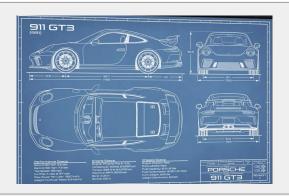
In-repo Open Policy Agent validation of GitOps definitions



Motivation of using "in-repo" OPA versus GateKeeper (blue print check versus conveyer belt check)

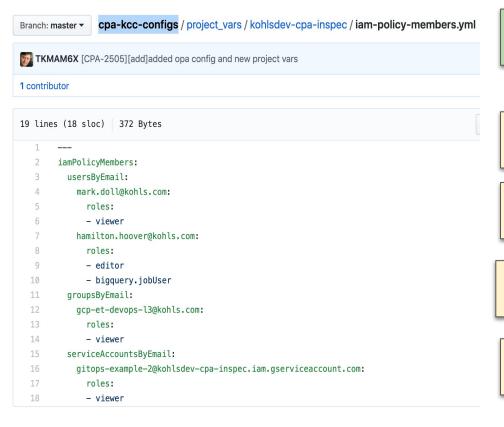


- Cheap
- Agnostic of fulfillment
- Validation done locally
- Easy to develop
- Policy validated in PR



- Expensive
- Kubernetes specific
- Requires k8s runtime
- Requires knowledge of CR
- Policy validated at fulfillment phase, post PR merge

Example use case: gitops KCC GCP project IAM definitions (roles)



IAM roles are requested for users, groups and service accounts

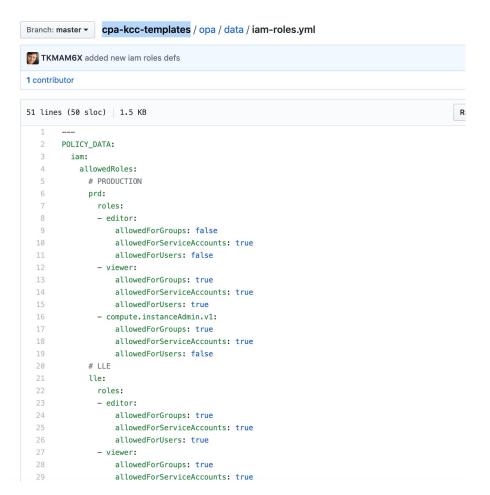
Can we restrict role allocation automatically before change can be approved?

Can we define those restriction based on environment of the project (prod vs lle)?

Can we restrict role allocation based on requestor type: user, group, service account?

Can we run validation automatically?

IAM Policy definition (separate policy repository)



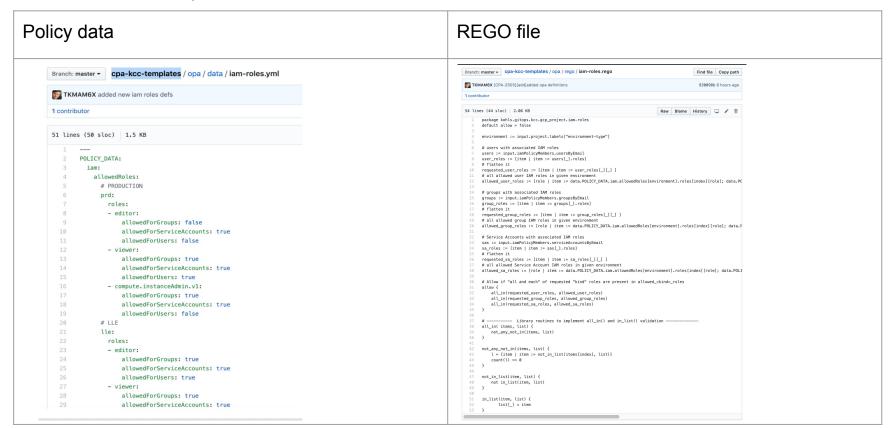
Allowed IAM roles are whitelisted per environment with additional is flags specifying availability per type of requestor

If role is not listed, it is not allowed

This content is managed independently from gitops configuration data by policy maintainers

How policies logic are defined?

