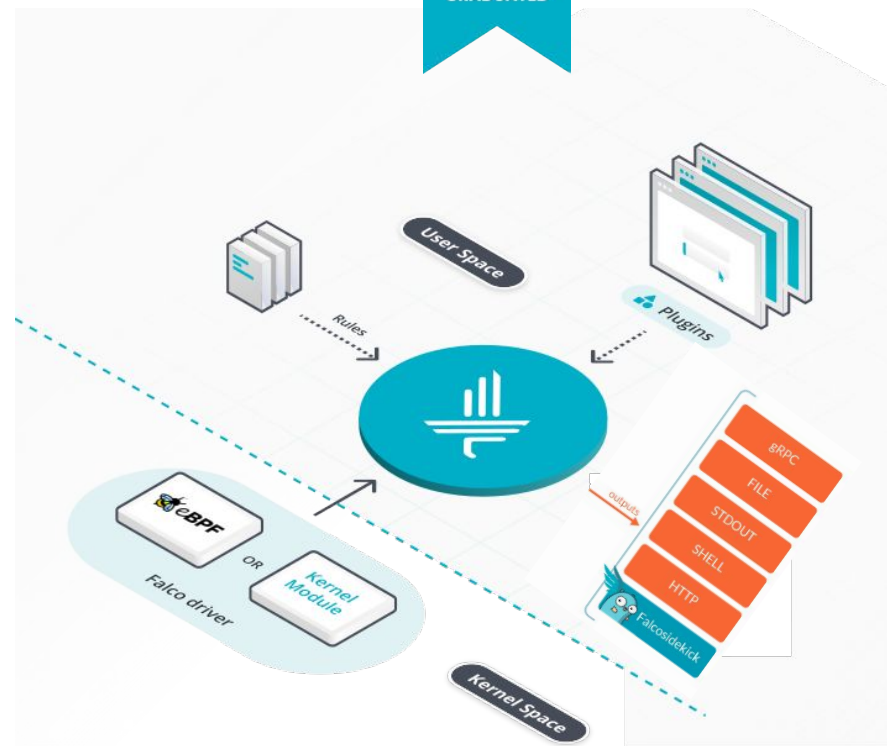
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```

