

**Bypass**

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# Whoami

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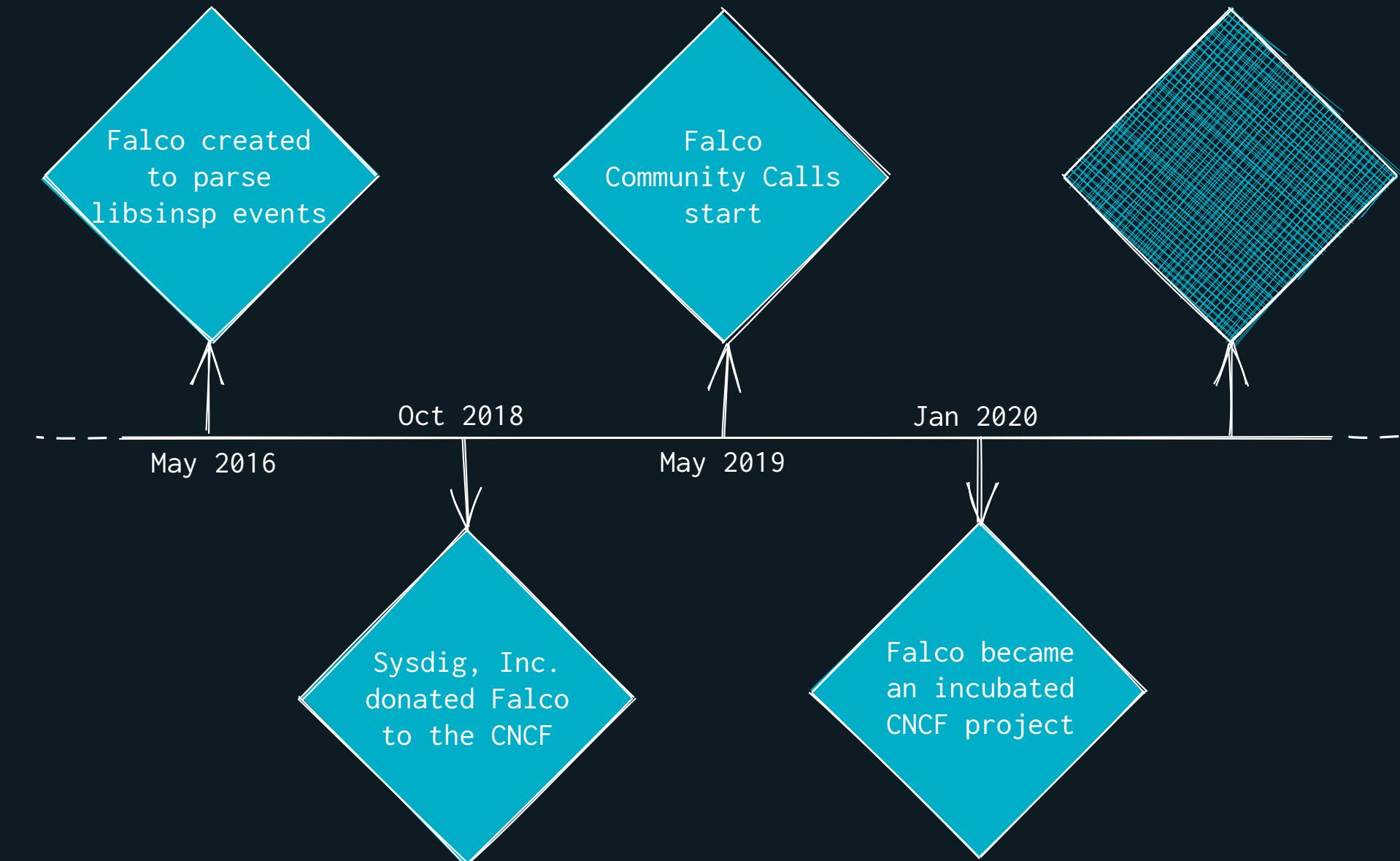
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# A timeline always works fine





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You gonna get fired for this.  
It's a mistake.