Policy is combination of policy logic (REGO file) and policy data that allows for parameterized evaluation. For example,

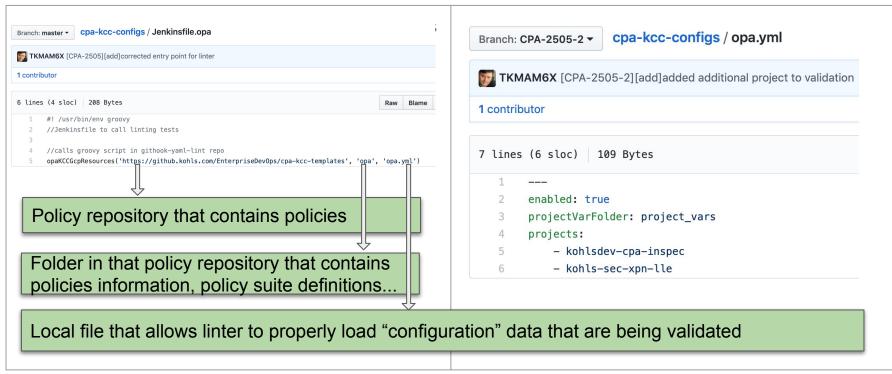


How OPA policy is evaluated

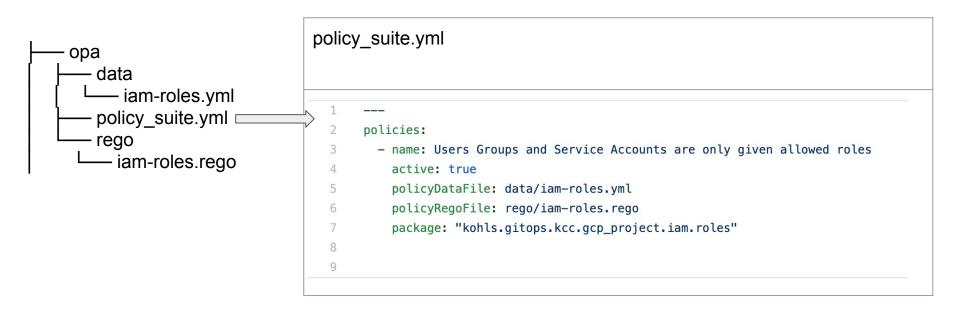
- Policy is evaluated by combining policy logic (REGO) with policy data and "evaluating" it against context of gitops data definitions known as "input"
- Policy evaluation results in JSON output that will be interpreted as "allowed" or "not allowed"
- Policy evaluator is implemented as GitHub linter associated with repository that needs to be checked

How OPA policies validation is enabled?

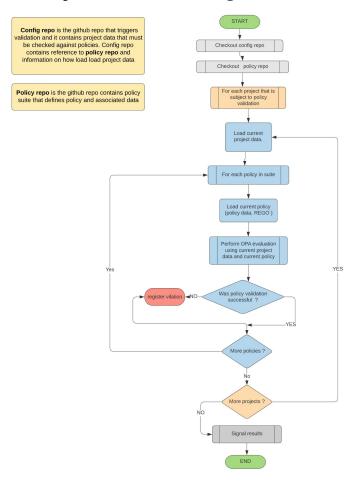
Policy is enabled by configuring **Jenkinsfile.opa** and **opa.yml** in git ops **configuration repository** to "link" gitops definitions with policy definitions located in **different repository**. Jenkins.opa file triggers opa linter and informs it about location of the policies and also provides information on how to prepare input data.



