

Security and Governance Strategy & Architecture

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Security and Compliance Challenges when adopting Cloud

- Enterprise clients need to meet internal enterprise security standards as well as external regulatory compliance requirements
- Enterprise clients need to go through periodic audits by external auditors of their IT infrastructure
- Securing clouds typically requires new security tools in addition to existing security tools used for traditional non-cloud IT infrastructures
- Cloud environments are dynamic
- Enterprises typically use more than one cloud provider
- Enterprises require interaction with existing systems of record and data
- Customers want 'open' not proprietary solutions

Policy based Governance

Enable governance end to end to meet standards across hardware/software stack to facilitate continuous security and audit readiness

- **GRC Terminology**

- **Governance** - A structured way of operating an IT infrastructure based on defined policies, processes, and procedures
- **Risk** – Identify risk areas to help IT Operations prioritize their actions to minimize risks
- **Compliance** – Assess if specified policies are complied to by various controls

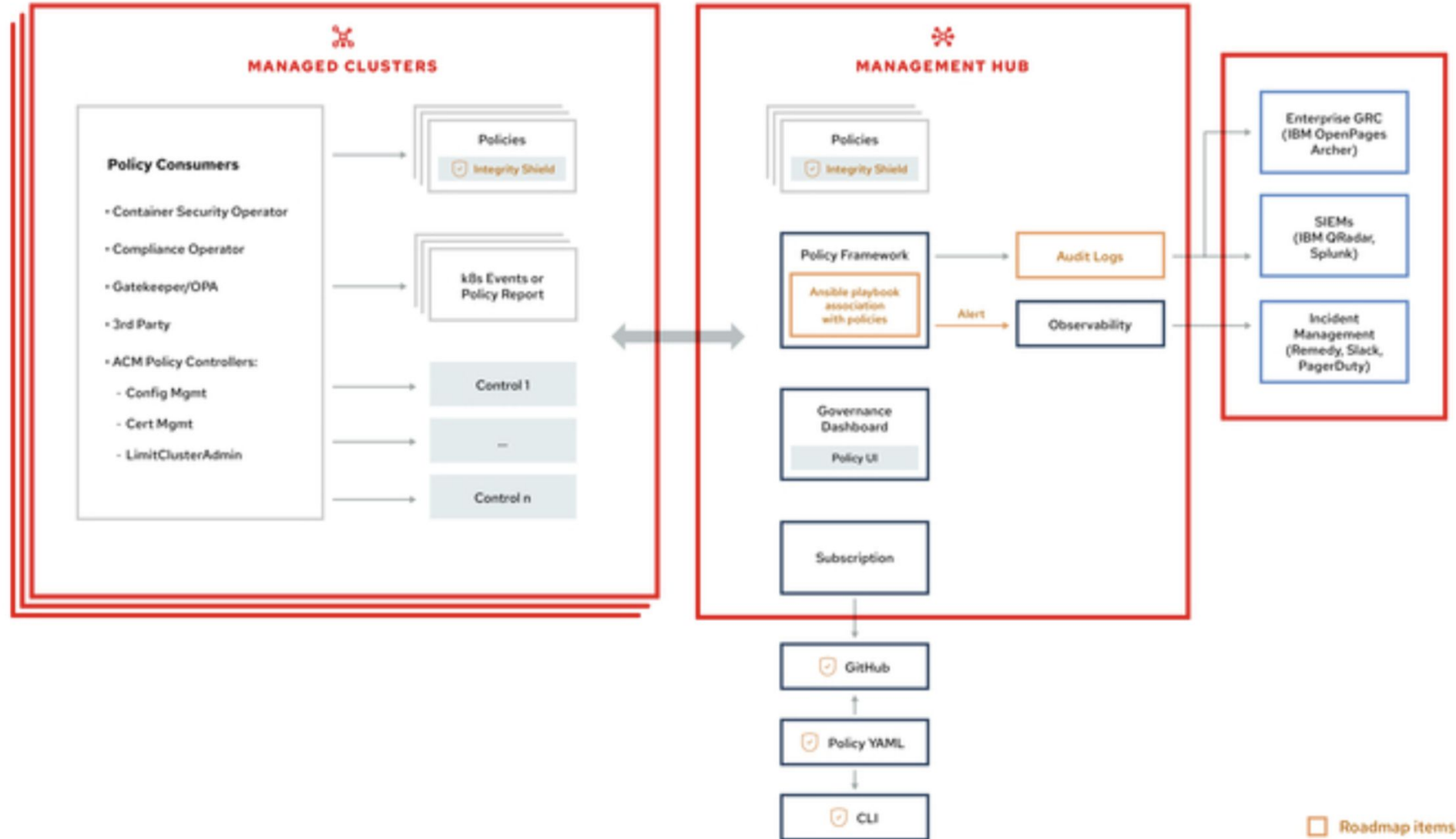
- **Goals**

- Represent industry/enterprise best practices as policies that result in desired config state
- Extensible policy framework that can be applied to entire hardware/software stack