controlplane $ kubectl logs -f --tail=0 -n falco -c falco -l app.kubernetes.io/name=falco | grep 'Potentially malicious Python script'
18:51:00.000847841: Warning Potentially malicious Python script encoded on command line (proc.cmdline=bash -c filename='/etc/rc.common';if [ ! -f $filename ];then sudo touch $filename;else sudo cp $filename /etc/rc.common.o
riginal;fi; printf '%s\n' '#!/bin/bash' | sudo tee /etc/rc.common; echo 'python3 -c \"import os, base64;exec(base64.b64decode('ak1wb3J0IG9zCm9zLnBvcGVuKCd1Y2hvIGF0b21pYyB0ZXN0IGZvcjBtb2RpZnlpbmN0cmMuY29tbW9uID4gI3RtcC9UMTA
zNy4wMDQucmMuY29tbW9uJyJkK'))\" | sudo tee -a /etc/rc.common; printf '%s\n' 'exit 0' | sudo tee -a /etc/rc.common; sudo chmod +x /etc/rc.common user.name=root proc.name=bash proc.pname=Pipeline evt.type=execve gparent=bash
gparent=containerd-shim gparent=systemd evt.res=SUCCESS container_id=125a9adb5cfd container.name=atomicred file=<NA> k8s.ns=atomic-red k8s.pod=atomicred-6f75785845-7bzv container=125a9adb5cfd
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controlplane $ kubectl logs -f --tail=0 -n falco -c falco -l app.kubernetes.io/name=falco | grep 'Log files were tampered'
18:56:39.923179011: Warning Log files were tampered (user=root user_loginuid=-1 command=sh -c cat /dev/null > /var/log/messages #truncating the file to zero bytes; cat /dev/zero > /var/log/messages #log file filled with nul
l bytes(zeros) pid=53507 file=/var/log/messages container_id=125a9adb5cfd image=docker.io/issif/atomic-red k8s.ns=atomic-red k8s.pod=atomicred-6f75785845-7bzv container=125a9adb5cfd
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controlplane $ kubectl logs -f --tail=0 -n falco -c falco -l app.kubernetes.io/name=falco | grep 'Linux Kernel Module injection from container detected'
18:57:46.301361064: Warning Linux Kernel Module injection from container detected (user=root uid=0 user_loginuid=-1 process_name=insmod parent_process_name=sudo parent_exe=/usr/bin/sudo sh /usr/bin/sh module=/root/Atomi
cRedTeam/atomics/T1014/bin/T1014.ko k8s.ns=atomic-red k8s.pod=atomicred-6f75785845-7bzv container=125a9adb5cfd image=docker.io/issif/atomic-red:latest res=<NA> syscall=fini_module)

```

Falco



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Task

There are a number of Kubernetes objects created inside the `omega`, `citadel` and `eden-prime` namespaces. However, several suspicious/abnormal operations have been observed in these namespaces.

For example, in the `citadel` namespace, the application called `webapp-color` is constantly changing! You can see this for yourself by clicking on the [citadel-webapp](#) link and refreshing the page every 30 seconds. Similarly there are other issues with several other objects in other namespaces.

To understand what's causing these anomalies, you would be required to configure `auditing` in Kubernetes and make use of the `Falco` tool.

Inspect the issues in detail by clicking on the icons of the interactive architecture diagram on the right and complete the tasks to secure the cluster. Once done click on the `check` button to validate your work.

Check



Falco Rules

Falco

Type: **rule**

Priority: **WARNING**

Source: **syscalls**

Maturity: **stable**

Status: **enabled**

Show 100 entries

| Type | Priority | Source | Name | File |
|------|----------|----------|---|------------------|
| rule | WARNING | syscalls | Clear Log Activities | falco_rules.yaml |
| rule | WARNING | syscalls | Create Hardlink Over Sensitive Files | falco_rules.yaml |
| rule | WARNING | syscalls | Create Symlink Over Sensitive Files | falco_rules.yaml |
| rule | WARNING | syscalls | Debugs Launched in Privileged Container | falco_rules.yaml |
| rule | WARNING | syscalls | Directory traversal monitored file read | falco_rules.yaml |
| rule | WARNING | syscalls | Execution from /dev/shm | falco_rules.yaml |
| rule | WARNING | syscalls | Find AWS Credentials | falco_rules.yaml |
| rule | WARNING | syscalls | Linux Kernel Module Injection Detected | falco_rules.yaml |
| rule | WARNING | syscalls | Netcat Remote Code Execution in Container | falco_rules.yaml |
| rule | WARNING | syscalls | PTTRACE attached to process | falco_rules.yaml |
| rule | WARNING | syscalls | Read sensitive file trusted after startup | falco_rules.yaml |
| rule | WARNING | syscalls | Read sensitive file untrusted | falco_rules.yaml |
| rule | WARNING | syscalls | Remove Bulk Data from Disk | falco_rules.yaml |
| rule | WARNING | syscalls | Search Private Keys or Passwords | falco_rules.yaml |

<https://thomas.labarussias.fr/falco-rules-explorer>

Type: **rule**

Priority: **WARNING**

Name: **Netcat Remote Code Execution in Container**

Desc:

Netcat Program runs inside container that allows remote code execution and may be utilized as a part of a variety of reverse shell payload <https://github.com/swisskyrepo/PayloadsAllTheThings/>. These programs are of higher relevance as they are commonly installed on UNIX-like operating systems. Can fire in combination with the "Redirect STDOUT/STDIN to Network Connection in Container" rule as it utilizes a different evt.type.

Source: **syscalls**

Condition:

```
spawned_process and container and ((proc.name = "nc" and (proc.cmdline contains "-e" or
proc.cmdline contains "-c")) or
(proc.name = "ncat" and (proc.args contains "--sh-exec" or
proc.args contains "--exec" or proc.args contains "-e" or
proc.args contains "-c" or proc.args contains "--lua-exec")))
```

Output:

