



How Attackers Exploit Misconfigured AWS EKS: Lessons from OWASP EKS Goat



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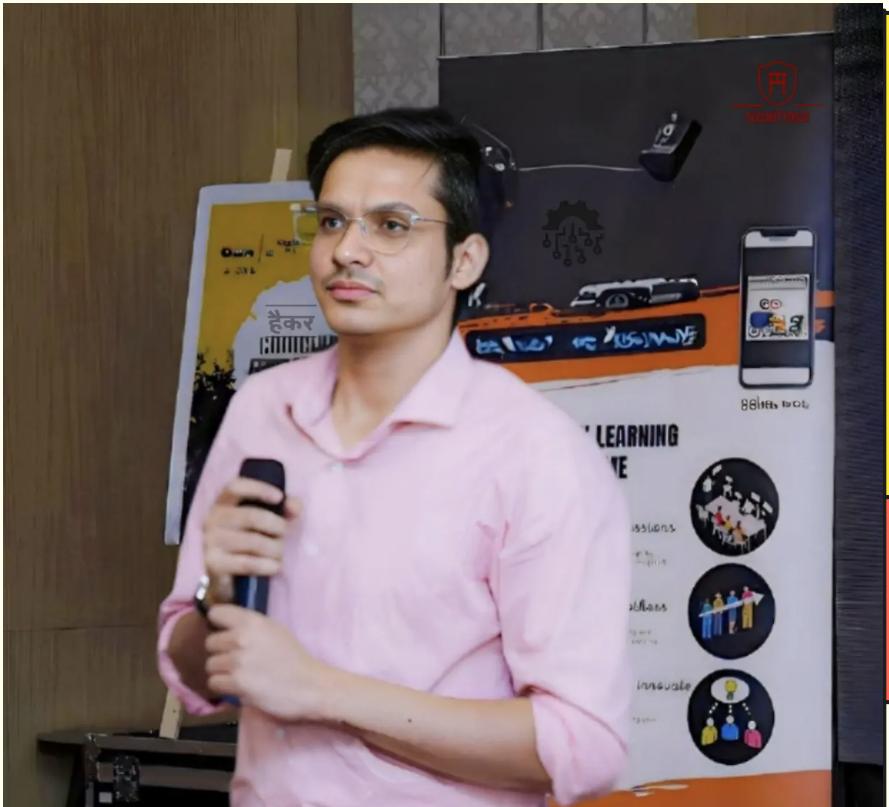
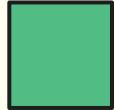


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Why Does It Matter ?



