





1 Users first make an HTTP GET request to the Application Load Balancer (ALB) endpoint with attributes stored in the request header assigned group and the resource

Parameters:

- group
- resource

2 The Application Load Balancer routes the request to the Elastic Container Service (Amazon ECS) task, which contains the *Primary* and *Sidecar* containers

3 Incoming requests will first reach the NodeJS web service. The web service uses the group and resource from the request header to form a policy request

4 The web service will then send the policy request to the container running Open Policy Agent

5 The OPA daemon receives the policy request and evaluates it against stored data and policies

6 Once the policy evaluation is complete, the OPA daemon returns a (true/false) policy response to the web service

7 Depending on the policy response, the web service makes an authorization decision to the request, stating that the user is either Authorized or Unauthorized to access the requested resource.

request to an Application Load Balancer
defined in the header defining their
resource identifier to be accessed.

will route requests into an Amazon
(Amazon ECS) Cluster containing
containers deployed in a sidecar pattern.

In the primary container, where a
group and resource values stored in the
request.

The policy request to the sidecar
agent (OPA) to evaluate the request.

Oncoming request and performs a policy
check against policy documents.

Complete, OPA will return a boolean
response to the web service.

Based on the response, the web service will return an
HTTP response to the requesting user with an HTTP response
code indicating Authorized or Not Authorized to access the