```
Netcat runs inside container that allows remote code execution (evt.type=SpawnedProcess user=User.name user.uid=User.uid user.loginuid=User.loginuid process=Proc.name proc.exepath=Proc.exepath parent=Proc.pname command=Proc.cmdline terminal=Proc.tty exe_flags=Proc.arg.flags %container.info)
```

Status: **stable**

Status: **enabled**

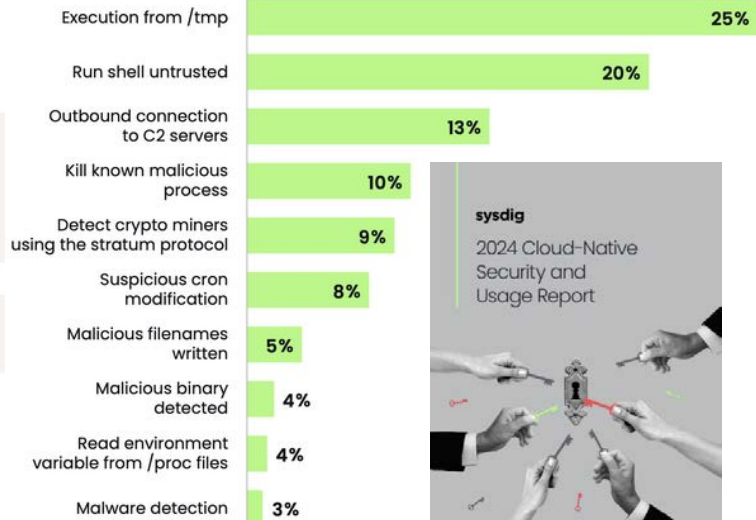