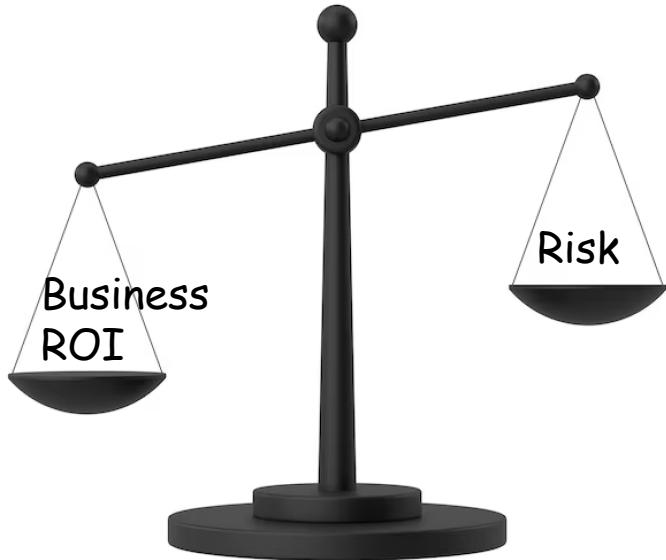
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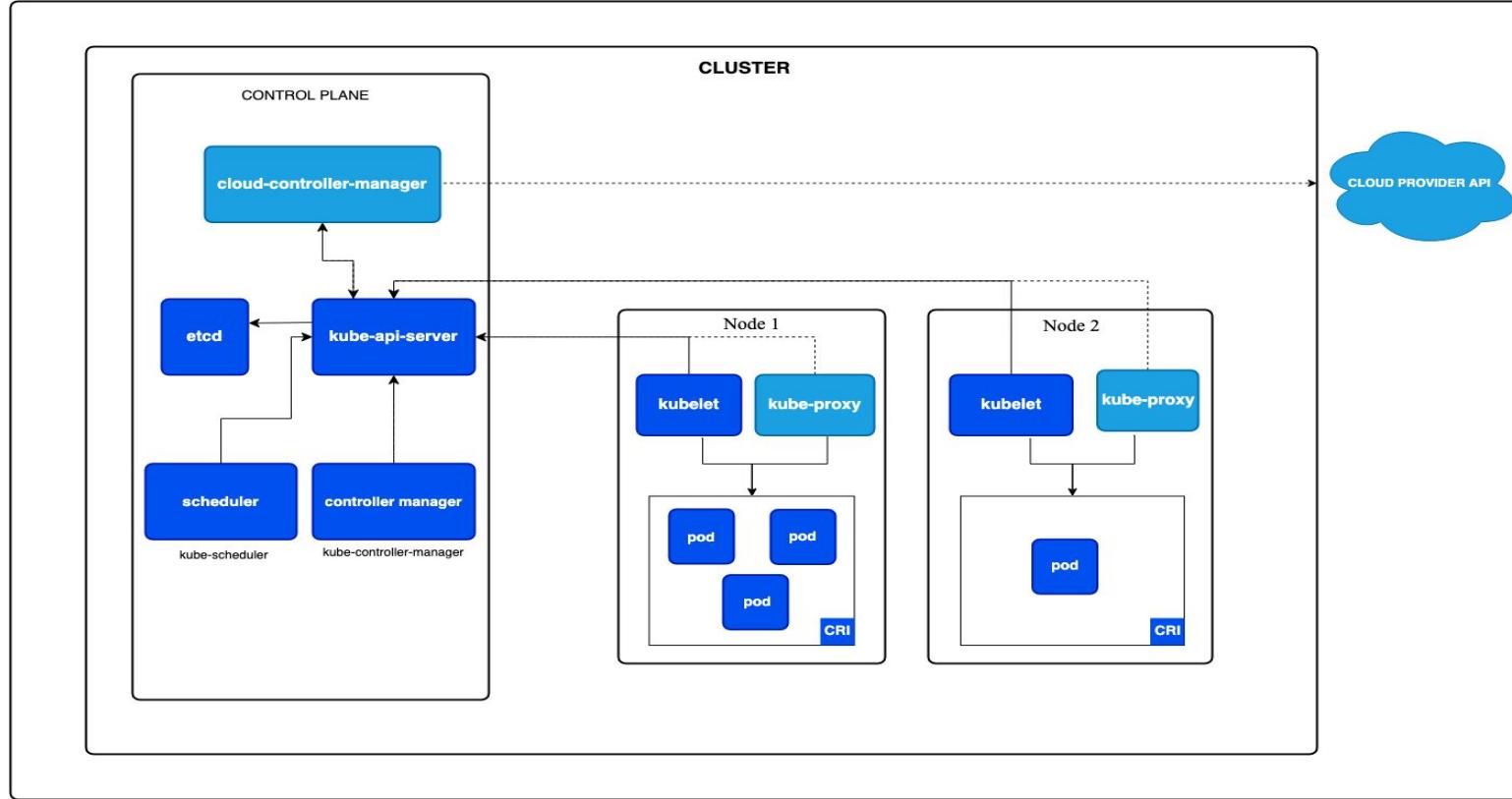
Amazon EKS

Attack Surface
(K8s)

Attack Surface
(K8s + AWS Cloud)



