# Lab: Using Distroless for Building **Lightweight Docker Images & Scanning via** Clair

## **Lab Scenario**

The primary goal of this lab is to leverage Distroless images to create a lightweight Docker image for a Python application and scan it for vulnerabilities using Clair-Scanner.

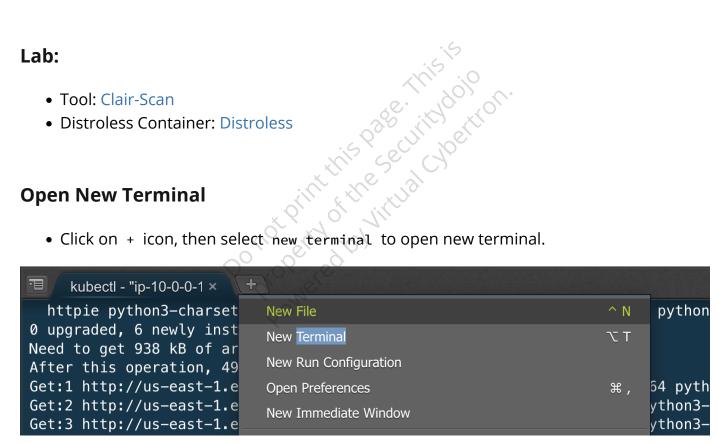
#### Lab:

Tool: Clair-Scan

• Distroless Container: Distroless

## **Open New Terminal**

• Click on + icon, then select new terminal to open new terminal.



### **Hands On Lab**

Organize the lab files in a structured directory.

mkdir -p course/7\_protection\_strategies/7\_distroless/ cd course/7\_protection\_strategies/7\_distroless/

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```
root@ip-10-0-0-202:/home/ubuntu/ workspace# mkdir -p course/7_protection_strategies/7_distroless/
root@ip-10-0-0-202:/home/ubuntu/ workspace# cd course/7_protection_strategies/7_distroless/
```

• First, set up the Clair database and the Clair vulnerability scanner.

```
docker run -d --name clair-db arminc/clair-db:latest
docker run -p 6060:6060 --link clair-db:postgres -d --name clair arminc/clair-
local-scan:v2.0.8_fe9b059d930314b54c78f75afe265955faf4fdc1
```

```
root@ip-10-0-0-202;/home/ubuntu/ workspace/course/7_protection_strategies/7_distroless# docker run -d ---name clair-db arminc/clair-db:latest
Umable to find image 'arminc/clair-db:latest' locally
latest: Pulling from arminc/clair-db
c9b153576d9: Downloading |> | 32.19kB/2.883MB
c9b1553576d9: Pull complete
d1030c4556M4: Pull complete
d1030c4556M4: Pull complete
d1030c4556M4: Pull complete
d1030c4556M4: Pull complete
d2050c455M5: Pull complete
b7c4556C5M5: Pull complete
b7c4556F715: Pull complete
b7c4556F715: Pull complete
c0302c26dd5: Pull complete
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D1gest: sha25c:185579083Abzce09dff677d51b5550cc23dcb2822z2bbbc78851cc840ef898
Status: Downloaded newer image for arminc/clair-db:latest
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root@iap-10-0-0-202;/home/ubuntu/ workspace/course/7_protection_strategies/7_distroless# docker run -p 6660:6060 --link clair-db:postgres -d --name clair arminc/clair-local-scan:v2.0.8_fe9b059d938314b
54c78f75a7c2659555faf4dc1
Wable to find image 'arminc/clair-local-scan:v2.0.8_fe9b059d938314b54c78f75a7c2659555faf4dc1: Pulling from arminc/clair-local-scan
s4cf46df36def4. Pull complete
e66186f66def4. Pull complete
```

 Get the scanner binary, which will be instrumental in evaluating Docker container vulnerabilities.

wget https://github.com/arminc/clair-scanner/releases/download/v12/clairscanner\_linux\_386 -0 /usr/local/bin/clair-scanner chmod +x /usr/local/bin/clair-scanner

```
rootign-10-0-0-202:/home/ubuntu/ workspace/course/7_protection_strategies/7_distroless# wget https://github.com/arminc/clair-scanner_clinux_386 -0 /usr/local/bin/clair-scanner_linux_386 -0 /usr/local/bin/clair-scanner /usr
```

• Check if clair-local-scan conatiner is running, else we will have error. This command will fetch the conatiner id and start the container if exited.

CONTAINER="\$(docker ps -a | grep -i "clair-local-scan" | awk ' { print \$1 }')" if sudo docker inspect --format="{{.State.Running}}" \$CONTAINER; then docker start \$CONTAINER; else echo "Container is already running, proceed with next command"; fi

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root@ip-10-0-0-202:/home/ubuntu/ workspace/course/7_protection_strategies/7_distroless# CONTAINER="$(docker ps -a | grep -i "clair-local-scan" | awk ' { print $1 }')" root@ip-10-0-0-202:/home/ubuntu/ workspace/course/7_protection_strategies/7_distroless# if sudo docker inspect --format="{{.State.Running}}" $CONTAINER; then docker start $CONTAINER; else echo "Container is already running, proceed with next command"; fi true
331d25cff09a
root@ip-10-0-0-202:/home/ubuntu/ workspace/course/7_protection_strategies/7_distroless# |
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• Extract the IP address of the eth0 interface. This IP is needed by the Clair-Scanner.