— my father.

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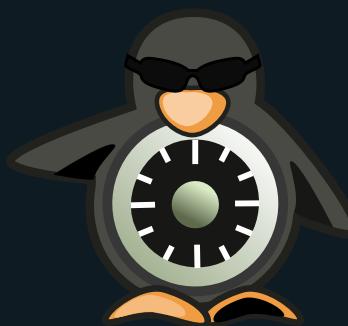
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# Prevention + Detection

Use **policies** to change the behavior of a process by preventing syscalls from succeeding (also killing the process).

Use **policies** to monitor the behavior of a process and notify when its behavior steps outside the policy.



# Prevention is **not** enough.

Combine with runtime detection tools. Use a defense-in-depth  $\circlearrowleft$  strategy.



# Runtime Security

She's **Kelly**. 💔

I have a lock on my front door and an alarm. She alerts me when things aren't going right, when little bro is misbehaving or if there's someone suspicious outside or nearby.

She detects **runtimes anomalies** in my life at home.

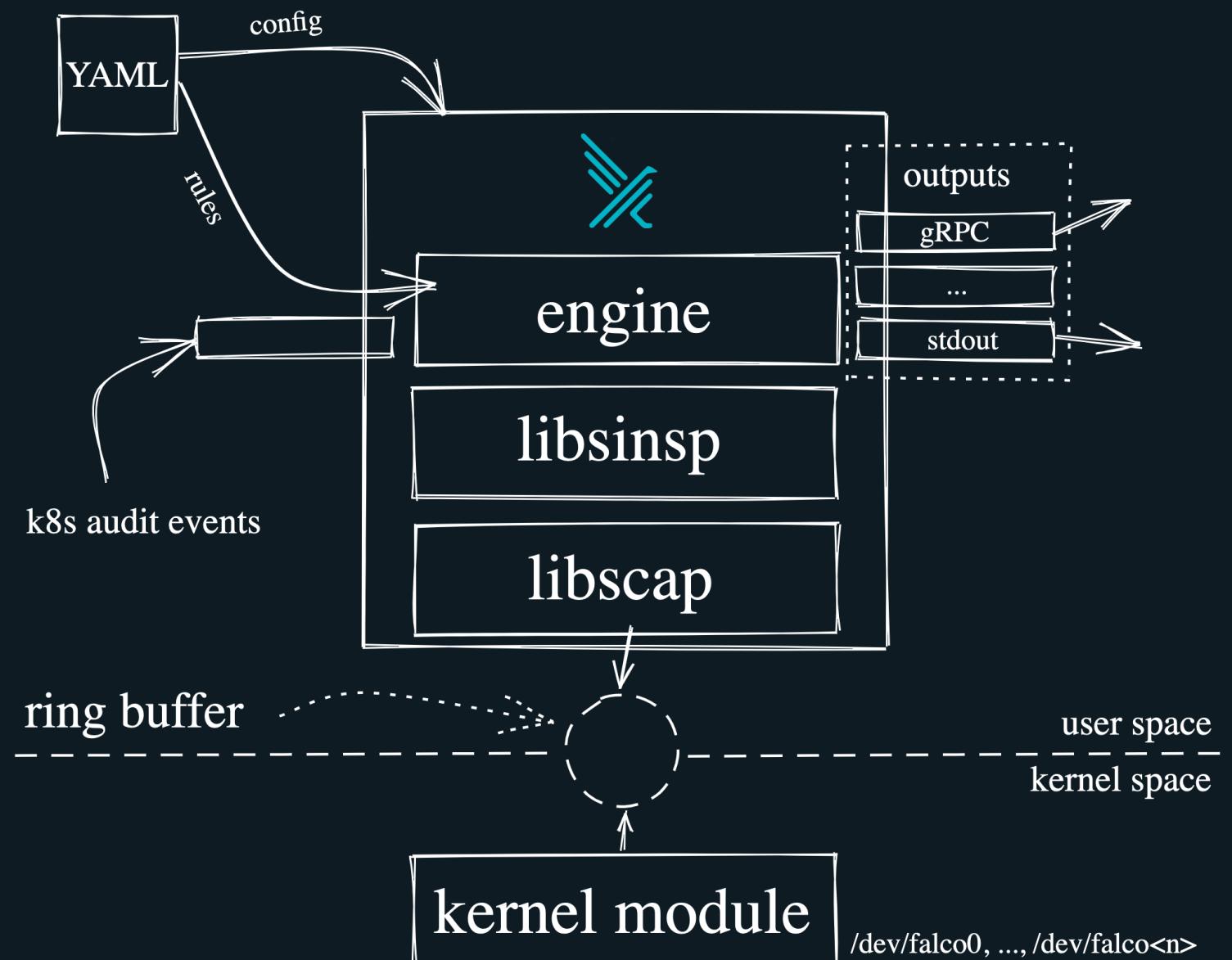
**Still...** Bad people were able to defy her and break into my house.