Required engine version: 0.31.0

Tags: **maturity:stable container network process netcat.execution T1059**

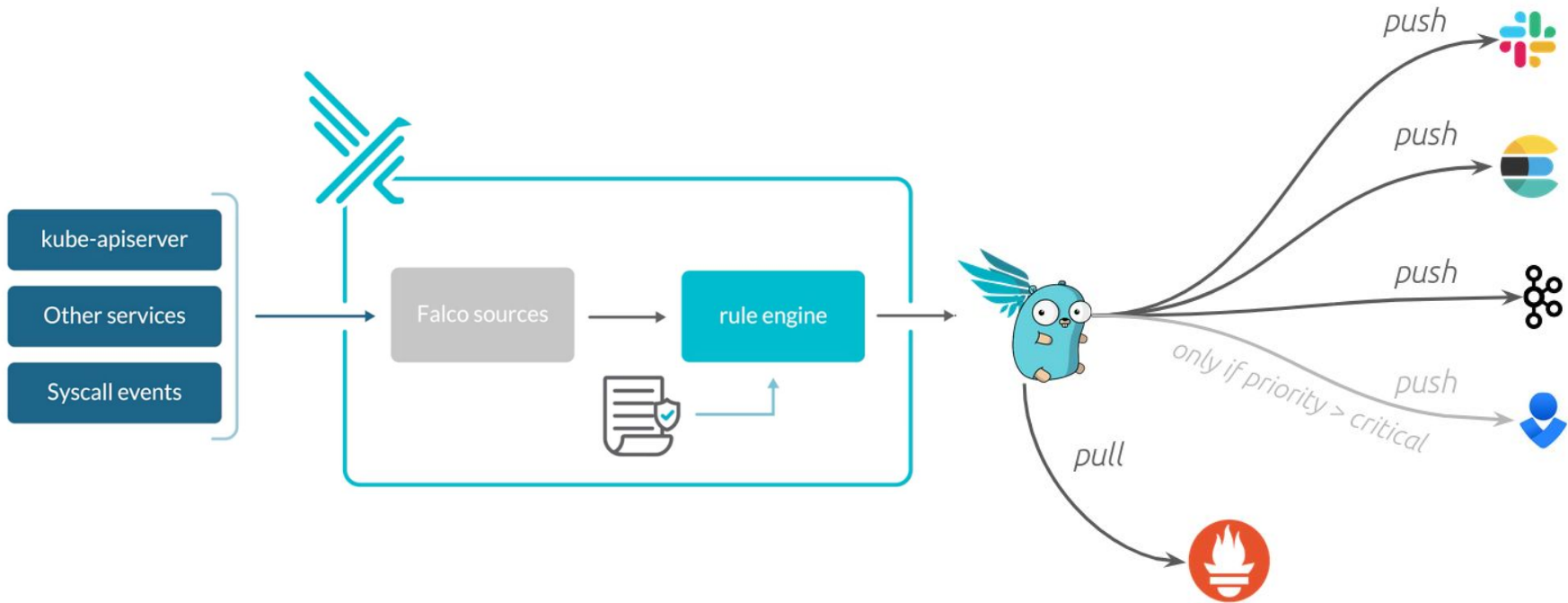
Depends on:

- macro** spawned_process
- macro** container
- macro** spawned_process
- macro** container

Triggered detections



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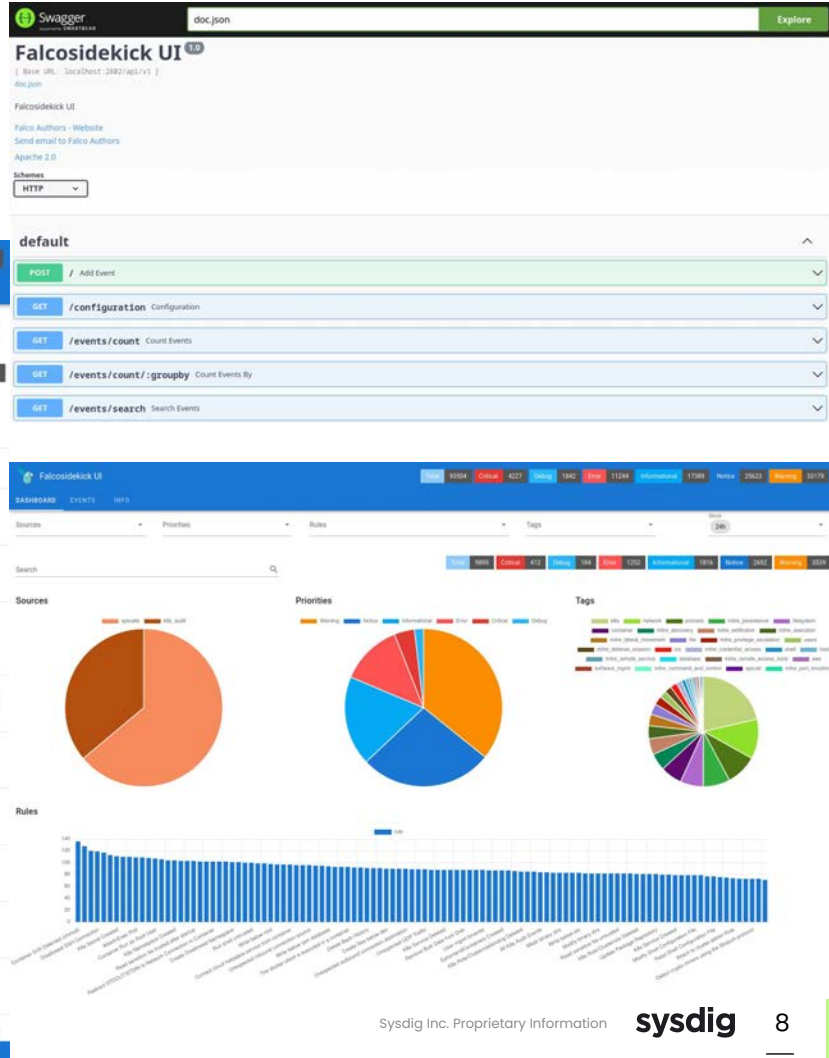