- Ability to incorporate multiple policy languages including Gatekeeper/OPA
- Customization of built-in policy templates
- Ability to integrate 3rd party provided controls
- Dashboard and API for overall posture and deviations from policies
- Customization of policy templates for internal enterprise standards and external compliance standards (NIST CSF, NIST 800-53, PCI, FISMA, HIPAA, etc)
- UI, CLI, and Subscription (GitOps) interfaces to deploy policies
- Ease of integration with existing enterprise tools (Incident Management, Security Operations Center, Enterprise GRC)

Policy based governance - Terminology

- **Policy authoring point** - where the policy is specified
 - UI/Console
 - CLI
 - GiTOps
- **Policy management point** - distributes policy, consolidates policy violations across a fleet of clusters, integrates with enterprise tools (security operations center, incident management, GRC etc)
 - ACM Hub/Open Cluster Management upstream community
- **Policy Enforcement Point (PEP)** - consumes policy and returns violations
 - k8s Admission Web Hook
 - Runtime controllers (k8s, ACM configuration policy controller, ACM certificate management controller, OpenShift Compliance Operator, SysDig Operator, Falco Operator, etc)
- **Policy Decision Point** - invoked (optionally) to check whether the specified policy matches how a control is configured
 - Gatekeeper/OPA
 - Kyverno