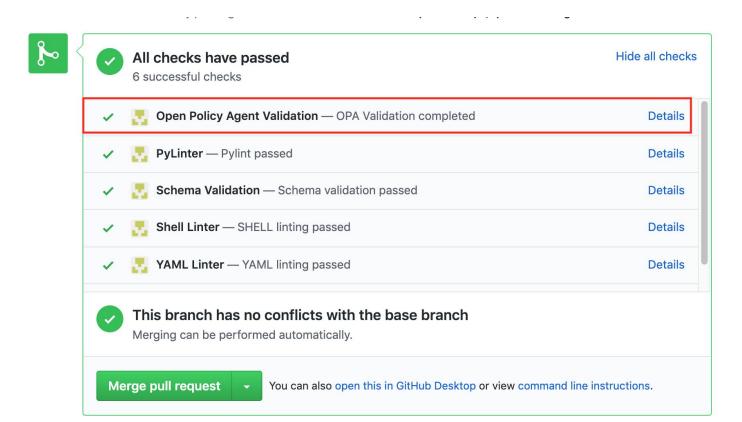
Sample content of policy repo referred to from config repo (policy_suite.yml is expected to be present)



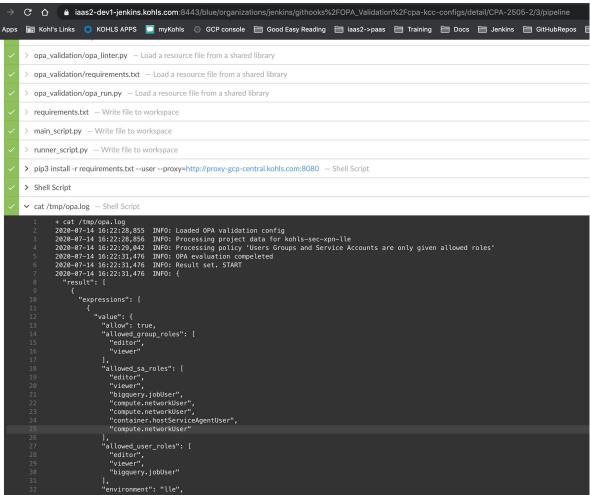
Policy validator logical workflow



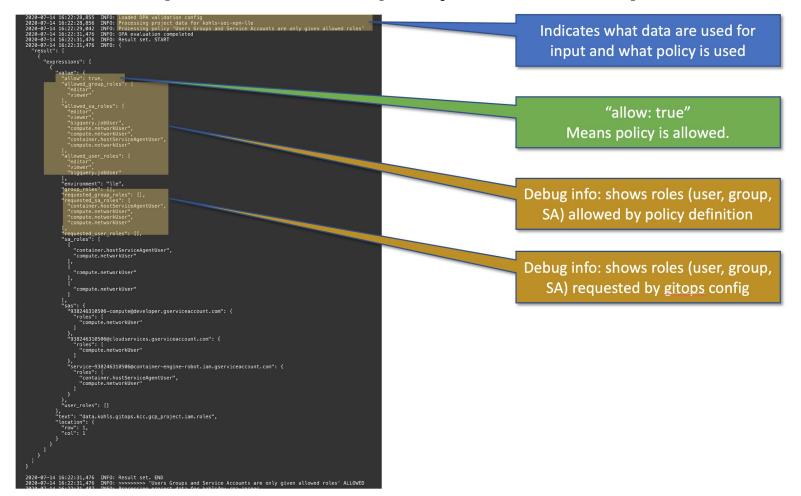
Example policy validation run. GitOps view



Example policy validation run. Details (Jenkins view)



Interpretation of OPA policy validation response



References

Config repo (data that are being validated)

https://github.kohls.com/EnterpriseDevOps/cpa-kcc-configs/tree/CPA-2505-2

Repo that contains policy definitions

https://github.kohls.com/EnterpriseDevOps/cpa-kcc-templates

Validator (linter) code

https://github.kohls.com/EnterpriseDevOps/linter_dev

Workflow diagram (policy validation process)

https://app.lucidchart.com/documents/view/48648ba7-481c-4833-9fb4-bb1be181e03chttps://www.openpolicyagent.org/