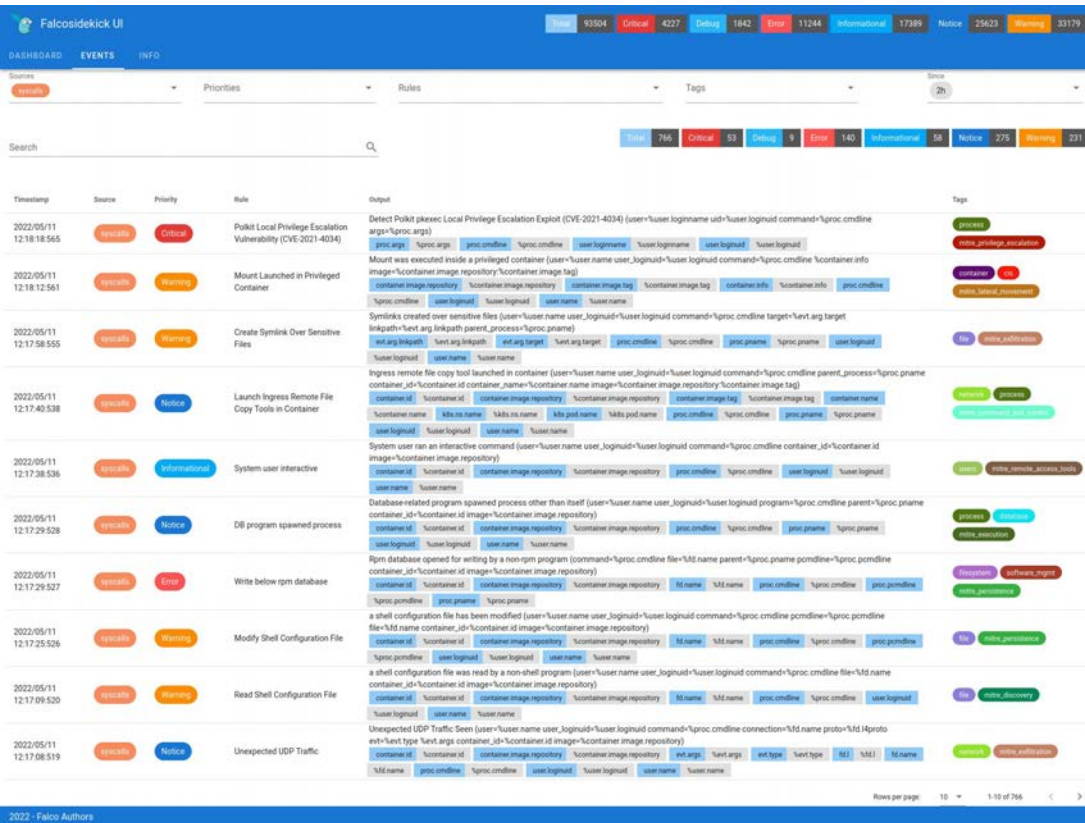


Events

Rules

Alerts

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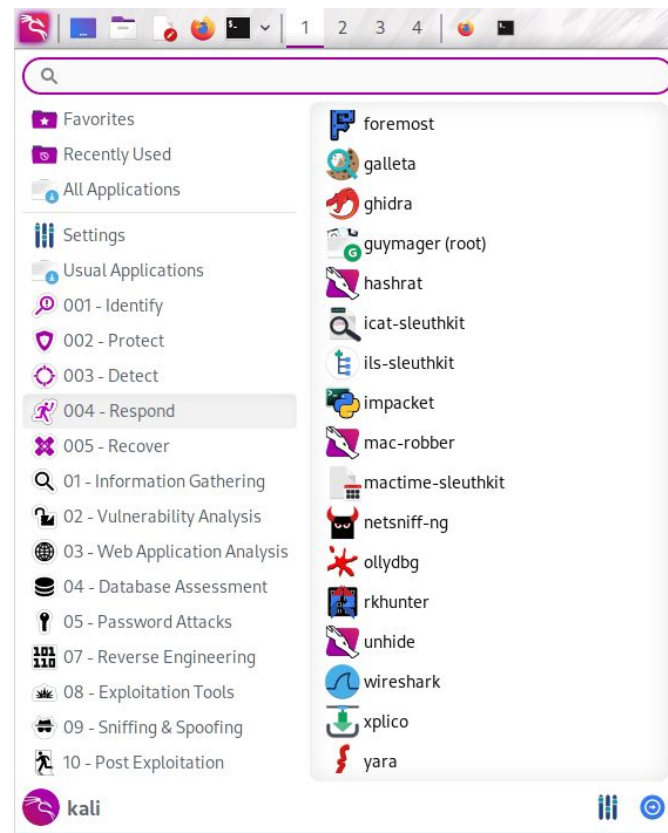
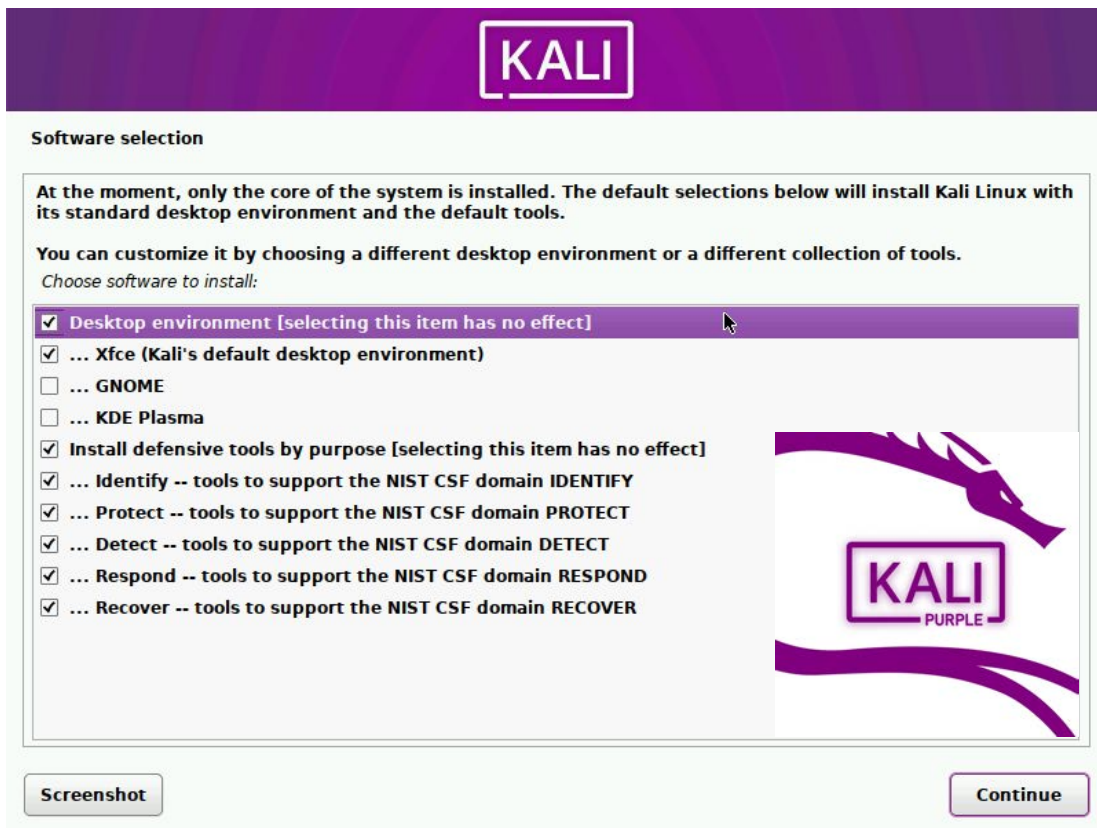
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Kali Purple

Username: sidekick
Password: sidekick

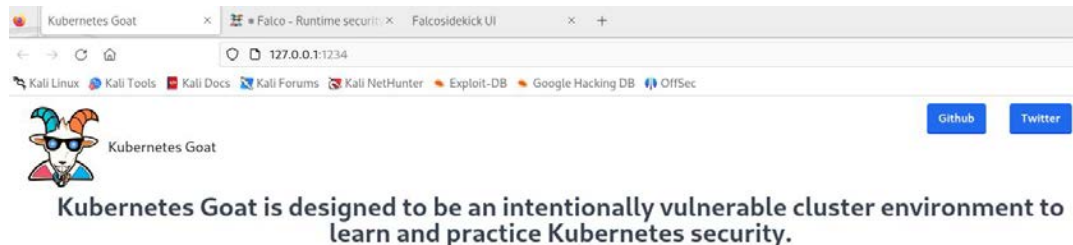


Kubernetes Goat