A photograph of a sunset over a body of water. The sky is filled with dark clouds illuminated from behind by a bright sun, casting a warm orange glow. In the foreground, a sandy beach curves along the right side of the frame. A distinct yellow path or line is visible on the sand, leading towards the horizon.

**There is no such thing  
as perfect security.**

# How Falco works?





**Falco rules are YAML!<sup>1</sup>**



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# Detect attempts to spawn a shell from non-shell applications<sup>2</sup>

```
- rule: Run shell untrusted
desc: >
An attempt to spawn a shell below a non-shell application.
Specific applications are monitored.
condition: >
  spawned_process
  and shell_procs
  and proc.pname exists
  and protected_shell_spawner
  and not proc.pname in (shell_binaries, gitlab_binaries,
    cron_binaries, user_known_shell_spawn_binaries,
    needrestart_binaries, mesos_shell_binaries,
    erl_child_setup, exechealthz, PM2,
    PassengerWatchd, c_rehash, svlogd,
    logrotate, hhvm, serf, lb-controller,
    nvidia-installe, runsv, statsite, erlexec,
    calico-node, "puma reactor")
  and not proc.cmdline in (known_shell_spawn_cmdlines)
  and not ...
  and not user_shell_container_exclusions
output: >
  Shell spawned by untrusted binary
  (user=%user.name user_loginuid=%user.loginuid
  shell=%proc.name parent=%proc.pname cmdline=%proc.cmdline
  pc cmdline=%proc.pc cmdline gparent=%proc.ename[2] ggparent=%proc.ename[3]
  ename[4]=%proc.ename[4] ename[5]=%proc.ename[5]
  ename[6]=%proc.ename[6] ename[7]=%proc.ename[7]
  container_id=%container.id image=%container.image.repository)
priority: DEBUG
tags: [shell, mitre_execution]

- macro: spawned_process
  condition: evt.type = execve and evt.dir=<
- list: shell_binaries
  items: [ash, bash, csh, ksh, sh, tcsh, zsh, dash]
- macro: shell_procs
  condition: proc.name in (shell_binaries)
- list: protected_shell_spawning_binaries
  items: [
    http_server_binaries, db_server_binaries, nosql_server_binaries, mail_binaries,
    fluentd, flanneld, splunkd, consul, smbd, runsv, PM2
  ]
- macro: protected_shell_spawner
  condition: >
    (proc.ename in (protected_shell_spawning_binaries)
    or parent_java_running_zookeeper
    or ...
    or possibly_node_in_container)
- list: known_shell_spawn_cmdlines
  items: [
    '"sh -c uname -p 2> /dev/null"',
    '"sh -c uname -s 2>&1"',
    '"sh -c uname -r 2>&1"',
    '"sh -c uname -v 2>&1"',
    '"sh -c uname -a 2>&1"',
    '"sh -c ruby -v 2>&1"',
    ...
    '"sh -c /bin/sh -c ''date +%%s''''
  ]
```