Kubernetes Architecture



Common EKS Misconfigurations

01

IRSA Misconfigurations

02

Weak RBAC Permissions

03

Instance/Node Metadata Abuse

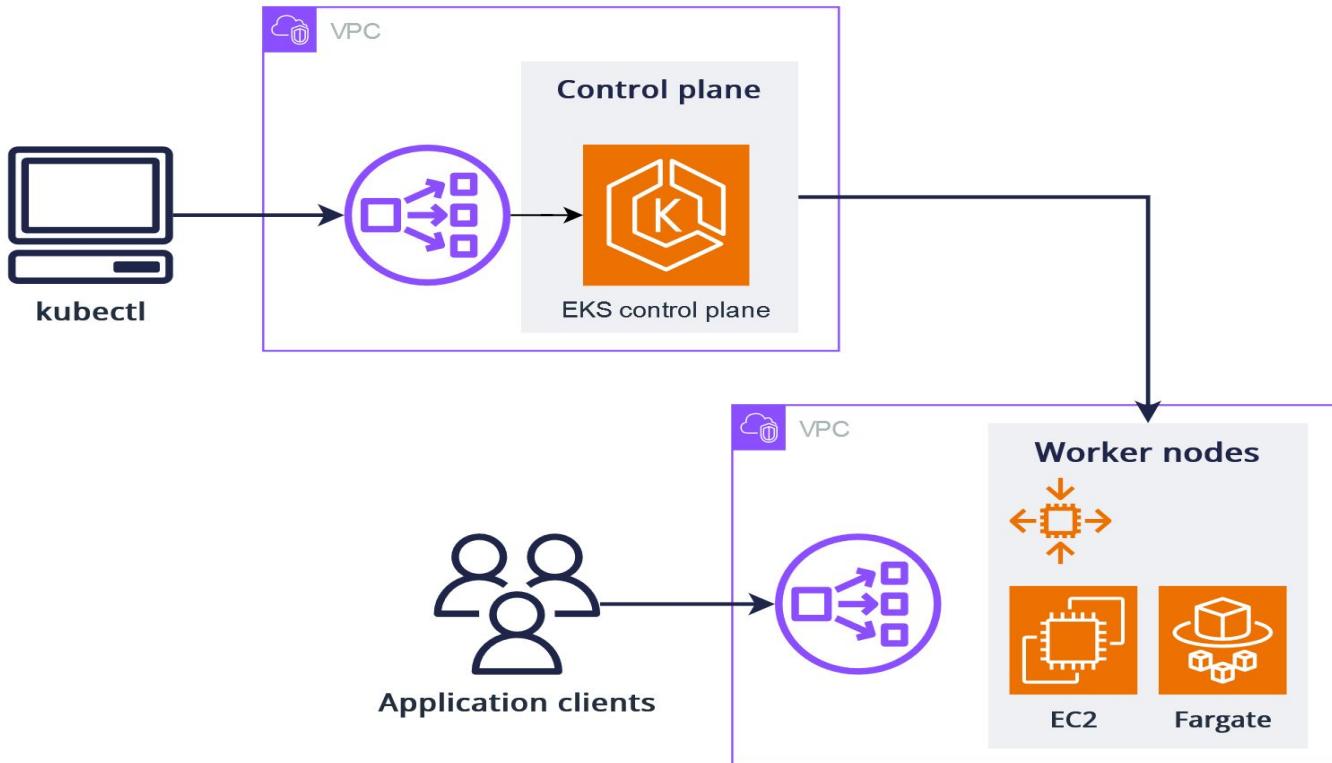
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Hardcoded Secrets

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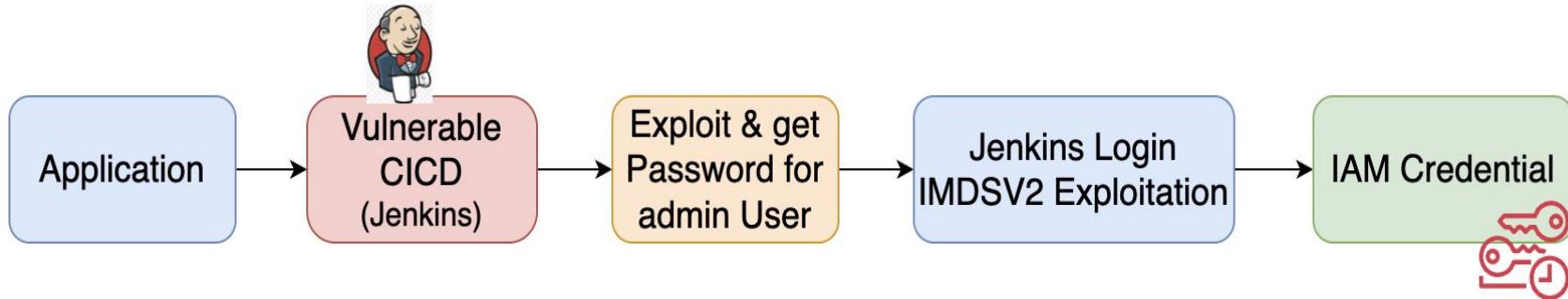
Exposed ECR Access

