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# Secrets Store CSI Driver

Bring Your Own Enterprise Secrets Store to  
Kubernetes

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# Kubernetes Database

- Uses etcd as its persistent storage for API objects
- Stores secrets as base64 encoded plaintext

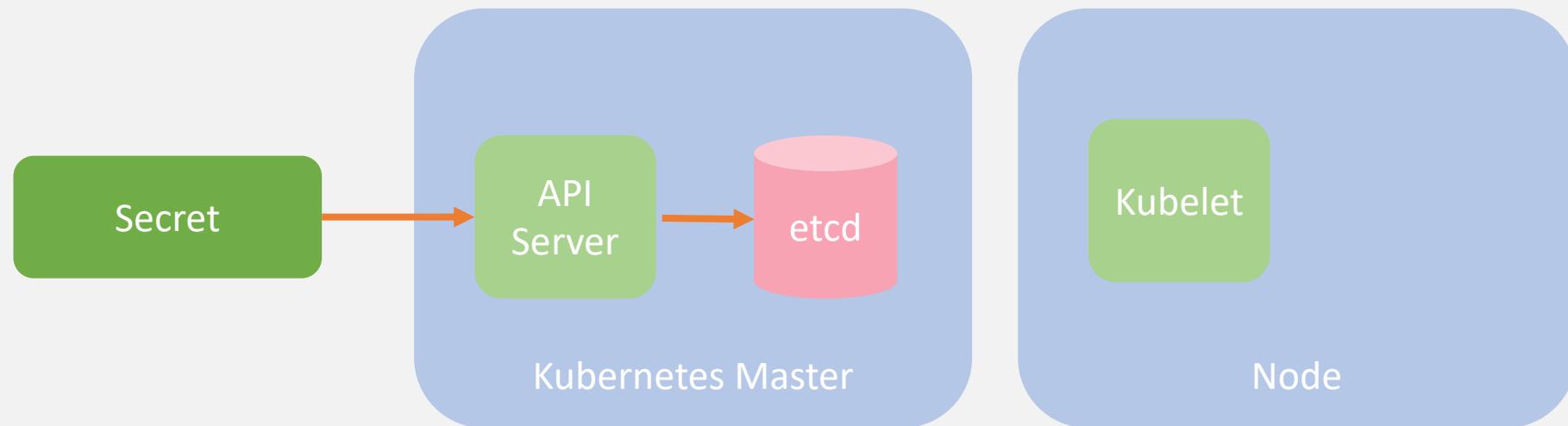
<https://kubernetes.io/docs/concepts/overview/components/#etcd>

An attacker who can successfully access your cluster database can compromise your entire cluster and have access to your application secrets and cloud resources.



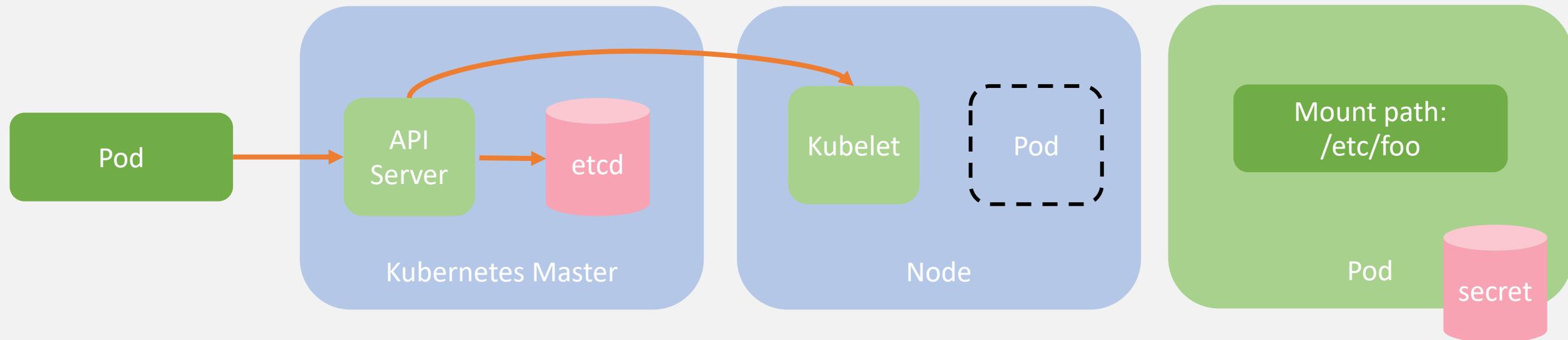
# Secrets

```
kubectl create secret generic secret1
```