```
IP="$(ip addr show eth0 | awk '$1 == "inet" {gsub(/\/.*$/, "", $2); print $2}')"
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root@ip-10-0-0-202:/home/ubuntu/ workspace/course/7_protection_strategies/7_distroless# IP="$(ip addr show eth0 | awk '$1 == "inet" {gsub(\\.*$/, "", $2); print $2}')" root@ip-10-0-0-202:/home/ubuntu/ workspace/course/7_protection_strategies/7_distroless#
```

• Clone the python vulnerable app for demo.

```
ls
git clone https://github.com/justmorpheus/insecure-python-app.git
cd insecure-python-app
```

```
root@ip-10-0-0-202:/home/ubuntu/ workspace/course/7_protection_strategies/7_distroless# ls
root@ip-10-0-0-202:/home/ubuntu/ workspace/course/7_protection_strategies/7_distroless# git clone https://github.com/justmorpheus/insecure-python-app.git
Cloning into 'insecure-python-app'...
remote: Enumerating objects: 393, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (254/254), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (157/157), done.
remote: Total 393 (delta 159), reused 152 (delta 97), pack-reused 139
Receiving objects: 100% (393/393), 95.37 KiB | 4.15 MiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (238/238), done.
root@ip-10-0-0-202:/home/ubuntu/ workspace/course/7_protection_strategies/7_distroless# cd insecure-python-app#
```

• Create Dockerfile for creating the image of the python vulnerable application.

```
cat <<EOF > Dockerfile
FROM python:3.8-slim-buster
LABEL maintainer="Justmorpheus <namaste@securitydojo.co.in"
LABEL version="1.0"
LABEL description="This is insecure password manager for k8s labs @
securitydojo"
WORKDIR /python-docker

COPY requirements.txt requirements.txt
RUN pip3 install -r requirements.txt
copy . .

CMD [ "python3", "-m" , "flask", "run", "--host=0.0.0.0", "--port=8000"]
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root@ip-10-0-0-202:/home/ubuntu/ workspace/course/7_protection_strategies/7_distroless/insecure-python-app# cat <<EOF > Dockerfile > FROM python:3.8-slim-buster 
> LABEL maintainer="Justmorpheus <namaste@securitydojo.co.in" 
> LABEL version="1.0" 
> LABEL description="This is insecure password manager for k8s labs @ securitydojo" 
> WORKDIR /python-docker 
> COPY requirements.txt requirements.txt 
> RUN pip3 install -r requirements.txt 
> copy . . 
> CMD [ "python3", "-m" , "flask", "run", "--host=0.0.0.0", "--port=8000"] 
> EOF 
root@ip-10-0-0-202:/home/ubuntu/ workspace/course/7_protection_strategies/7_distroless/insecure-python-app# 

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Build the image from Dockerfile via docker build

docker build --tag vulapp-docker .

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root@ip-10-0-0-202:/home/ubuntu/ workspace/course/7_protection_strategies/7_distroless/insecure-python-app# docker build --tag vulapp-docker .

DEPRECATED: The legacy builder is deprecated and will be removed in a future release.

Install the buildx component to build images with BuildKit:

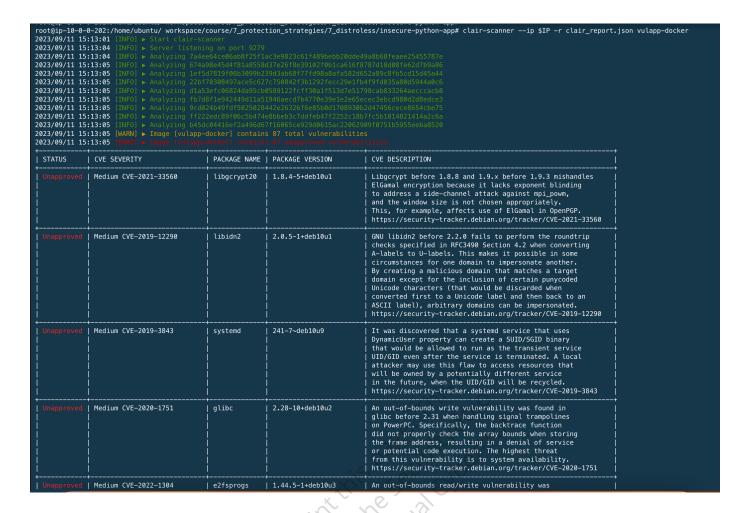
https://docs.docker.com/go/buildx/
Sending build context to Docker daemon
Step 1/9: FROM python:3.8-slim-buster
  ---> addd6962<u>740a</u>
Step 2/9 : LABEL maintainer="Justmorpheus <namaste@securitydojo.co.in"
    -> Using cache
  --> 305he92e90e4
Step 3/9 : LABEL version="1.0"
    --> bcc1a661c8b3
Step 4/9 : LABEL description="This is insecure password manager for k8s labs @ securitydojo"
    --> Using cache
--> 419b29bd11a2
Step 5/9 : WORKDIR /python-docker
      > 469caee7afe7
Step 6/9 : COPY requirements.txt requirements.txt
    ---> 98d74147c25a
Step 7/9 : RUN pip3 install -r requirements.txt
      Running in 9ed02a4e2b8e
Collecting insecure-package==0.1
Downloading insecure_package=0.1.0-py2.py3-none-any.whl (3.5 kB)
Collecting asn1crypto==1.5.1
Downloading asn1crypto-1.5.1-py2.py3-none-any.whl (105 kB)