Architecture of AWS EKS

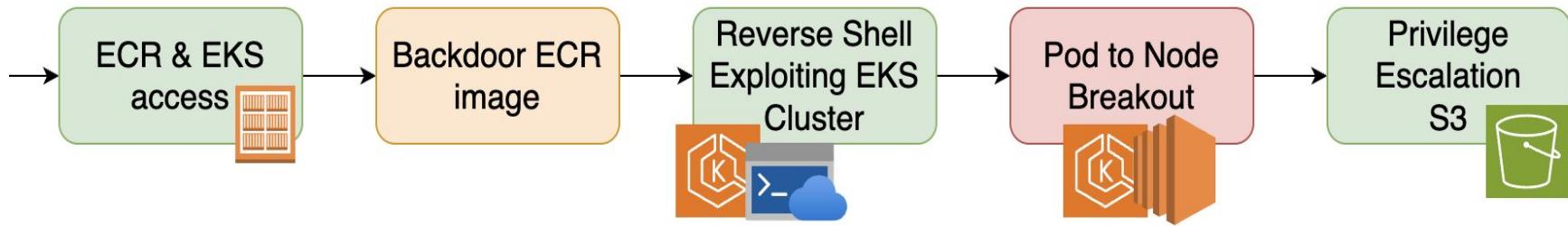


Ref:
<https://docs.aws.amazon.com/eks/latest/userguide/eks-architecture.html>

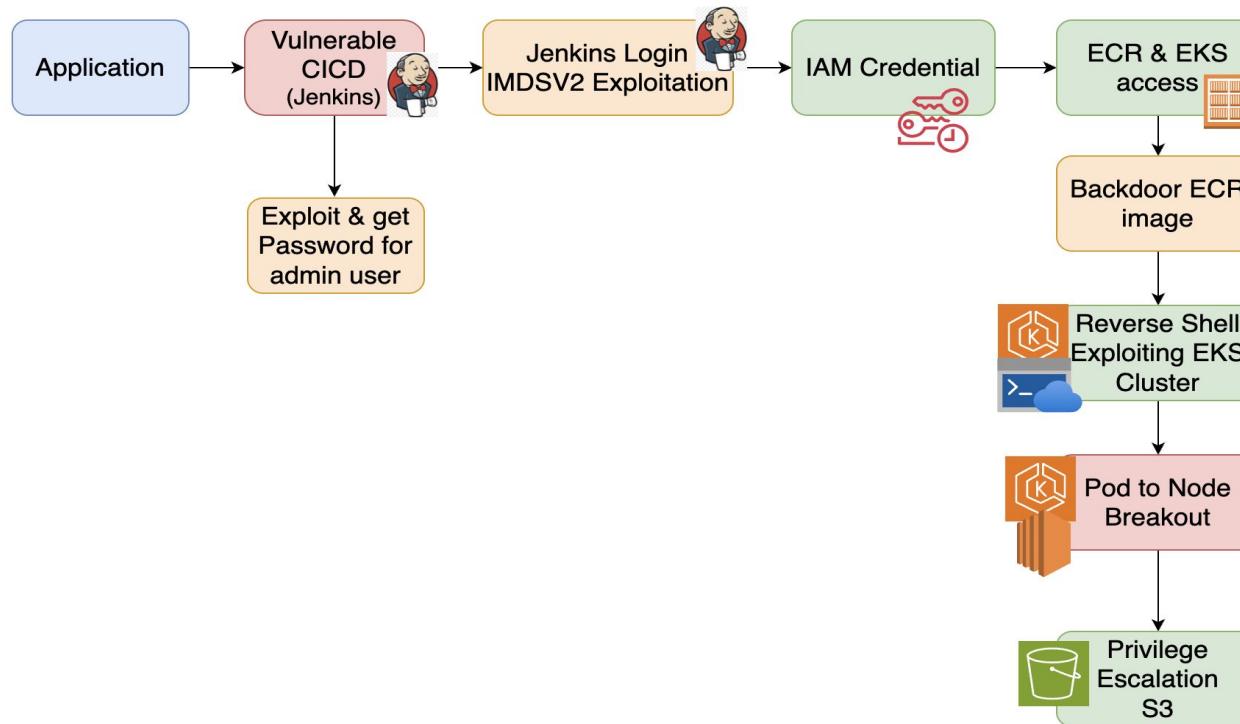
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How Attackers Break Kubernetes on AWS (Demo using OWASP EKS Goat)

Documentation:

<https://eksgoat.kubernetesvillage.com/>

Vulnerable Lab IP: <http://54.187.23.116>





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EKS Security Best Practices

01

Insecure EKS API Server Access

02

Securing Images from Repositories

03

Encrypting Data at Rest

04

Minimise Pod's IAM Permissions

05

Securing Node Group IAM Roles

EKS Security Best Practices

06

Unsecured Load Balancers

07

Enforce Network Segmentation

08

Real-time Monitoring with GuardDuty

09

Poor Secrets Management

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Enforce Security with Admission Controller

Announcement

(Upcoming Project: OWASP GKE Goat)



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