<sup>2</sup> rule definition ↗

# execveat

## demo



```
root@10.10.10.10:~# ls -l /tmp/test
total 12
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 4096 Oct 22 19:51 file1
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 4096 Oct 22 19:51 file2
root@10.10.10.10:~# rm file1
rm: remove file1? y
root@10.10.10.10:~# rm file2
rm: remove file2? y
root@10.10.10.10:~# ls -l /tmp/test
total 0
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<code>dup3(2)</code>	2.6.27	

# Missing syscalls

```
#!/usr/bin/env bash

DRIVER="/home/vagrant/workspace/draios/sysdig/"
HEADERS="/lib/modules/$(uname -r)/build/"
HEADERQUERY="asmlinkage long sys_"

SUP=$(grep -oh "__NR_\w*" "${DRIVER}/driver/symlink_table.c" | \
      grep -v ia32 | sed -e "s/__NR_//")
ALL=$(grep "${HEADERQUERY}" "${HEADERS}/include/linux/syscalls.h" | \
      awk '{print $3}' | sed -e "s/^sys_//" | \
      sed -e "s/(/ /g" | awk '{print $1}')

sdiff \  
<(echo "${SUP}" | sort | uniq) \  
<(echo "${ALL}" | sort | uniq)
```

## Is tracing syscalls only enough?

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```
11 chown16
12 chroot
13 ...
14 clone
15 ...
16 close
17 connect
18 ...
19 creat
20 ...
21 epoll_wait
22 eventfd
23 eventfd2
24 execve
25 ...
26 ...
27 fchdir
28 fchmod
29 fchmodat
30 fchown
31 fchown16
32 fchownat
33 ...
34 fork
35 ...
36 madvise
37 ...
38 ...
39 ...
40 ...
41 mkdir
42 mkdirat
43 ...
44 read
45 ...
46 readlink
47 readlinkat
48 ...
49 rename
50 renameat
51 renameat2
```

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fchown
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fork