    105.0/105.0 kB 11.5 MB/s eta 0:00:00

Collecting certifi==2022.6.15
Downloading certifi-2022.6.15-py3-none-any.whl (160 kB)
                                                            - 160.2/160.2 kB 18.7 MB/s eta 0:00:00
```

Run the command to perform the scan & generate the report.

clair-scanner --ip \$IP -r clair\_report.json vulapp-docker



• Creating a Distroless Multi-stage Dockerfile.

A multi-stage Docker build is a technique where you use multiple FROM statements in a Dockerfile to split the build process into multiple stages. Each stage starts from a base image and produces an intermediary image. Only the final stage produces the image that will be used to deploy your application.

```
cat <<EOF > Dockerfile_distroless
# Use python:3.8-slim-buster to build the application, but we'll copy from it
later
FROM python:3.8-slim-buster as build
WORKDIR /python-docker
COPY requirements.txt requirements.txt
RUN pip3 install --no-cache-dir -r requirements.txt
COPY . .
# Final Distroless image
FROM gcr.io/distroless/python3
LABEL maintainer="Justmorpheus <namaste@securitydojo.co.in>"
LABEL version="1.0"
LABEL description="This is insecure password manager for k8s labs @
securitydojo"
# Copy the Python app from the build image
COPY --from=build /python-docker /app
WORKDIR /app
# Note: Distroless doesn't have a shell.
                                         Therefore, commands must be run
directly.
CMD [ "python3", "-m", "flask", "run", "--host=0.0.0.0", "--port=8000"]
```

Build the newly created distroless dockerfile to create distroless image.

docker build -f Dockerfile\_distroless --tag distroless\_vulapp .

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Install the builds component to build images with BuildKit:
https://docs.docker.com/go/builds/
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Scan the newly created distroless image. Check the results.

There are no vulnerabilities in the distroless image.

clair-scanner --ip \$IP -r clair\_report\_distroless.json distroless\_vulapp:latest

 Contrast the sizes of the Docker images created to understand the benefits of Distroless.

docker images | grep vulapp

```
root@ip-10-0-0-202:/home/ubuntu/ workspace/course/7_protection_strategies/7_distroless/insecure-python-app# docker images | grep vulapp distroless_vulapp latest 90a63a30d9e5 52 seconds ago 54.7MB vulapp-docker latest 314fe7796ed1 About a minute ago 154MB root@ip-10-0-0-202:/home/ubuntu/ workspace/course/7_protection_strategies/7_distroless/insecure-python-app#
```

## Cleanup

Remove both the docker images.

docker rmi distroless\_vulapp vulapp-docker

```
t@ip-10-0-0-202:/home/ubuntu/ workspace/course/7_protection_strategies/7_distroless/insecure-python-app# docker rmi distroless_vulapp vulapp-docke
Untagged: distroless_vulapp:latest
Deleted: sha256:90a63a30d9e59250500b0f6033343d440fb9eb9bf91e7baa9765c07686a18d17
Deleted: sha256:1fc0d55b943af93616a5743ad8e3ee0d0c31f57f12e2009f2d054d1076a31421
Deleted: sha256:8d868652a1b5f5cc3bea455cf2c4962a69826b3d1da462c4c6b298e2daa2c25b
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Deleted: sha256:b6bd9ab2a9a1f7e975a4128c4394ee2c627ba0a2a4f49c9396b530a01044ac70
Deleted: sha256:469caee7afe720534b4153cd4c7c587389d3add579fc402bf4b0c8e74fd5f3db
Deleted: sha256:40e909bc200d05e72729c5496022b16af5723f3c7a92a0892dfe840191662a4c Deleted: sha256:419b29bd11a20749b063e2d65b0981b15e0c9caf7ac2a86e1e06d77d7df65f09
Deleted: sha256:bcc1a661c8b39b2d31b2c2f380047d0914c4fa1e39ef58e9d44c90cb4e852b25
Deleted: sha256:305be92e90e4b50db3bb62b59d3442a09c52f5b1e63b3f34543179a9d77c3395
root@ip-10-0-0-202:/home/ubuntu/ workspace/course/7_protection_strategies/7_distroless/insecure-python-app#
```