# Pod using Secret

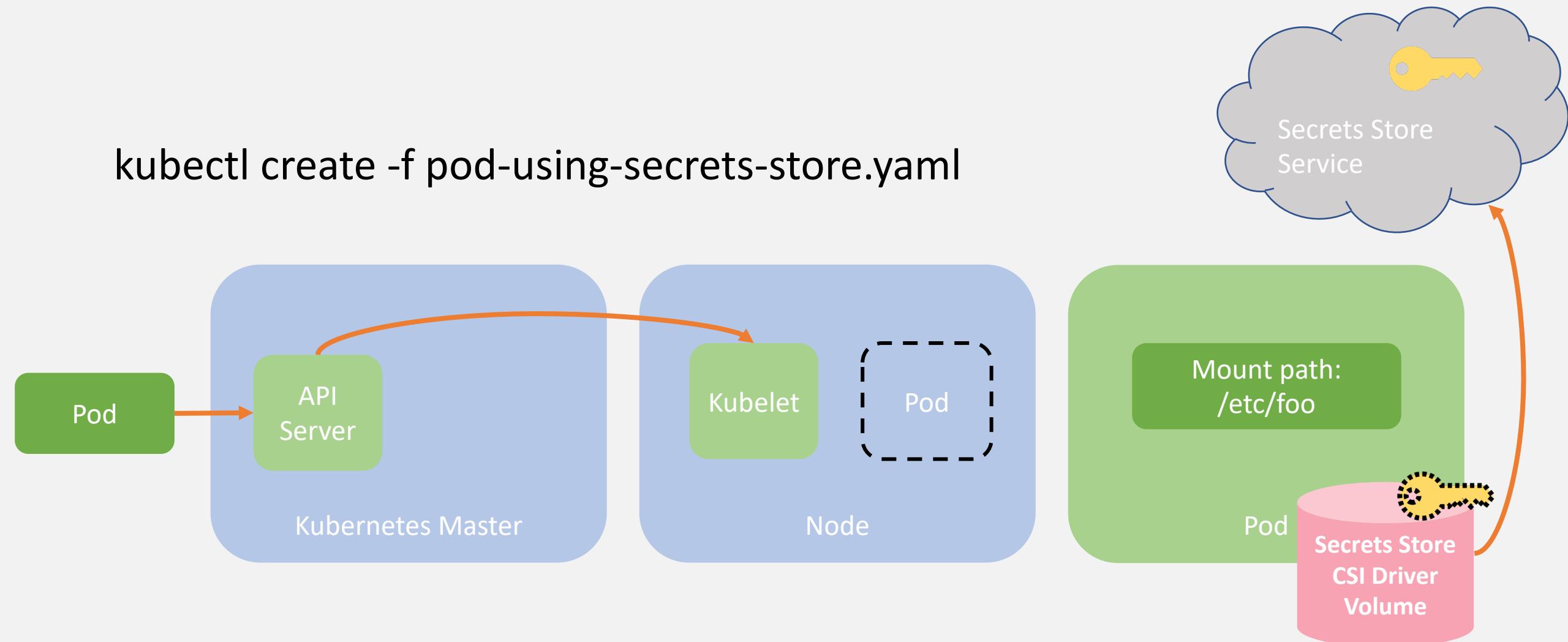
```
kubectl create -f pod-using-secret.yaml
```



What if instead of storing my secrets in etcd, I want to store and manage access outside of Kubernetes?

# Pod using Secrets Store CSI driver

`kubectl create -f pod-using-secrets-store.yaml`



# CSI Inline Volume Implementation #74086

Merged

k8s-ci-robot merged 3 commits into `kubernetes:master` from `vladimirvivien:csi-inline-volume-api`  0

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Commits 3

Checks 0

Files changed 42



vladimirvivien commented on Feb 14 • edited ▾

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/kind api-change  
/kind feature

#### What this PR does / why we need it:

This PR only implements the API and Kubelet/Driver changes for CSI inline volume.

#### See also

- KEP - [CSI Inline Volume](#)
- Feature - [kubernetes/enhancements#596](#)

#### Old PRs (for historical context)

[#67452](#), [#68232](#)

#### Release note:

Alpha support for ephemeral CSI inline volumes that are embedded in pod specs.

