



Network Policies and User Secruity Context

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1 INTRODUCTION

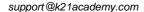
In a cluster using a Kubernetes Container Network Interface (CNI) plug-in that supports Kubernetes network policy, network isolation is controlled entirely by NetworkPolicy Custom Resource (CR) objects. In OpenShift Container Platform 4.1, OpenShift SDN supports using NetworkPolicy in its default network isolation mode.

To specify security settings for a Container, include the securityContext field in the Container manifest. The securityContext field is a SecurityContext object. Security settings that you specify for a Container apply only to the individual Container, and they override settings made at the Pod level when there is overlap. Container settings do not affect the Pod's Volumes.

Role-based access control (RBAC) is a method of regulating access to computer or network resources based on the roles of individual users within your organization.

This guide Covers:

- Configuring Network Policies for Applications
- Configuring Container Security Context
- Authentication and Authorisation using RBAC







2 DOCUMENTATION

2.1 Kubernetes Documentation

- 1. Network Policies
 - https://kubernetes.io/docs/concepts/services-networking/network-policies/
- Configure a Security Context for a Pod or Container
 https://kubernetes.io/docs/tasks/configure-pod-container/security-context/
- Using RBAC Authorization
 https://kubernetes.io/docs/reference/access-authn-authz/rbac/
- Authorization Overview
 https://kubernetes.io/docs/reference/access-authn-authz/authorization/

2.2 Linux Commands and VIM Commands

- Basic Linux Commands
 https://maker.pro/linux/tutorial/basic-linux-commands-for-beginners
 https://www.hostinger.in/tutorials/linux-commands
- 2. Basic VIM Commands

 https://coderwall.com/p/adv71w/basic-vim-commands-for-getting-started
- Popular VIM Commands
 https://www.keycdn.com/blog/vim-commands





3 AUTHENTICATION AND AUTHORISATION USING RBAC

3.1 Creating Namespace, User & User Credentials

1. Create a new namespace named development

\$ kubectl create ns development

```
root@kubeadm-master:/home/ubuntu#
root@kubeadm-master:/home/ubuntu# kubectl create ns development
namespace/development created
```

2. View the current clusters and context available. The context allows us to configure the cluster to use, namespace and user for kubectl commands in an easy and consistent manner.

\$ kubectl config get-contexts

```
root@kubeadm-master:/home/ubuntu# kubectl config get-contexts

CURRENT NAME

* kubernetes-admin@kubernetes kubernetes-admin

root@kubeadm-master:/home/ubuntu#
```

3. Create a new user **DevDan** and assign a password to him

\$ sudo useradd -s /bin/bash DevDan

\$ sudo passwd DevDan

```
root@kubeadm-master:/home/ubuntu# sudo useradd -s /bin/bash DevDan root@kubeadm-master:/home/ubuntu# sudo passwd DevDan Enter new UNIX password:
Retype new UNIX password:
passwd: password updated successfully
```

4. Generate a private key for DevDan and Certificate Signing Request (CSR) for DevDan

\$ openssl genrsa -out DevDan.key 2048

```
root@kubeadm-master:/home/ubuntu# openssl genrsa -out DevDan.key 2048
Generating RSA private key, 2048 bit long modulus (2 primes)
.....+++++
```

\$ openssl req -new -key DevDan.key \ -out DevDan.csr -subj "/CN=DevDan/O=development"

root@kubeadm-master:/home/AzureUser/Kubernetes# openssl req -new -key DevDan.key -out DevDan.csr -subj "/CN=DevDan/O=development"
Can't load /root/.rnd into RNG
139953709658560:error:2406F079:random number generator:RAND_load_file:Cannot open file:../crypto/rand/randfile.c:88:Filename=/root/.rnd





