

Understand Authentication, Authorization, and Admission Control



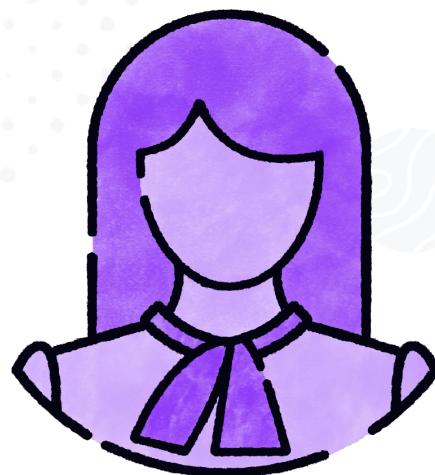
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Authentication in Kubernetes

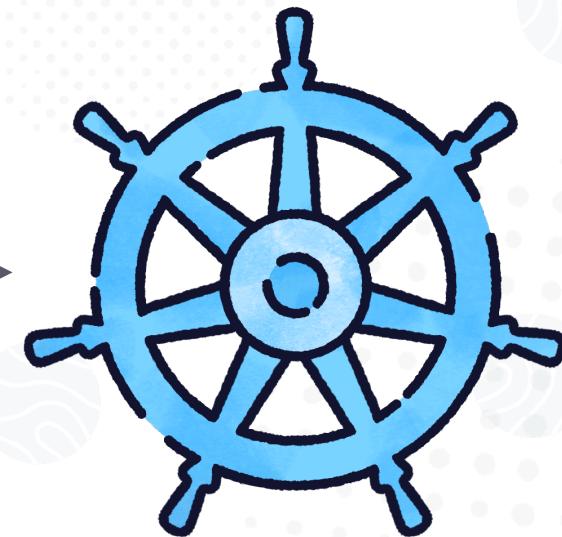


Authentication



User

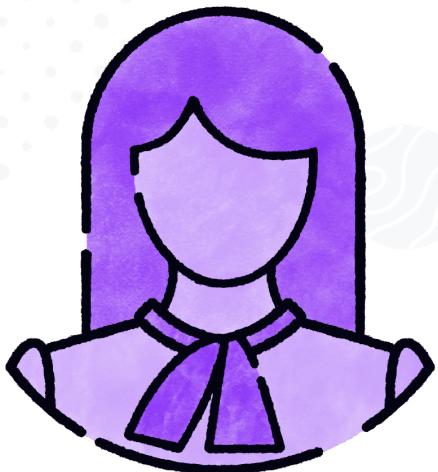
Request



Kubernetes API

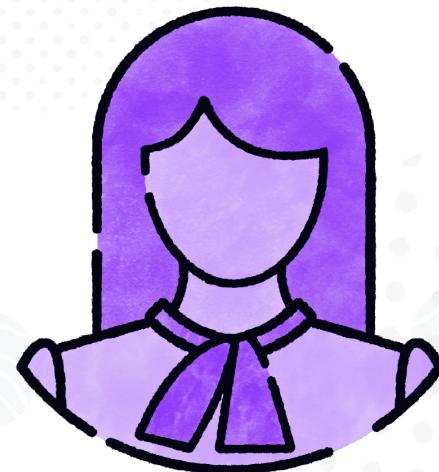


Authentication



User

Is this user who
they say they are?



User



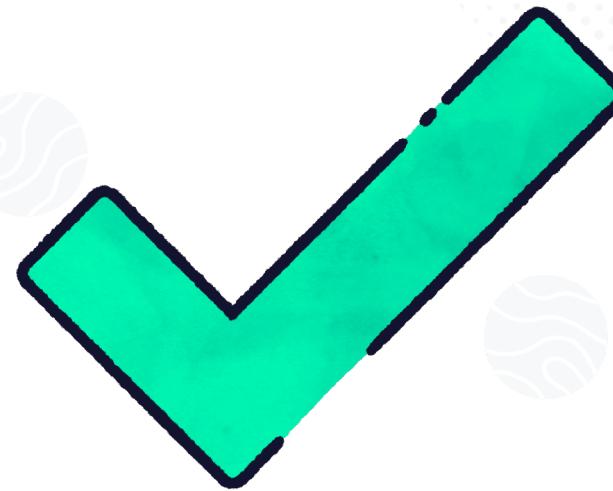
Authentication



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Kubernetes API



Authentication Methods

Client certificates

Bearer tokens

OpenID Connect providers



Authentication Methods

Client certificates



Client Certificates



TLS certificates

Used by:

- Users and components to verify identity
- Kubernetes controller to verify worker identity