madvise
> mbind
> membarrier
> memfd_create
> migrate_pages
mkdir
mkdirat

read
> readahead
readlink
readlinkat

rename
renameat
renameat2
```

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`rename()` renames a file, moving it between directories if required. Any other hard links to the file (as created using `link(2)`) are unaffected. Open file descriptors for `oldpath` are also unaffected.

# How to support a new syscall

## demo

### renameat2 support

If `oldpath` refers to a symbolic link, the link is renamed; if `newpath` refers to a symbolic link, the link will be overwritten.

#### `renameat()`

The `renameat()` system call operates in exactly the same way as `rename()`, except for the differences described here.

If the pathname given in `oldpath` is relative, then it is interpreted relative to the directory referred to by the file descriptor `olddirfd` (rather than relative to the current working directory of the calling process, as is done by `rename()` for a relative pathname).

If `oldpath` is relative and `olddirfd` is the special value `AT_FDCWD`, then `oldpath` is interpreted relative to the current working directory of the calling process (like `rename()`).

If `oldpath` is absolute, then `olddirfd` is ignored.

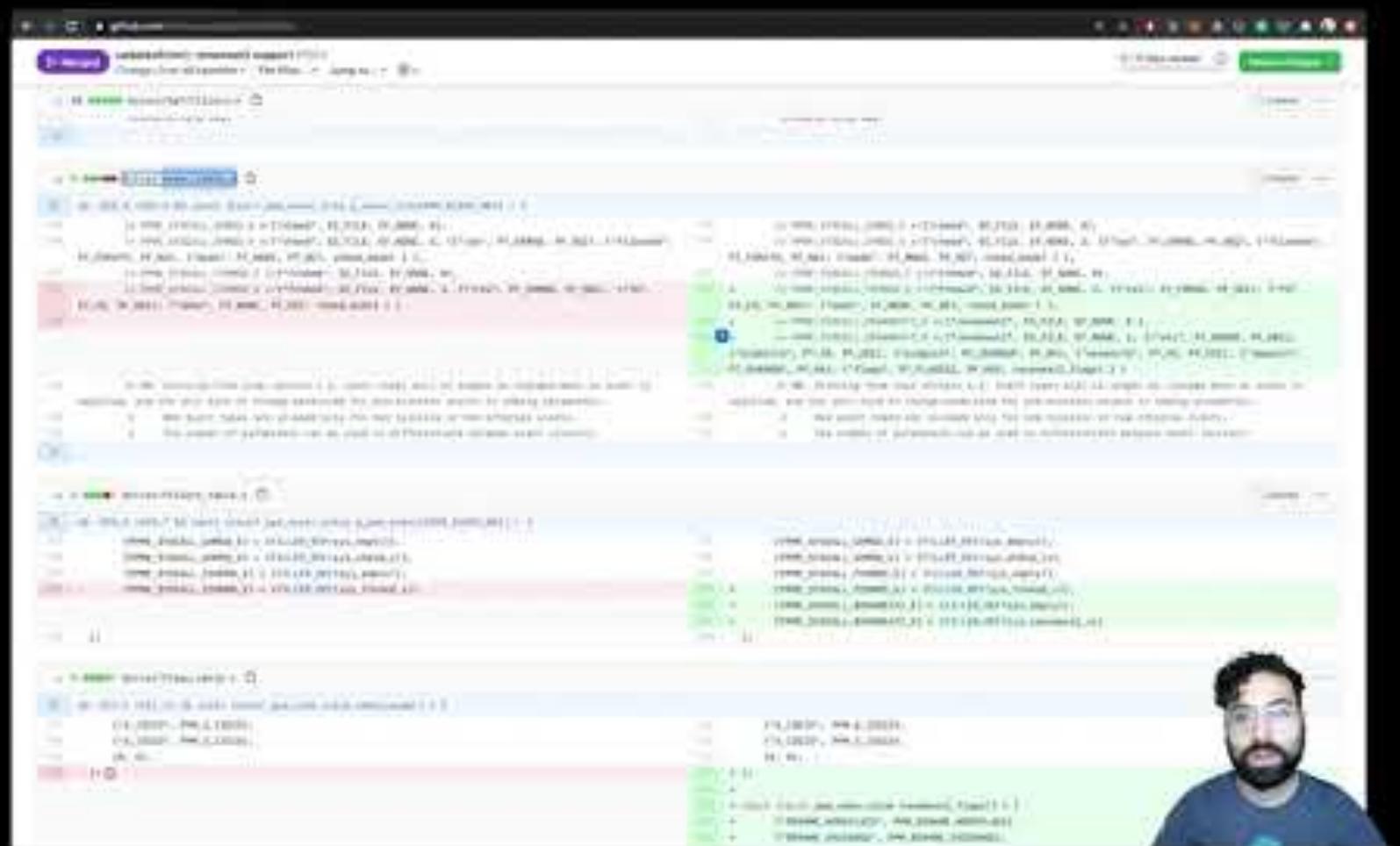
The interpretation of `newpath` is as for `oldpath`, except that a relative pathname is interpreted relative to the directory referred to by the file descriptor `newdirfd`.

See `openat(2)` for an explanation of the need for `renameat()`.

#### `renameat2()`

`renameat2()` has an additional `flags` argument. A `renameat2()` call with a zero `flags` argument is equivalent to `renameat()`.

The `flags` argument is a bit mask consisting of zero or more of the following flags:



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# Detect package management process ran inside container..

Error Package management process launched in container (**user=root user\_loginuid=-1 command=apt update -y container\_id=6640634d89d4 container\_name=testdpkg image=ubuntu:18.04**)

```
- macro: never_true
  condition: (evt.num==0)

- macro: spawned_process
  condition: evt.type == execve and evt.dir=<

- macro: container
  condition: (container.id != host)

- list: deb_binaries
  items: [
    dpkg, dpkg-preconfig, dpkg-reconfig, dpkg-divert, apt, apt-get, aptitude,
    frontend, preinst, add-apt-repository, apt-key,
    apt-listchanges, unattended-upgr, apt-add-repository, apt-config, apt-cache
  ]

- list: package_mgmt_binaries
  items: [..., deb_binaries, alternatives, pip, pip3, apk, gem, snapd, ...]