5. Generate a self-signed certificate. Use the CA keys for the Kubernetes cluster and set the certificate expiration.

```
$ sudo openssl x509 -req -in DevDan.csr \
-CA /etc/kubernetes/pki/ca.crt \
-CAkey /etc/kubernetes/pki/ca.key \
-CAcreateserial \
-out DevDan.crt -days 45
```

6. Update the access config file to reference the new key and certificate.

```
$ kubectl config set-credentials DevDan \
--client-certificate=DevDan.crt \
--client-key=DevDan.key
```

3.2 Setting up Context for New User

1. Create context for DevDan user in the cluster and namespace

```
$ kubectl config set-context DevDan-context \
--cluster=kubernetes \
--namespace=development \
--user=DevDan
```





2. Verify the context has been properly set. Attempt to view the Pods inside the DevDan-context. Be aware you will get an error.

\$ kubectl config get-contexts

\$ kubectl --context=DevDan-context get pods

root@kubeadm-master:/home/ubuntu# kubectl --context=DevDan-context get pods
Error from server (Forbidden): pods is forbidden: User "DevDan" cannot list resource "pods" in API group "" in the namespace "development"

3.3 Create RBAC Role and Rolebinding

1. Create a YAML file to associate RBAC rights to a particular namespace and Role. Create the object. Check white space and for typos if you encounter errors.

\$ kubectl create -f role-dev.yaml

root@kubeadm-master:/home/ubuntu#
root@kubeadm-master:/home/ubuntu# kubectl create -f role-dev.yaml
role.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/developer created

2. Then we create will a RoleBinding to associate the Role we just created with a user. Create the object from the rolebind.yaml file.

\$ kubectl create -f rolebind.yaml

root@kubeadm-master:/home/ubuntu#
[root@kubeadm-master:/home/ubuntu# kubectl apply -f rolebind.yaml
rolebinding.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/developer-role-binding created

- 3. Now let's try list pods and then creating a pod using DevDan-context
 - \$ kubectl --context=DevDan-context get pods
 - \$ kubectl --context=DevDan-context run nginx --image=nginx
 - \$ kubectl --context=DevDan-context get pods

root@kubeadm-master:/home/ubuntu# kubectl --context=DevDan-context get pods
No resources found in development namespace.
root@kubeadm-master:/home/ubuntu# kubectl --context=DevDan-context run nginx --image=nginx
pod/nginx created
root@kubeadm-master:/home/ubuntu# kubectl --context=DevDan-context get pods
NAME READY STATUS RESTARTS AGE
nginx 0/1 ContainerCreating 0 9s





3.4 Clean-up Resources Created this Section

\$ kubectl delete pod nginx -n development

\$ kubectl delete -f rolebind.yaml

\$ kubectl delete -f role-dev.yaml

\$ kubectl delete ns development





4 CONFIGURING NETWORK POLICIES FOR APPLICATIONS

4.1 Restrict Incoming Traffic Pods

1. Run a simple web server application with label app=hello and expose it internally in the cluster

\$ kubectl run hello-web --labels app=hello --image=gcr.io/google-samples/hello-app:1.0 --port 8080 --expose

2. All inbound traffic by default is allowed. So let's configure a NetworkPolicy to allow traffic to hello-web pods from only pods with label app=foo. All other incoming traffic will be blocked.

\$ vi hello-allow-from-foo.yaml

```
kind: NetworkPolicy
apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1
metadata:
    name: hello-allow-from-foo
spec:
    policyTypes:
        - Ingress
    podSelector:
        matchLabels:
        app: hello
ingress:
        - from:
        - podSelector:
        matchLabels:
        app: foo
```

3. Apply this policy to the cluster with kubectl command

\$ kubectl apply -f hello-allow-from-foo.yaml





```
root@kubeadm-master:/home/ubuntu# vim hello-allow-from-foo.yaml
root@kubeadm-master:/home/ubuntu# kubectl apply -f hello-allow-from-foo.yaml
networkpolicy.networking.k8s.io/hello-allow-from-foo created
```