/SIG storage

# secrets-store.csi.k8s.com

## Driver Parameters

```
1 kind: Pod
2 apiVersion: v1
3 metadata:
4   name: nginx-secrets-store-inline
5 spec:
6   containers:
7     - image: nginx
8       name: nginx
9       volumeMounts:
10      - name: secrets-store-inline
11        mountPath: "/mnt/secrets-store"
12        readOnly: true
13   volumes:
14     - name: secrets-store-inline
15       csi:
16         driver: secrets-store.csi.k8s.com
17         readOnly: true
18         volumeAttributes:
19           providerName: "azure"
20           usePodIdentity: "false"          # [OPTIONAL] if not provided, will default to "false"
21           keyvaultName: ""                # the name of the KeyVault
22           objects: |
23             array:
24               - |
25                 objectName: secret1
26                 objectType: secret      # object types: secret, key or cert
27                 objectVersion: ""        # [OPTIONAL] object versions, default to latest if empty
28               - |
29                 objectName: key1
30                 objectType: key
31                 objectVersion: ""
32                 resourceGroup: ""      # the resource group of the KeyVault
33                 subscriptionId: ""    # the subscription ID of the KeyVault
34                 tenantId: ""          # the tenant ID of the KeyVault
35   nodePublishSecretRef:
36     name: secrets-store-creds
```

# Prerequisites for Secrets Store CSI Driver

- Minimum system requirements
  - Kubernetes v1.13.0+
  - CSI interface 1.0.0-rc2
- Inline ephemeral volume
  - Kubernetes v1.15.0-alpha.2+
  - Feature-gates
    - CSIIInlineVolume=true



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# Demo: Secrets Store CSI driver

<https://github.com/deislabs/secrets-store-csi-driver>

With the Kubernetes Secrets Store CSI driver, we can store and retrieve secrets from a Secrets store and mount the data as a volume to containers.

# Provider interface

- Backend plumbing to access objects from the external secrets store
- Conforms to the current API
- Callback mechanism to mount objects to a target path

**EDITOR**

```
1 // Provider contains the methods required to implement a Secrets Store CSI Driver provider.
2 type Provider interface {
3     // MountSecretsStoreObjectContent mounts content of the secrets store object to target path
4     MountSecretsStoreObjectContent(
5         ctx context.Context,
6         attrib map[string]string,
7         secrets map[string]string,
8         targetPath string,
9         permission os.FileMode
10    ) error
11 }
12 |
```



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## Demo: Secret Store CSI Driver HashiCorp Vault Provider

<https://github.com/deislabs/secrets-store-csi-driver>

What if I want to restrict specific pods access to my secrets store?



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# Demo: Secret Store CSI Driver Azure Key Vault Provider + Pod Identity

<https://github.com/deislabs/secrets-store-csi-driver>

With Azure Active Directory Pod Identity, we can restrict and enable specific pods access to Azure Key Vault instance based on the pod's identity.

# Project Status

- Provider Status
  - Azure Key Vault - alpha
  - HashiCorp Vault - alpha
- Come help!
  - Issues
  - Feedback
  - User stories
  - Development

# More features!

- More providers
- Pod identity for more providers
- Option to sync to k8s secrets?

# Resources



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- Secrets-Store-CSI driver: <https://github.com/deislabs/secrets-store-csi-driver>
  - Azure key vault provider: <https://github.com/deislabs/secrets-store-csi-driver/tree/master/pkg/providers/azure>
  - HashiCorp Vault Provider: <https://github.com/deislabs/secrets-store-csi-driver/tree/master/pkg/providers/vault>
- AAD Pod Identity: <https://github.com/Azure/aad-pod-identity>
- Kubernetes Key Vault FlexVolume: <https://github.com/Azure/kubernetes-keyvault-flexvol>



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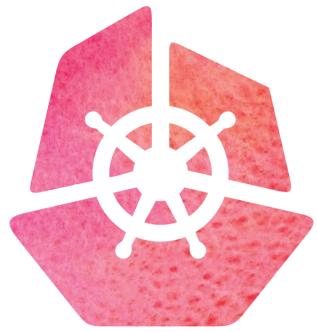


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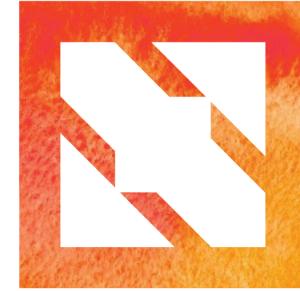
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# Thanks! Questions?

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