- macro: package_mgmt_procs
  condition: proc.name in (package_mgmt_binaries)

- macro: package_mgmt_ancestor_procs
  condition: proc.pname in (package_mgmt_binaries) or
             proc.aname[2] in (package_mgmt_binaries) or
             proc.aname[3] in (package_mgmt_binaries) or
             proc.aname[4] in (package_mgmt_binaries)

- macro: user_known_package_manager_in_container
  condition: (never_true)

- rule: Launch Package Management Process in Container
  desc: Package management process ran inside container
  condition: >
    spawned_process
    and container
    and user.name != "_apt"
    and package_mgmt_procs
    and not package_mgmt_ancestor_procs
    and not user_known_package_manager_in_container
  output: >
    Package management process launched in container
    (user=%user.name user_loginuid=%user.loginuid command=%proc.cmdline
     container_id=%container.id container_name=%container.name
     image=%container.image.repository:%container.image.tag)
  priority: ERROR
  tags: [process, mitre_persistence]
```

# Let's do it again

demo



```
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree...
Reading state information... Done
21 packages can be upgraded. Run "apt list --upgradable" to see them.
Reading package lists... Done
```

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# Close the gate of the (Lua) outputs?

# demo

```
root@ubuntuser-amd64:~# ls -lah /etc/falco/rules/falco.yaml
total 96K
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4.0K Oct 21 08:56 .
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4.0K Oct 21 08:56 ..
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 7.0K Oct 21 14:42 compiler.yaml
drwxr-xr-x 2 root root 4.0K Oct 21 18:56 fts.yaml
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 34K Oct 21 14:42 lyra.yaml
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 7.0K Oct 21 14:42 output.yaml
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 9.0K Oct 21 14:42 parser.yaml
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 25K Oct 21 14:42 rule_loader.yaml
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 4.1K Oct 21 14:42 simple_rule_utils.yaml
-rw-r--r-- 1 root root 3817 Oct 21 14:42 test.yaml
root@ubuntuser-amd64:~# vim /usr/share/falco/fts/output.yaml
root@ubuntuser-amd64:~# kill -9 $PID
root@ubuntuser-amd64:~# touch /f
```

Wed Oct 23 19:22:25 2020: Loading rules from file /etc/falco/kbs\_audit\_rules.yaml

Wed Oct 23 19:22:25 2020: Starting internal webserver, listening on port 8765

19:22:25.488088224: Notice Setuid or setgid bit is set via chmod (0x4000) filename=/tmp/test mode=0\_000THIS\_IS\_BURP!\$;m\$0\$2;3m\$0\$1;3m\$0\$5;3m\$0\$0 user=r0
at user\_loginuid=1800 process=chmod command=chmod g+s /tmp/test container\_id=\$ container\_name=host image=<nil>;0x0

Wed Oct 23 19:24:00 2020: SIGTERM received, restarting...

Events detected: 1

Rule counts by severity:

NOTICE: 1

Triggered rules by rule name:

- Set Setuid or Setgid bit: 1

syscall event drop monitoring:

- event drop-detected: 0 occurrences
- num times actions taken: 0

Wed Oct 23 19:24:00 2020: Falco version 0.26.3 (Driver version 2a8880cf643998097811df4c3104648cd9455a7)

Wed Oct 23 19:24:00 2020: Falco initialized with configuration file /etc/falco/falco.yaml

Wed Oct 23 19:24:00 2020: Loading rules from file /etc/falco/falco.rules.yaml

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[0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9] vagrant@ubuntuser-amd64: ~

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- **TODO:** rewrite Falco rule parser and engine in C++

# Thanks and Honks!

## Does anyone have any questions?



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