



# Zero Trusting as a True Cloud Native Dev

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# Agenda

Cloud Native

Zero Trust

Authentication

Authorization

Demo

Bonus tip



# Cloud Native

From [CNCF Cloud Native Definition v1.1](#)

*“[...] develop, build, and deploy workloads in computing environments (public, private, hybrid cloud) [...] at scale in a programmatic and repeatable manner. It is characterized by loosely coupled systems that interoperate in a manner that is secure, resilient, manageable, sustainable, and observable.*

*“Cloud native technologies and architectures typically consist of some combination of **containers, service meshes, multi-tenancy, microservices, immutable infrastructure, serverless, and declarative APIs** [...].”*



# Zero Trust

In a nutshell<sup>(\*)</sup> – No request is safe by default

Straight to the remedy → External authz proxy<sup>(\*\*)</sup>

Keeping ourselves honest:

- Proxy != sidecar
- Proxyless approaches do exist
- Proxies punish performance... kinda true
- Proxies add another point of failure - another half truth



# Authentication

API keys

OpenID Connect (OAuth2) → JWTs

x509 certificates (mTLS)

Kubernetes TokenReview



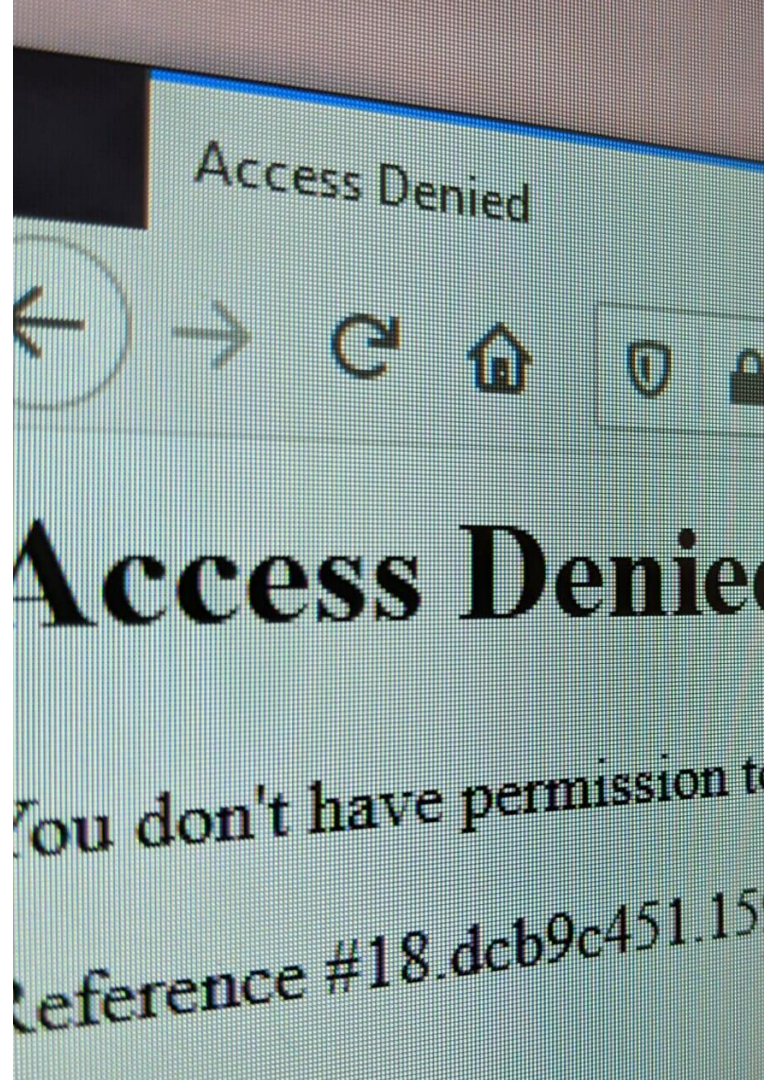
# Authorization

JWT claims

ABAC / Policies (OPA *et al*)

ReBAC (OpenFGA, SpiceDB)

Kubernetes RBAC (SubjectAccessReview)





# CNCF App Sec Landscape



# Recap

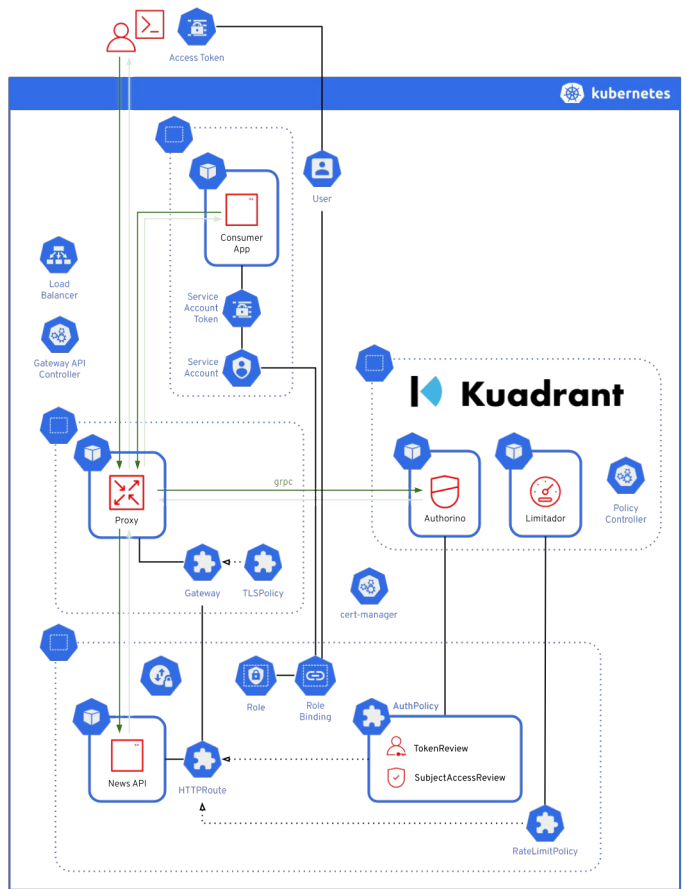
Cloud Native → Kubernetes as platform & API language for configs and policies

Zero Trust → All requests checked for AuthN/Z via an ext\_authz proxy

Leveraging Kube for auth → TokenReview and SubjectAccessReview APIs







## Demo time



<https://github.com/guicassolato/kube-auth-kuadrant>



```
apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1
kind: NetworkPolicy
metadata:
  name: test-network-policy
  namespace: default
spec:
  podSelector:
    matchLabels:
      role: db
  policyTypes:
    - Ingress
    - Egress
  ingress:
    - from:
        - ipBlock:
            cidr: 172.17.0.0/16
            except:
              - 172.17.1.0/24
        - namespaceSelector:
            matchLabels:
              project: myproject
        - podSelector:
            matchLabels:
              role: frontend
      ports:
        - protocol: TCP
          port: 6379
  egress:
    - to:
        - ipBlock:
            cidr: 10.0.0.0/24
      ports:
        - protocol: TCP
          port: 5978
```

# NetworkPolicy API

See also:

- AdminNetworkPolicy (ANP)
- BaselineAdminNetworkPolicy (BANP)





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