4.2 Validating Network Policy

1. Run a temporary Pod with a different label (app=other) and get a shell inside the Pod. Observe that the traffic is **not allowed** and therefore the request times out

```
$ kubectl run -l app=other --image=alpine --restart=Never --rm -i -t test-1
# wget -qO- --timeout=2 http://hello-web:8080
# exit
```

```
root@kubeadm-master:/home/ubuntu# kubectl run -l app=other --image=alpine --restart=Never --rm -i -t test-1
If you don't see a command prompt, try pressing enter.

|/ # wget -q0- --timeout=2 http://hello-web:8080
wget: download timed out
|/ # exit
pod "test-1" deleted
pod default/test-1 terminated (Error)
```

2. Run a temporary Pod with a different label (app=foo) and get a shell inside the Pod. Observe that the traffic is **allowed**

```
$ kubectl run -l app=foo --image=alpine --restart=Never --rm -i -t test-1
# wget -qO- --timeout=2 http://hello-web:8080
# exit
```

```
root@kubeadm-master:/home/ubuntu# kubectl run -l app=foo --image=alpine --restart=Never --rm -i -t test-1
If you don't see a command prompt, try pressing enter.
// # wget -q0- --timeout=2 http://hello-web:8080
Hello, world!
Version: 1.0.0
Hostname: hello-web
// # exit
pod "test-1" deleted
```

4.3 Restrict Outgoing Traffic from Pods

 All outbound traffic by default is allowed. So let's configure a NetworkPolicy to allow traffic only from pods labelled as app=foo to send traffic only to pods with label app=hello. All other outgoing traffic from app=foo will be blocked.

```
$ vi foo-allow-to-hello.yaml
```

2. Apply this policy to the cluster with kubectl command

```
$ kubectl apply -f foo-allow-to-hello.yaml
```





```
root@kubeadm-master:/home/ubuntu#
lroot@kubeadm-master:/home/ubuntu# vim foo-allow-to-hello.yaml
lroot@kubeadm-master:/home/ubuntu#
lroot@kubeadm-master:/home/ubuntu# kubectl apply -f foo-allow-to-hello.yaml
networkpolicy.networking.k8s.io/foo-allow-to-hello created
root@kubeadm-master:/home/ubuntu#
```

4.4 Validating Network Policy

1. Run a temporary Pod with a different label (app=hello-2)

```
$ kubectl run hello-web-2 --labels app=hello-2 \
--image=gcr.io/google-samples/hello-app:1.0 --port 8080 --expose
```

```
root@kubeadm-master:/home/ubuntu#
root@kubeadm-master:/home/ubuntu# kubectl run hello-web-2 --labels app=hello-2 \
    --image=gcr.io/google-samples/hello-app:1.0 --port 8080 --expose
service/hello-web-2 created
pod/hello-web-2 created
root@kubeadm-master:/home/ubuntu#
root@kubeadm-master:/home/ubuntu#
```

2. Next, run a temporary Pod with app=foo label and get a shell prompt inside the container:

```
$kubectl run -l app=foo --image=alpine --rm -i -t --restart=Never test-3
```

3. Validate that the Pod can establish connections to hello-web:8080:

```
# wget -gO- --timeout=2 http://hello-web:8080
```

4. Validate that the Pod cannot establish connections to hello-web-2:8080:

wget -qO- --timeout=2 http://hello-web-2:8080

```
root@kubeadm-master:/home/ubuntu#
root@kubeadm-master:/home/ubuntu# kubectl run -l app=foo --image=alpine --rm -i -t --restart=Never test-3
If you don't see a command prompt, try pressing enter.
// # wget -q0- --timeout=2 http://hello-web:8080
Hello, world!
Version: 1.0.0
Hostname: hello-web
// # wget -q0- --timeout=2 http://hello-web-2:8080
wget: download timed out
// #
```





4.5 Clean-up the resources created in this Section

\$ kubectl delete -f foo-allow-to-hello.yaml

\$ kubectl delete -f hello-allow-from-foo.yaml







5 CONFIGURING CONTAINER SECURITY CONTEXT

5.1 Defining Security Contexts With Default User

Note: It allows you to lock down your containers, so that only certain processes can do certain things. This ensures the stability of your containers and allows you to give control or take it away. In this lesson, we'll go through how to set the security context at the container level and the pod level.