Policy based governance - Architecture



Gatekeeper/OPA Overview

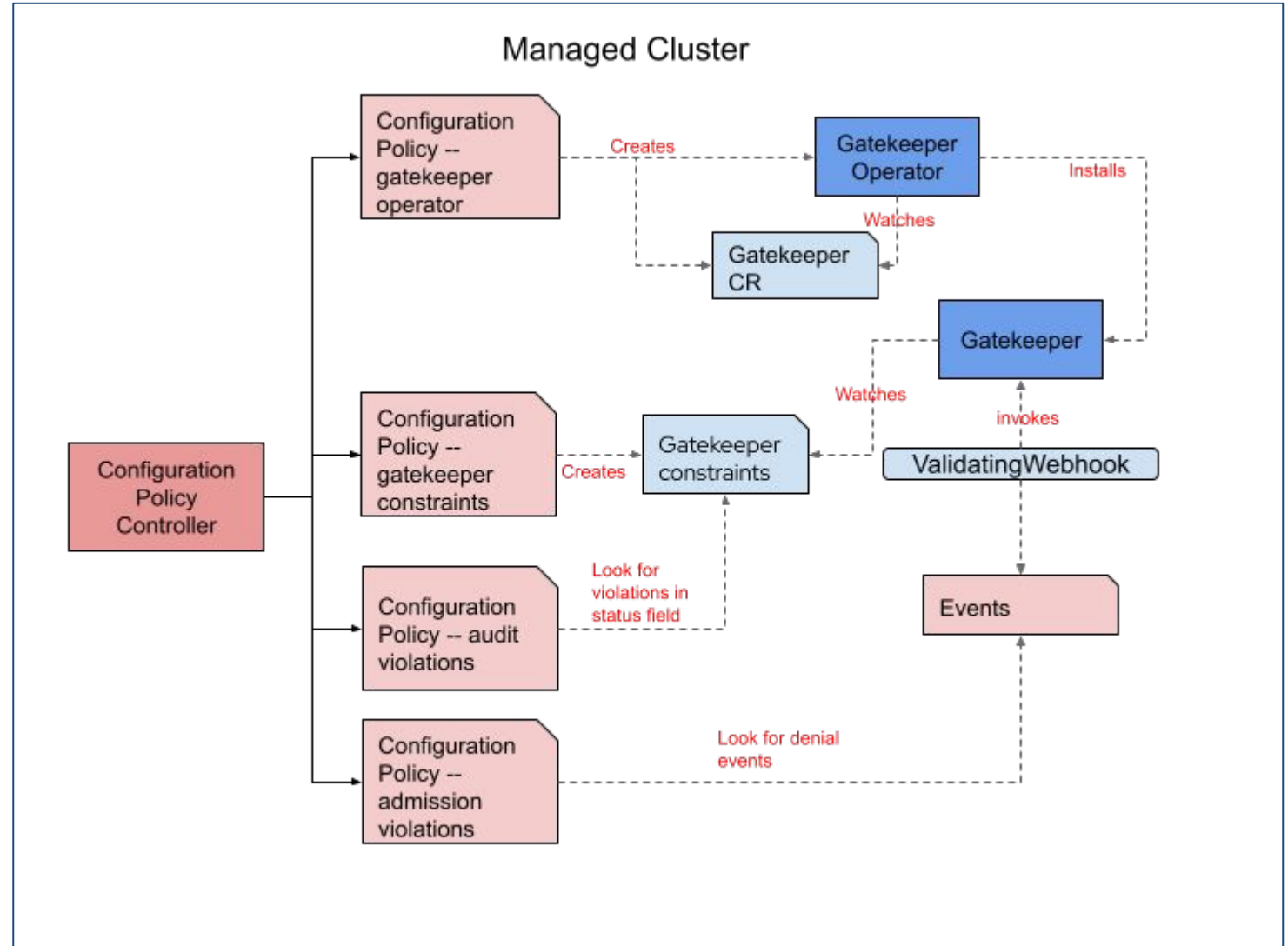
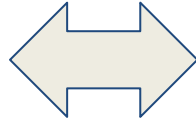
- Gatekeeper can evaluate compliance of k8s resources to policies.
- Leverages OPA as the policy engine which uses Rego as the policy language.
- Two scenarios:
 - Admission -- executed whenever a k8s resource is created or updated to block any non-compliance to policies
 - Audit -- periodically evaluate existing k8s resources against policies to detect pre-existing noncompliances (if any)

