



Table 1

Feature	Authorization (AuthZ)	Admission Control (K8s)			
Scope	Users and actions	Kubernetes resources (Pods, etc.)			
Decision Target	API requests	K8s objects (<code>kubectl apply</code>)			
Common Tooling	OPA, RBAC, IAM, ABAC	OPA Gatekeeper, Kyverno			
Timing	Per request, runtime	Pre-creation (admission phase)			
Happens on	APIs, services, apps	K8s API server			
Enforced by	App code, proxies, gateways	Admission webhooks			
Can modify resources?	 No	 (if using mutating webhooks)			
Use cases	RBAC/ABAC, user permissions	Governance, policy, compliance			

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