1. Run an alpine container with default security

\$ kubectl run pod-with-defaults --image alpine --restart Never -- /bin/sleep 999999

root@kubeadm-master:/#
root@kubeadm-master:/# kubectl run pod-with-defaults --image alpine --restart Never -- /bin/sleep 999999
pod/pod-with-defaults created
root@kubeadm-master:/# ||

2. Check the ID on the container:

\$ kubectl exec pod-with-defaults id

root@kubeadm-master:/# kubectl exec pod-with-defaults id kubectl exec [POD] [COMMAND] is DEPRECATED and will be removed in a future version. Use kubectl kubectl exec [POD] -- [COMMAND] instead.uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root),1(bin),2(daemon),3(sys),4(adm),6(disk),10(wheel),11(floppy),20(dialout),26(tape),27(video) root@kubeadm-master:/#

5.2 Defining Security Contexts With Specific User

1. The YAML for a container that runs as a user. View the file security-cxt.yaml

\$ vim security-cxt.yaml





```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
   name: alpine-user-context
spec:
   containers:
   - name: main
    image: alpine
   command: ["/bin/sleep", "999999"]
   securityContext:
      runAsUser: 405
```

2. Create the resource from above yaml file

\$ kubectl apply -f security-cxt.yaml

```
root@kubeadm-master:/home/AzureUser/Kubernetes# kubectl apply -f security-cxt.yaml
pod/alpine-user-context created
root@kubeadm-master:/home/AzureUser/Kubernetes#
```

3. Check the user context

\$ kubectl exec alpine-user-context id

```
root@kubeadm-master:/home/AzureUser/Kubernetes#
root@kubeadm-master:/home/AzureUser/Kubernetes# kubectl exec alpine-user-context id
kubectl exec [POD] [COMMAND] is DEPRECATED and will be removed in a future version. Use kubectl kubectl exec [POD] -- [COMMAND] instead.
uid=405(guest) gid=100(users)
root@kubeadm-master:/home/AzureUser/Kubernetes#
```

5.3 Defining Security Contexts With non-root User

1. The YAML for a pod that runs the container as non-root:

\$ vim security-cxt-nonroot.yaml





```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
    name: alpine-nonroot
spec:
    containers:
    - name: main
        image: alpine
        command: ["/bin/sleep", "999999"]
        securityContext:
        runAsNonRoot: true
```

2. Create a pod that runs the container as non-root:

```
$ kubectl apply -f security-cxt-nonroot.yaml
```

```
root@kubeadm-master:/home/AzureUser/Kubernetes#
root@kubeadm-master:/home/AzureUser/Kubernetes# kubectl apply -f security-cxt-nonroot.yaml
pod/alpine-nonroot created
root@kubeadm-master:/home/AzureUser/Kubernetes#
```

- 3. View more information about the pod error:
 - \$ kubectl describe pod alpine-nonroot
 - \$ kubectl get pods





root@kubeadm-master:/home/AzureUser/Kubernetes# kubectl describe pod alpine-nonroot

Name: alpine-nonroot

Namespace: default

Priority: 6

Node: worker2/10.0.0.6

Start Time: Wed, 10 Jun 2020 02:24:07 +0000

Labels: <none>

Annotations: Status: Pending IP: 10.40.0.4

IPs:

IP: 10.40.0.4 Containers:

main:

Container ID:

Image: alpine

Image ID:

Port: <none>
Host Port: <none>

Command: /bin/sleep 99999

State: Waiting

Reason: CreateContainerConfigError

Ready: False
Restart Count: 0
Environment: <none>

Mounts:

Fvents:

Warning Failed 7s (x3 over 21s) kubelet, worker2 Error root@kubeadm-master:/home/AzureUser/Kubernetes#

7s (x3 over 21s) kubelet, worker2 Error: container has runAsNonRoot and image will run as root

root@kubeadm-master:/home/AzureUser/Kubernetes#

root@kubeadm-master:/home/AzureUser/Kubernetes# kubectl get pods

NAME READY STATUS RESTARTS AGE alpine-nonroot 0/1 CreateContainerConfigError 0 29m

5.4 Defining Security Contexts With Privileged Container POD

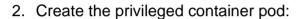
1. The YAML for a privileged container pod:

\$ vim security-cxt-priv.yaml





```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
   name: privileged-pod
spec:
   containers:
   - name: main
     image: alpine
     command: ["/bin/sleep", "999999"]
     securityContext:
        privileged: true
```



kubectl apply -f security-cxt-priv.yaml

```
root@kubeadm-master:/home/AzureUser/Kubernetes# kubectl create -f security-cxt-priv.yaml
pod/privileged-pod created
root@kubeadm-master:/home/AzureUser/Kubernetes#
```

3. View the devices on the default container:

\$ kubectl exec -it pod-with-defaults Is /dev

```
root@kubeadm-master:/home/AzureUser/Kubernetes#
root@kubeadm-master:/home/AzureUser/Kubernetes#
root@kubeadm-master:/home/AzureUser/Kubernetes# kubectl exec -it pod-with-defaults ls /dev
kubectl exec [POD] [COMMAND] is DEPRECATED and will be removed in a future version. Use kubectl kubectl exec [POD] -- [COMMAND] instead.
                                                    termination-log
core
                                  shm
                 ptmx
                                  stderr
                                                    tty
full
                 pts
                                  stdin
                                                    urandom
mqueue
                 random
                                  stdout
                                                    zero
root@kubeadm-master:/home/AzureUser/Kubernetes#
root@kubeadm-master:/home/AzureUser/Kubernetes#
```

4. View the devices on the privileged pod container:

\$ kubectl exec -it privileged-pod ls /dev

```
root@kubeadm-master:/home/AzureUser/Kubernetes#
root@kubeadm-master:/home/AzureUser/Kubernetes# kubectl exec -it privileged-pod ls /dev
kubectl exec [POD] [COMMAND] is DEPRECATED and will be removed in a future version. Use kubectl kubectl exec [POD] -- [COMMAND] instead.
autofs
                     ttv12
                                          ttyS11
bsg
                     tty13
                                           ttyS12
btrfs-control
                                           ttyS13
                     tty14
                     tty15
                                           ttyS14
cpu_dma_latency
                                          ttyS15
ttyS16
                     tty16
                     tty17
cuse
                                           ttyS17
ecryptfs
fb0
                     tty19
                                          ttyS18
ttyS19
fd
                     ttv2
full
                     tty20
                                           ttyS2
fuse
                     tty21
                                           ttyS20
hpet
                     tty22
                                           ttyS21
                     tty23
                                           ttyS22
hwrng
input
                     tty24
                                           ttyS23
kmsg
                     tty25
                                           ttyS24
                                           ttvS25
                     ttv26
kvm
loop-control
```





5. Try to change the time on a default container pod:

```
$ kubectl exec -it pod-with-defaults -- date +%T -s "12:00:00"
```

```
root@kubeadm-master:/home/AzureUser/Kubernetes#
root@kubeadm-master:/home/AzureUser/Kubernetes#
root@kubeadm-master:/home/AzureUser/Kubernetes# kubectl exec -it pod-with-defaults -- date +%T -s "12:00:00"
date: can't set date: Operation not permitted
12:00:00
root@kubeadm-master:/home/AzureUser/Kubernetes#
```