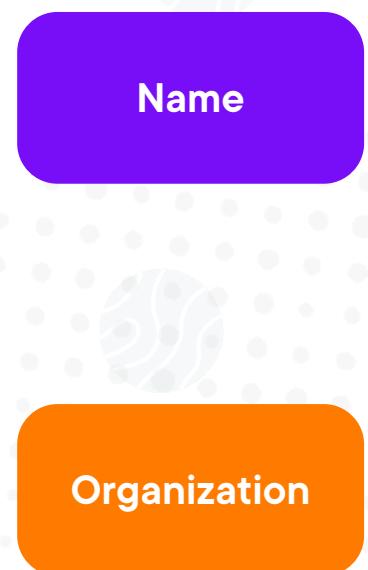
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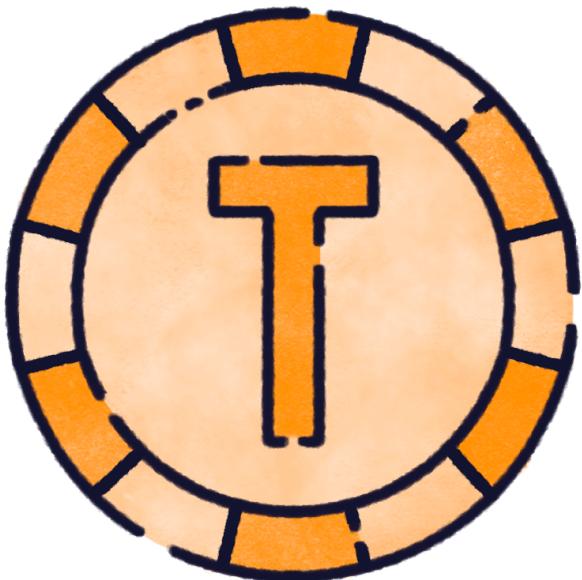
Client Certificate



Signed Certificate



Bearer Tokens



Used by service accounts

Strings passed in the the HTTP authorization header

Use in API requests

More information in “Understand Service Accounts” module



OpenID Connect Providers



Authentication with external identity provider

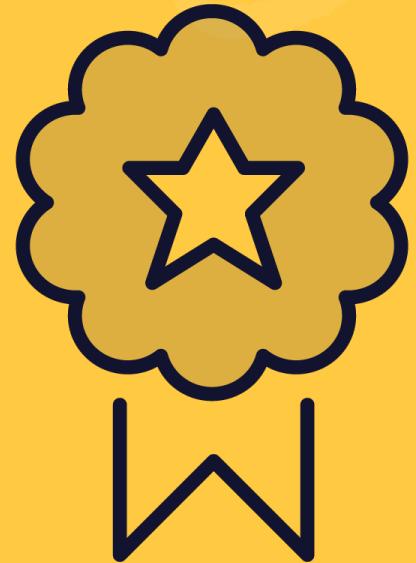
Ideal for:

- Larger teams
- Teams already using SSO

Authenticate with SSO provider, receives signed token to pass to Kubernetes

Not part of exam





No authentication? No interaction.

Identity is the foundation for secure and controlled access to cluster resources.



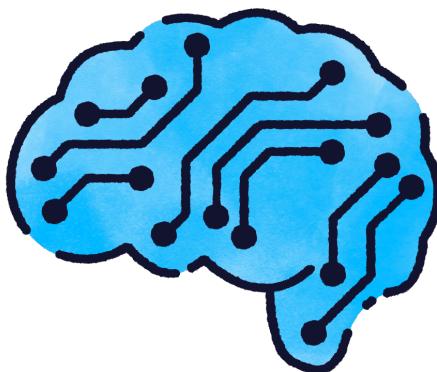
Authorization in Kubernetes



**Does the user have
permission to perform the
requested action?**



Role-based Access Control



Role

An overview of actions that can be performed against defined components



Rolebinding

Assigns role to users, groups, and/or service accounts



Role-based Access Control

Namespace

Cluster



Role-based Access Control

Role

ClusterRole

RoleBinding

ClusterRoleBinding



pod-creator-role.yaml

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kind: Role
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rules:
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Create a Role



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Identify Namespace

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Define Rules

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Create a Role

Define Rules: Set API Group

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Create a Role

Define Rules: Set Resources
for Listed Actions

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Define Rules: Set Permissted Actions

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Create a Cluster Role

pod-creator-clusterrole.yaml

```
apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1
kind: ClusterRole
metadata:
  name: pod-creator
rules:
  - apiGroups: [ "" ]
    resources: [ "pods" ]
    verbs: [ "get", "list", "create" ]
```