```
$ kubectl get pods
```

| NAME | READY | STATUS |
|--|-------|-----------|
| batch-check-job-brc55 | 0/1 | Completed |
| build-code-deployment-7cbd74ccdf-j5nz2 | 1/1 | Running |
| health-check-deployment-7cd4d9ccd5-bwrkd | 1/1 | Running |
| hidden-in-layers-qk7sj | 1/1 | Running |
| internal-proxy-deployment-6b897b7658-mcw2v | 2/2 | Running |
| kubernetes-goat-home-deployment-6676b97f8f-vv7gc | 1/1 | Running |
| metadata-db-b686dcff9-m9grt | 1/1 | Running |
| poor-registry-deployment-7d66bf854f-kth5b | 1/1 | Running |
| system-monitor-deployment-669cd6459c-l8dcp | 1/1 | Running |



Analyzing crypto miner container

Kubernetes namespaces bypass

Gaining environment information

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Hidden in layers

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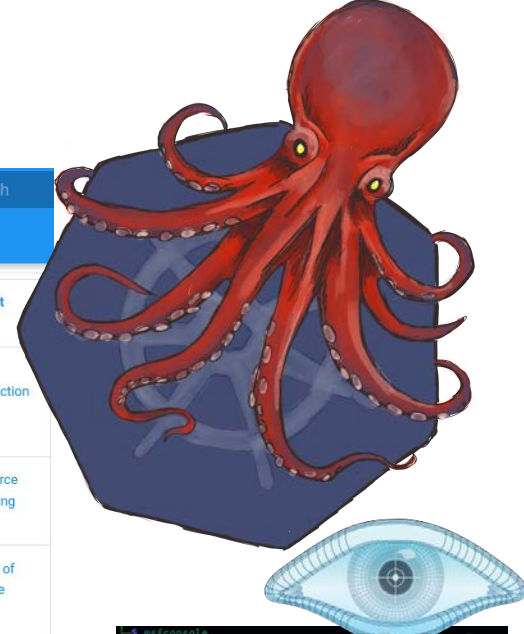
This scenario is to deploy runtime security monitoring & detection for containers and Kubernetes resources. To get started with this scenario you can deploy the below Helm chart with version 3.