5.5 Defining Security Contexts With Privileged Container POD – add Capability

1. The YAML for a container that will allow you to change the time:

\$ vim security-cxt-time.yaml

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
    name: kernelchange-pod
spec:
    containers:
    - name: main
        image: alpine
        command: ["/bin/sleep", "999999"]
        securityContext:
        capabilities:
        add:
        - SYS_TIME
```

2. Create the pod that will allow you to change the container's time:

```
$ kubectl create -f security-cxt-time.yaml
```

3. Change the time on a container:

```
$ kubectl exec -it kernelchange-pod -- date +%T -s "12:00:00"
```





root@kubeadm-master:/home/AzureUser/Kubernetes#
lroot@kubeadm-master:/home/AzureUser/Kubernetes# kubectl exec -it kernelchange-pod -- date +%T -s "12:00:00"
12:00:00

5.6 Defining security contextswith privileged container podremove capability

1. The YAML for a container that removes capabilities:

\$ vim security-cxt-rmcap.yaml

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
    name: remove-capabilities
spec:
    containers:
    - name: main
        image: alpine
        command: ["/bin/sleep", "999999"]
        securityContext:
        capabilities:
        drop:
        - CHOWN
```

2. Create a pod that's container has capabilities removed:

```
$ kubectl apply -f security-cxt-rmcap.yaml
```

3. Try to change the ownership of a container with removed capability:

\$ kubectl exec remove-capabilities chown guest /tmp

```
root@kubeadm-master:/home/AzureUser/Kubernetes#
root@kubeadm-master:/home/AzureUser/Kubernetes# kubectl exec remove-capabilities chown guest /tmp
kubectl exec [POD] [COMMAND] is DEPRECATED and will be removed in a future version. Use kubectl kubectl exec [POD] -- [COMMAND] instead.
chown: /tmp: Operation not permitted
command terminated with exit code 1
root@kubeadm-master:/home/AzureUser/Kubernetes#
```





5.7 Defining security contextswith privileged container podReadOnly

1. The YAML for a pod container that can't write to the local filesystem:

\$ vim security-cxt-readonly.yaml

2. Create a pod that will not allow you to write to the local container filesystem:

\$ kubectl apply -f security-cxt-readonly.yaml

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  name: readonly-pod
spec:
  containers:
  - name: main
    image: alpine
    command: ["/bin/sleep", "999999"]
    securityContext:
      readOnlyRootFilesystem: true
    volumeMounts:
    - name: my-volume
      mountPath: /volume
      readOnly: false
  volumes:
  - name: my-volume
    emptyDir:
```

3. Try to write to the container filesystem:

```
$ kubectl exec -it readonly-pod touch /new-file
```

```
root@kubeadm-master:/home/AzureUser/Kubernetes# kubectl exec -it readonly-pod touch /new-file kubectl exec [POD] [COMMAND] is DEPRECATED and will be removed in a future version. Use kubectl kubectl exec [POD] -- [COMMAND] instead. touch: /new-file: Read-only file system command terminated with exit code 1 root@kubeadm-master:/home/AzureUser/Kubernetes#
```

4. Create a file on the volume mounted to the container:



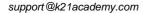


\$ kubectl exec -it readonly-pod touch /volume/newfile

root@kubeadm-master:/home/AzureUser/Kubernetes# kubectl exec -it readonly-pod touch /volume/newfile kubectl exec [POD] [COMMAND] is DEPRECATED and will be removed in a future version. Use kubectl kubectl exec [POD] -- [COMMAND] instead. root@kubeadm-master:/home/AzureUser/Kubernetes#

5. View the file on the volume that's mounted:

\$ kubectl exec -it readonly-pod -- Is -la /volume/newfile







6 SUMMARY

In this guide we Covered:

- Configuring Network Policies for Applications
- Configuring Container Security Context

