



**CREDENTIAL STORE**

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APPLICATION ARCHITECT @ **OILDEX**

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# OILDEX

**SOFTWARE AS A SERVICE PROVIDER FOR OIL AND  
GAS COMPANIES**

- 7.5 Years

# FOCUSED ON

- Streaming, Reactive, Non-blocking Architecture
- API Design
- DevOps
- Cloud Native Architecture
- Empowering software development teams
- Digital Transformation and Digital Optimization

# AGENDA

- Common Challenges
- Vault Use Cases & Features
- Demo

Common Challenges / Problems we are trying to solve?

Credentials stored & transmitted in Plaintext format

Credentials almost never get renewed once it is issued  
or manual renewal



No PKI Certificate Management

API Keys are hand generated and never renewed

No SSH Key storage

No Audit Control

No Kill Switch

Lack of automation for secrets deployment

MANY MORE...

How do we manage credentials in Cloud Native,  
Distributed Infrastructure ?





# VAULT USE CASES



**Secret Management**



**Encryption as a  
Service**



**Identity and Access  
Management**

# Secure Credential Management on a Budget

# VAULT FEATURES

- Secure Secret Storage
- Dynamic Secrets (Secret as a Service)
- Data Encryption
- Leasing and Renewal (Key Rotation)
- Revocation
- Audit Control
- Integration with wide variety of Databases and Tools
- Custom Plugin

# SECURE SECRET STORAGE

- Basic Credentials
- Tokens, TOTP
- PKI Certificate Management (It's easy to be your own certificate authority)
- LDAP
- SSH Keys
  - Handle SSH logins across the org.
  - One time SSH access
  - It increases the usefulness of audit logs during incident response
- ...

## DYNAMIC SECRETS

AWS	Cassandra	Consul	Hana
MariaDB	MongoDB	MSSQL	MySQL
Oracle	PKI Certificates		PostgreSQL
RabbitMQ	SSH	Transit	Custom..

## **WHY DYNAMIC SECRETS?**

Dynamic passwords provide a bunch of benefits

No need to write down, store, or share passwords



Enables very short lived passwords, less exposure if compromised

For distributed applications, every instance gets  
unique credentials

Constantly changing and expiring  
usernames/passwords are much harder to brute force

Automatic password rotation/expiration

Better audit trail

HTTP API/CLI

## Integration

- consul-template
- Envconsul
- [HashiCorp Vault Jenkins plugin](#)
- Native Client Libraries
- Integration with Ansible, Chef, Puppet, Salt, etc.

**Vault makes  
following  
best practices  
the norm**





# RESOURCES

- [Vault-Consul Docker Swarm Cluster](#)
- [Denver HashiCorp User Group Talk - Credential Store using Vault](#)
- [awesome-vault-tools](#)
- [Vault Demo Console](#)

# THANK YOU!

## QUESTIONS?

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