```
helm repo add falcosecurity https://falcosecurity.github.io/charts
```

SCENARIO helm repo update

```
helm install falco falcosecurity/falco
```

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Application credentials in configuration files

Exposed sensitive interfaces

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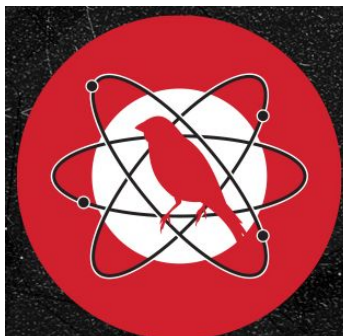
Malicious admission controller

CoreDNS poisoning

ARP poisoning and IP spoofing



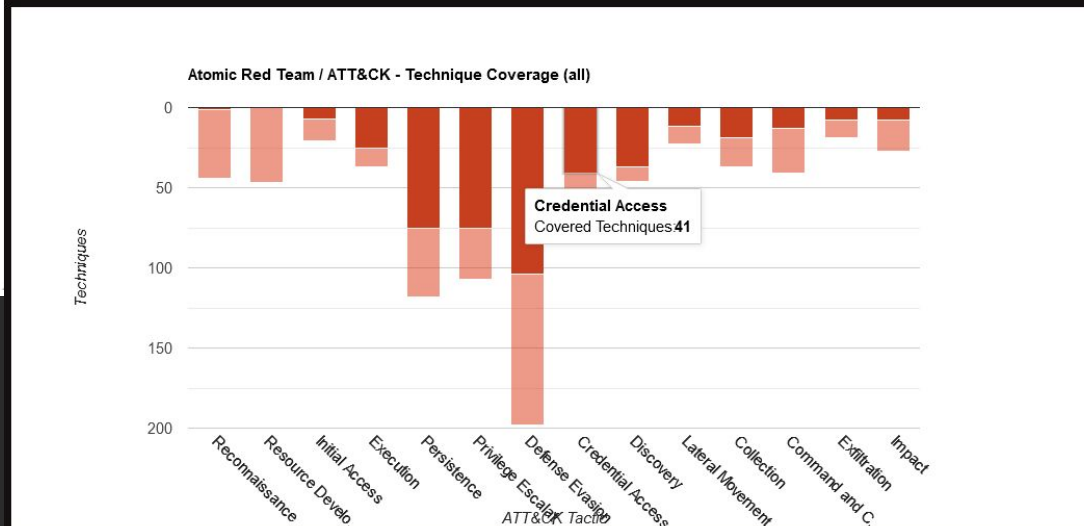
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```
PS /root> Invoke-AtomicTest T1037.004 -ShowDetails
PathToAtomsFolder = /root/AtomicRedTeam/atomsics
[*****BEGIN TEST*****]
Technique: Boot or Logon Initialization Scripts: Rc.common T1037.004
Atomic Test Name: rc.common
Atomic Test Number: 2
Atomic Test GUID: c33f3d80-5f04-419b-a13a-854d1cbbdf3a
Description: Modify rc.common

Attack Commands:
Executor: bash
ElevationRequired: True
Command:
filename='/etc/rc.common';if [ ! -f $filename ];then sudo touch $filename;else sudo cp $filename /etc/rc.common.original;fi
printf '%s\n' '#!/bin/bash' | sudo tee /etc/rc.common
echo 'python3 -c `import os, base64;exec(base64.b64decode('ak1wb3J0IG92cm92LnBvcGVuKCDlY2hvIGF0b2l2pYy80ZXN0IGZvc1Btb2RpZnlpbmcmcGmHuY29tbW9uID4gLTtCC9UMTAzNy4wMDQucmHuY29tbW9uJykk'))`' | sudo tee -a /etc/rc.common
printf '%s\n' 'exit 0' | sudo tee -a /etc/rc.common
sudo chmod +x /etc/rc.common

Cleanup Commands:
Command:
origfilename='/etc/rc.common.original';if [ ! -f $origfilename ];then sudo rm /etc/rc.common;else sudo cp $origfilename /etc/rc.common && sudo rm $origfilename;fi
[!!!!!!END TEST!!!!!!]
```