Create Role via Command Line

```
> kubectl create role pod-creator --verb=get,list,create --resource=pods --dry-run=client -o yaml
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kind: Role
metadata:
  creationTimestamp: null
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Create a RoleBinding

pod-creator-rolebinding.yaml

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kind: RoleBinding
metadata:
  name: bind-pod-creator
  namespace: dev
subjects:
  - kind: User
    name: bbelcher
    apiGroup: rbac.authorization.k8s.io
roleRef:
  kind: Role
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Create a RoleBinding

Define Bound Subjects: Set Kind (User, Group, ServiceAccount)

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Create RoleBinding via Command Line

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Confirm User Can Perform Action

```
> kubectl auth can-i <verb> <resource> --as <username|group|account> --namespace  
<namespace>
```

yes



Confirm User Can Perform Action

```
> kubectl auth can-i get pods --as mr_sherbert --namespace default
```

no



Exam Tip!

Know how to define, bind, and validate roles and cluster roles—either through manifests or via the command line.



Demo: Creating a Role in Kubernetes



Exam Scenario



The backend team needs RBAC access to work within the default namespace. Create a role that allows the team to:

- Retrieve, view, and watch pods and deployments
- Deploy and update pods and deployments

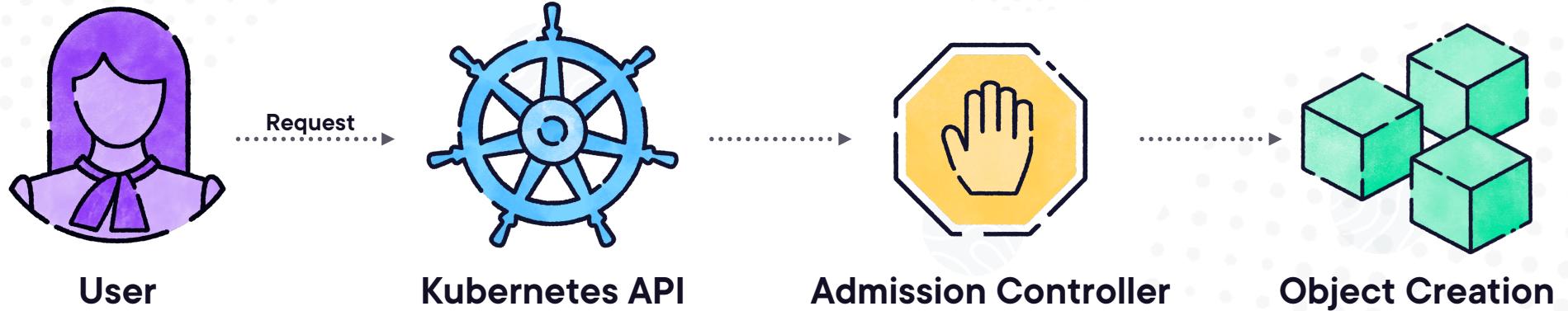
Once the role has been created, assign it to the backend team, as well as the user bbelcher



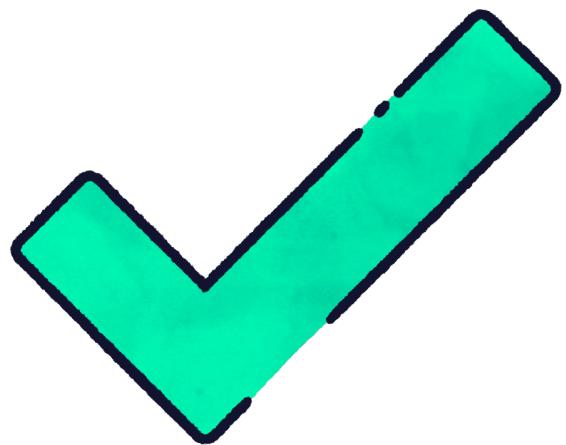
Kubernetes Admission Control



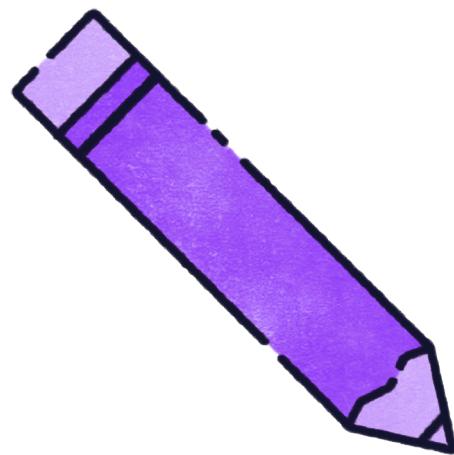
Admission Controllers



Types of Admission Controllers



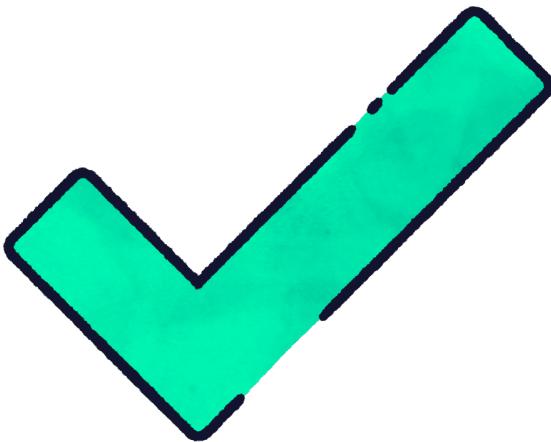
Validating



Mutating



Validating Admission Controllers



Checks if object meets defined criteria and either accept to rejects the request

Example: EventRateLimit Controller

- Mitigates floods of event requests
- Requires configuration



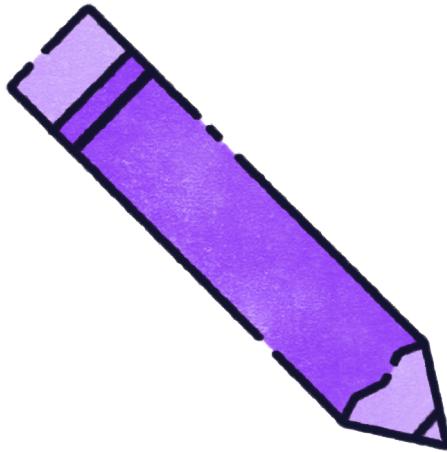
EventRateLimit Admission Controller Configuration

eventratelimit-config.yaml

