

KSHITIJ GUPTA

Question 1: Applying CIA Triad to Secure a Customer Database

To secure your company's customer database, we need to apply the CIA Triad: Confidentiality, Integrity, and Availability.

1. Confidentiality

Definition: Ensuring that sensitive information is accessible only to authorized users.

Measures:

- Strong Authentication: Use multi-factor authentication (MFA) to allow access to only the right people.
- Encryption: Encrypt the customer data to protect it from unauthorized access.
- Access Control: Implement role-based access control (RBAC) to make sure only people with proper roles can view or edit the data.

2. Integrity

Definition: Ensuring that the data is accurate and has not been tampered with.

Measures:

- Checksums & Hashing: Use hashing to detect any changes in the data.
- Version Control: Keep a record of data changes with versioning.
- Data Validation: Ensure any updates to the data come from trusted and verified sources.

3. Availability

Definition: Ensuring that authorized users can access the data when needed.

Measures:

- Backups: Regularly back up the data to prevent loss in case of hardware failure.
- Redundancy: Have multiple copies of the data in different locations (cloud regions).
- Monitoring & Response: Use monitoring tools to track any issues and respond quickly to prevent downtime.

Question 2: Creating a Secure IBM Cloud Object Storage Bucket

To create and configure a secure IBM Cloud Object Storage bucket, follow these steps:

1. Create the Bucket

Log in to the IBM Cloud console, go to the Object Storage section, and click "Create Bucket." Name your bucket and choose a region.

2. Security Configuration

Measures:

- Access Control: Set the bucket permissions so only authorized users can access it. Use IAM (Identity and Access Management) to define who can view or modify the data.
- Encryption: Enable server-side encryption to protect data at rest. Use HTTPS to ensure that data is encrypted during transit.
- Access Logs: Enable access logging to track who is accessing the data.
- Data Transition: Set up an automatic rule to transition data to a lower-cost, more secure storage class after 90 days of inactivity.
- Internal Access: Restrict access so the bucket is only reachable from your company's internal network by setting up a firewall or VPC (Virtual Private Cloud) peering.

Exercise 1: Create Kubernetes Cluster with Security Benchmark on IBM Cloud

1. Create Kubernetes Cluster: Go to the IBM Cloud console, navigate to the Kubernetes section, and click "Create Cluster." Select a region and configuration, then deploy the cluster.

The screenshot displays the IBM Cloud console interface for a Kubernetes cluster. The browser address bar shows the URL: `cloud.ibm.com/kubernetes/clusters/cr3cp7vs0jfd8bg998g/overview`. The page title is "mycluster-syd01-u3c.2x4-group2" with a "Normal" status and an "Add tags" link. The left sidebar contains navigation links: Overview, Worker nodes, Worker pools, Ingress, and DevOps. The main content area shows a summary of cluster health and details.

Cluster Summary:

- Worker node status: 1 of 1 Healthy
- Add-on status: 0 of 0 Healthy
- Master status: Normal
- Ingress status: Warning

Details:

Property	Value
Cluster ID	cr3cp7vs0jfd8bg998g
Version	1.30.4_1534
Infrastructure	Classic
Master location	Sydney
Worker zones	Sydney 01
Created	8/22/2024, 10:59 AM
Resource group	default
Image security enforcement	Disable

Worker node health:

1 total worker nodes

Health status bar: Critical 0%, Warning 0%, Normal 100%, Pending 0%

Networking:

2. Apply Security Benchmark Profile

Use IBM's Security and Compliance Center. Select the Kubernetes cluster and apply the security benchmark profile. Run a compliance check to ensure the cluster meets security standards.

The screenshot shows the IBM Cloud catalog page for the Security and Compliance Center. The page is titled "Security and Compliance Center" and includes a "Create" button. The "Create" button is highlighted in blue. The page also displays a "Summary" section on the right, which includes details about the service, such as its location (Dallas), plan (Trial), and pricing (Free). The "Create" button is located at the bottom right of the page.

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