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Next Steps: Falco Talon



- action: Disable outbound connections

actionner: `kubernetes:networkpolicy`

parameters:

allow:

- "192.168.1.0/24"
- "172.17.0.0/16"
- "10.0.0.0/32"

- action: Terminate Pod

actionner: `kubernetes:terminate`

- rule: Suspicious outbound connection

match:

rules:

- Unexpected outbound connection destination

actions:

- action: **Disable outbound connections**

- action: **Terminate Pod**

parameters:

`grace_period_seconds: 1`

- action: Labelize Pod as Suspicious

actionner: `kubernetes:labelize`

parameters:

labels:

`suspicious: true`

- rule: Terminal shell in container

match:

rules:

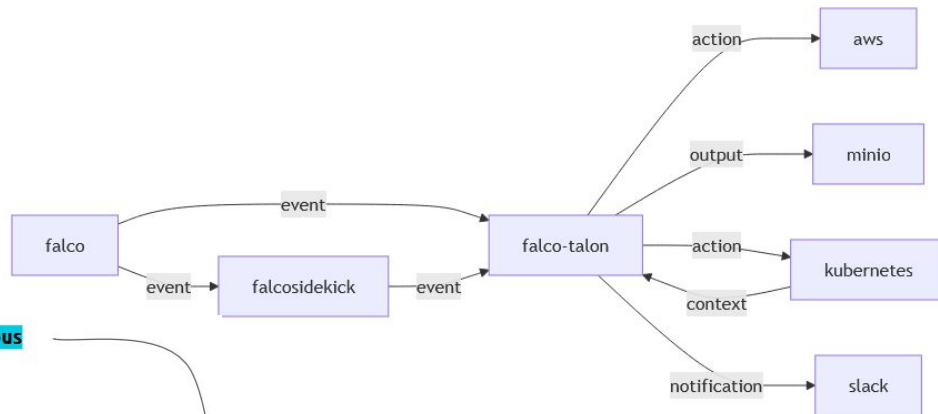
- Terminal shell in container

output_fields:

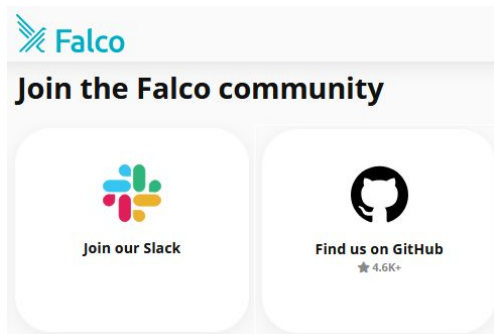
- `k8s.ns.name!=kube-system, k8s.ns.name!=falco`

actions:

- action: **Labelize Pod as Suspicious**



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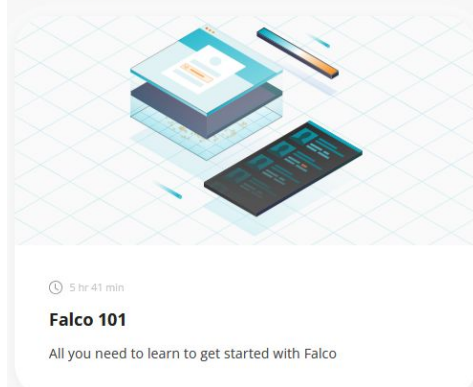


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Rule Changes

- Updated Indicators of Compromise (IoC) rulesets with new findings.
- Added the following rules:
 - Reverse Shell Detected
 - DNS Lookup for Reconnaissance Service Detected
 - DNS Lookup for Dynamic DNS Domain Detected
 - DNS Tunneling Activity Detected
 - Junk Data Padding Detected

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