

# **Activity: Network Policies**

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#### Introduction

- In this activity, you will use network policies to
  - Restrict network traffic between pods
  - Isolate traffic based on namespaces
- The activity assumes the Events App case study is deployed to the cluster
  - If it is not, you need to do that first

#### **Enable Network Policies on the Cluster**

- Before performing this lab, your cluster must have network policies enabled
- To create a new GKE cluster with network policies enabled:

```
gcloud container clusters create "cluster-1" --zone "us-central1-c"
--machine-type "e2-small" --preemptible --num-nodes "3"
--enable-network-policy
```

• To update an existing GKE cluster to enable network policies:

```
gcloud container clusters update cluster-1 --zone us-central1-c
--enable-network-policy
```

## Verify the App is Still Accessible

- Retrieve the EXTERNAL IP of the web-svc and verify you can reach it from a web browser
  - kubectl get service
- Keep the browser tab open for future testing

#### **Create a Namespace**

- Create a new namespace called test:
  - kubectl create namespace test
- List all namespaces:
  - kubectl get namespace
  - You should see 4 namespaces
- View the pods in the default and test namespaces:

```
kubectl get pods
kubectl get pods -n test
```

- The Events App should be in the default namespace
- Nothing is in the test namespace

# **Testing Network Connectivity**

 Run the following command to create a pod in the test namespace and open an interactive shell in the pod

```
kubectl run net-pol-demo --rm -i -t --image=curlimages/curl -n test -- sh
```

- The --rm option will cause the pod to automatically delete when you exit the shell
- The image used is an official docker image with curl
- Once deployed you should see:

```
If you don't see a command prompt, try pressing enter.
/ $
```

# **Testing Network Connectivity**

- At the pod prompt, verify you can get out of the cluster:
  - curl www.google.com
  - You should see the google web page content returned
- At the pod prompt, verify you can get to the api service on port 8082 in the default namespace:
  - curl events-api-svc.default:8082/events
  - You should see the events objects returned in JSON
  - The .default is because the events-api-svc is in the default namespace

# **Network Policy to Deny Other Namespaces**

- Open a new Cloud Shell tab by clicking the +
- In the new Cloud Shell tab, change into your kubernetes-config folder:
   cd ~/eventsapp/kubernetes-config
- In the kubernetes-config folder, create a new file named

```
deny-from-other-ns.yaml
```

- You can create the file with the Cloud Shell editor
- Copy the contents from this slide:

```
kind: NetworkPolicy
apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1
metadata:
  namespace: default
  name: deny-from-other-namespaces
spec:
  podSelector:
    matchLabels: {}
  ingress:
  - from:
    - podSelector: {}
```

## **Network Policy to Deny Other Namespaces**

- Apply the network policy:
  - kubectl apply -f deny-from-other-ns.yaml
- Switch back to the Cloud Shell tab connected to the net-pol-demo pod
  - Try to reach the api service in the default namespace again:
     curl events-api-svc.default:8082/events
  - This time the command should just hang and not connect
  - You can no longer connect to anything in the default namespace from outside that namespace
  - Traffic within the default namespace is still allowed
- Switch back to the browser displaying the Events App
  - Try creating a new event
  - This also does not work because you are outside the namespace



#### **Allow Traffic to the Website Pods**

In the kubernetes-config folder, create a new file named

```
allow-web-traffic.yaml
```

- Copy the contents from this slide:
- Apply the file when ready
- Test the connectivity again
  - You should now be able to load the events app in the browser
  - Accessing the api-svc from the pod in the test namespace is still blocked

```
kind: NetworkPolicy
apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1
metadata:
  namespace: default
  name: allow-web-traffic
spec:
  podSelector:
    matchLabels:
    app: events-web
ingress:
  - from:
    - ipBlock:
    cidr: '0.0.0.0/0'
```

# **Block Egress Traffic**

In the kubernetes-config folder, create a new file named

```
block-egress.yaml
```

- Copy the contents from this slide:
- Apply the file when ready
- Switch to the Cloud Shell connected to the net-pol-demo pod, and try:

```
curl www.google.com
```

- This will no longer work
- Even DNS is blocked:

```
nslookup www.google.com
```

```
kind: NetworkPolicy
apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1
metadata:
  name: default-deny-all-egress
  namespace: test
spec:
  policyTypes:
  - Egress
  podSelector: {}
  egress: []
```

### **Allow Egress DNS**

In the kubernetes-config folder, create a new file named

```
allow-egress-dns.yaml
```

- Copy the contents from this slide:
- Apply the file when ready
- Switch to the Cloud Shell connected to the net-pol-demo pod, and try:

```
nslookup www.google.com
```

```
kind: NetworkPolicy
apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1
metadata:
 name: allow-egress-dns
namespace: test
spec:
 policyTypes:
 - Egress
 podSelector: {}
 egress:
 - ports:
   - port: 53
     protocol: UDP
   - port: 53
     protocol: TCP
 - to:
   - namespaceSelector: {}
```

### Clean Up

- Switch to the Cloud Shell connected to the net-pol-demo pod
  - Type exit to exit the shell
  - This will automatically delete the pod
- List all network policies:

```
kubectl get netpol
kubectl get netpol -n test
```

• Feel free to delete the network policies if you want

```
kubectl delete netpol <Name> [-n test]
```

#### **Success**

- Congratulations! You have used network policies to implement pod level firewall rules
  - Restricted network traffic between pods
  - Isolated traffic based on namespaces