```
apiVersion: apiserver.config.k8s.io/v1
kind: AdmissionConfiguration
plugins:
  - name: EventRateLimit
    configuration:
      apiVersion: eventratelimit.admission.k8s.io/
v1alpha1
      kind: Configuration
      limits:
        - type: Server
          qps: 50
          burst: 100
        - type: Namespace
          qps: 10
          burst: 20
        - type: User
          qps: 5
          burst: 10
```



Mutating Admission Controllers



Alters object if certain criteria are not met

Example: DefaultStorageClass Controller

- Checks if storage class is set
- Adds a default storage class if not

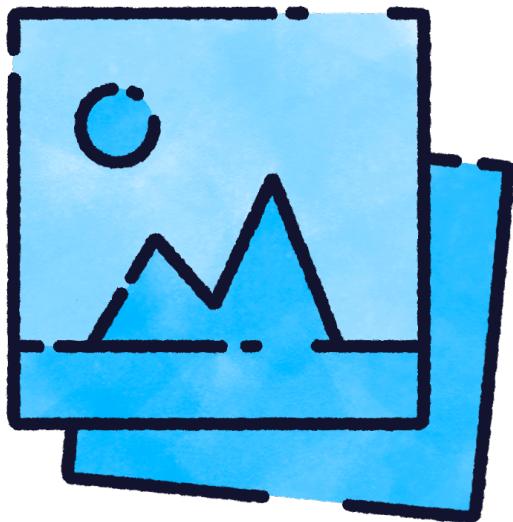


DefaultStorageClass Admission Controller Configuration

default-storage-class.yaml

```
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
  name: demo-default
  annotations:
    storageclass.kubernetes.io/is-default-class:
      "true"
provisioner: kubernetes.io/no-provisioner
volumeBindingMode: WaitForFirstConsumer
```





Controllers can be both validating and mutating

AlwaysPullImage Controller:

- Validates if image is set to always pull
- Mutating object to ensure it is, if not



**[kubernetes.io/docs/reference/
access-authn-authz/admission-
controllers/#what-does-each-
admission-controller-do](https://kubernetes.io/docs/reference/access-authn-authz/admission-controllers/#what-does-each-admission-controller-do)**



Exam Tip!

Will not NOT need to know how to add or create admission controllers, just how to use them.



Check Enabled Admission Controllers

```
> kube-apiserver -h | grep enable-admission-plugins

> sudo $EDITOR /etc/kubernetes/manifests/kube-apiserver.yaml

...
spec:
  containers:
    - command:
      - kube-apiserver
      - --admission-control-config-file=<config_file_location>
      - --advertise-address=172.31.112.111
      - --allow-privileged=true
      - --authorization-mode=Node, RBAC
      - --client-ca-file=/etc/kubernetes/pki/ca.crt
      - --enable-admission-plugins=NodeRestriction,DenyServiceExternalIPs
      - --enable-bootstrap-token-auth=true
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Exam Tip!

Understand how admission controllers might work within the context of the tasks presented in the exam.



Demo: Creating a Role in Kubernetes



Exam Scenario



In attempt to simplify namespaces, all teams are now using the same dev namespace. Remove the frontend-dev namespace from the cluster. Quit the command before the deletion completes

Next, deploy the service found in internal-metrics.yaml. Resolve any errors