Gatekeeper/OPA Integration with ACM

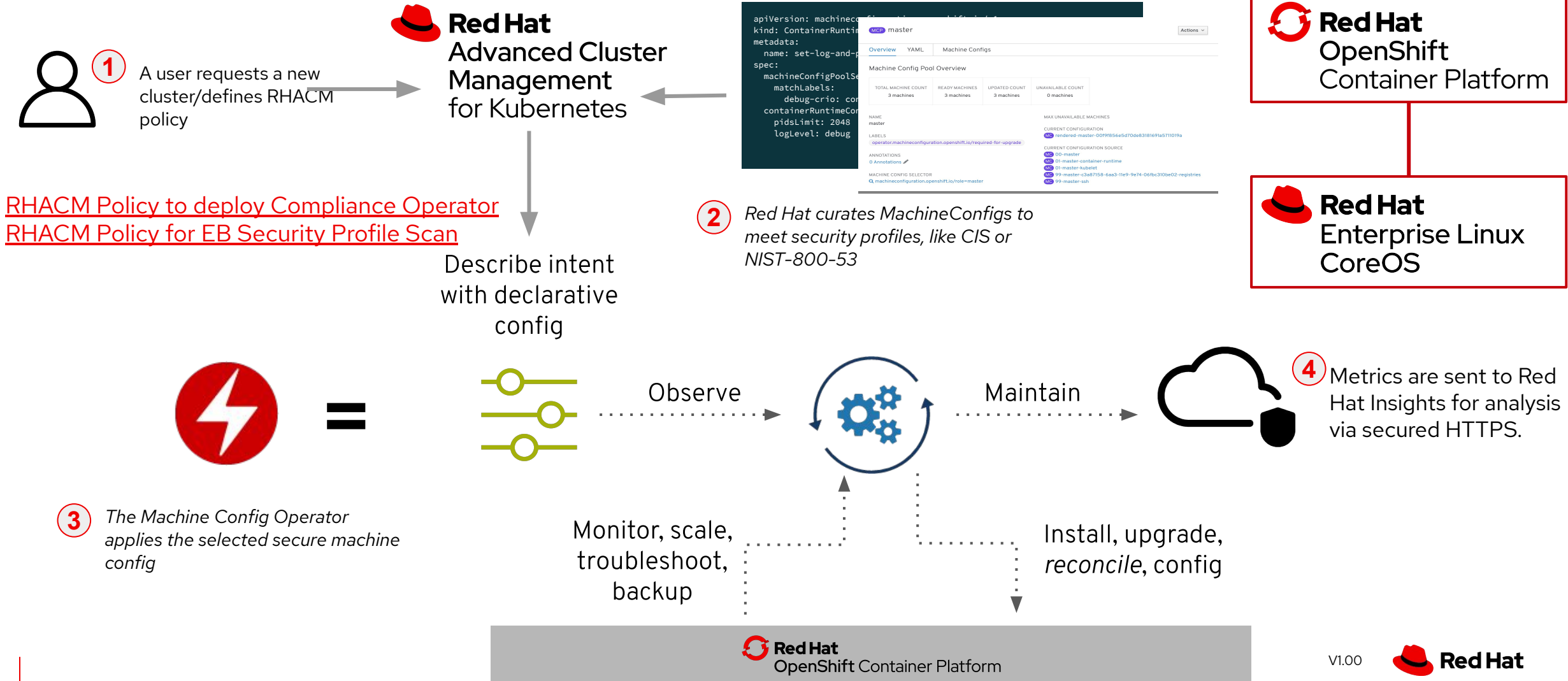
- Deliver Gatekeeper/OPA as an operator as part of ACM ([Downstream Gatekeeper/OPA Operator](#))
- Provide RHACM policy to deploy this operator
- Provide RHACM policy to propagate Gatekeeper policy from Hub to managed cluster
- Detect policy violations
 - For admission scenario violations
 - Use RHACM configuration policy to process events generated by Gatekeeper admission webhook
 - Deploy Gatekeeper with emit-admission-events=true
 - Example Violation message: NonCompliant; violation - events exist and should be deleted: [openshift-multus.16282a3f3cb422b5] in namespace gatekeeper-system
 - For audit scenario violations,
 - Use RHACM configuration policy to look for violations in status field of Gatekeeper constraint CR
 - Example violation message: NonCompliant; notification - K8sRequiredLabels `ns-must-have-gk` doesn't exist as it should be. Expected field `totalViolations: 0`, actual field `totalViolations: 67`; Expected field `violations: []`, actual field `violations: - enforcementAction: deny kind: Namespace message: 'you must provide labels: {"gatekeeper"}' name: cert-manager`

RHACM Integration with Gatekeeper/OPA

RHACM Hub



Integration of RH ACM with Compliance Operator



THANK YOU!

For questions and more details:

- ACM Security and Governance blog links here:
<https://github.com/open-cluster-management/policy-collection>
- Open Cluster Management Community:
<https://github.com/open-cluster-management/community/projects/1>