

P1 Full Defense Command Sheet

— Pre-flight: host machine (BEFORE vagrant up) —————

Confirm libvirt network exists

virsh net-list --all

Must show:

iot56 active yes

If inactive:

virsh net-start iot56

Confirm you are in repo root

ls p1/Vagrantfile && echo "Repo root OK"

— Start up —————

cd p1/

vagrant up

→ Provisions alrahmouS first (server), then alrahmouSW (worker)

→ Server script detects interface, installs K3s in server mode

→ Worker waits for server API ready, then joins cluster

Verify both VMs are running

vagrant status

→ alrahmouS running (libvirt)

→ alrahmouSW running (libvirt)

— Connect to Server —————

vagrant ssh alrahmouS

— Evalsheets checks on SERVER (run inside alrahmouS) —————

Hostname

hostname

→ alrahmouS

IP verification (evalsheet: use ip a, NOT ifconfig)

ip a | grep 192.168.56.110

or:

ip a show <interface_name>

→ inet 192.168.56.110

K3s service — evalsheet checks BOTH active AND enabled

sudo systemctl is-active k3s && sudo systemctl is-enabled k3s

→ active

→ enabled

Cluster nodes — the critical command

kubectl get nodes -o wide

→ NAME STATUS ROLES AGE IP

→ alrahmouS Ready control-plane,master Xm 192.168.56.110

→ alrahmouSW Ready <none> Xm 192.168.56.111

Both nodes STATUS: Ready

Both nodes correct INTERNAL-IP

Evaluator will ask you to explain this output — see table below

— Connect to Worker (separate terminal) —————
vagrant ssh alrahmouSW

— Evalsheets checks on WORKER (run inside alrahmouSW) —————

Hostname
hostname
→ alrahmouSW

IP verification
ip a | grep 192.168.56.111

K3s agent service — evalsheet checks BOTH active AND enabled
sudo systemctl is-active k3s-agent && sudo systemctl is-enabled k3s-agent
→ active
→ enabled

— Back on SERVER — additional verification —————

Confirm token was used (cluster joined correctly)
sudo cat /var/lib/rancher/k3s/server/node-token
→ token exists (the same IOT42ClusterToken used in Vagrantfile)

Confirm K3s config was applied
sudo cat /etc/rancher/k3s/config.yaml
→ write-kubeconfig-mode: "0644"
→ token: IOT42ClusterToken
→ node-ip: 192.168.56.110
→ advertise-address: 192.168.56.110

Confirm kubeconfig is accessible without sudo
kubectl get nodes
→ works without sudo

Full cluster info
kubectl cluster-info
→ Kubernetes control plane running at https://192.168.56.110:6443

Key Explanation Table (Evaluator Will Ask)

Question	Answer
<i>"Explain kubectl get nodes -o wide output"</i>	"Two nodes: alrahmouS is the control-plane running the API server, scheduler, controller manager. alrahmouSW is the worker agent — it receives pod scheduling from the server. Both are Ready meaning they are healthy and registered. -o wide shows the internal IP confirming they communicate over the 192.168.56.x private network"
<i>"What is K3s?"</i>	"A lightweight, CNCF-certified Kubernetes distribution by Rancher — ships as a single binary, replaces etcd with SQLite, ideal for VMs and edge. Full K8s API compatibility"
<i>"What is the difference between server and agent mode?"</i>	"Server mode runs the control plane — API server, scheduler, controller manager. Agent mode runs only the kubelet and kube-proxy — it receives workloads from the server and runs pods"
<i>"What is Vagrant?"</i>	"A CLI tool that automates VM creation via a declarative Vagrantfile — describes the OS, network, resources, and provisioning scripts. One vagrant up creates both VMs reproducibly"
<i>"How does the worker know the server token?"</i>	"The token IOT42ClusterToken is pre-shared in the Vagrantfile via an environment variable — passed to both scripts at provision time. No manual copy step needed"
<i>"Why config.ssh.insert_key = false?"</i>	"Keeps the default insecure Vagrant key for both VMs — ensures vagrant ssh works without a password on both machines, as the subject requires"

Cleanup / Re-provision

If something broke during provisioning:
vagrant reload --provision

Full reset:
vagrant destroy -f
vagrant up

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# SSH into specific VM:  
vagrant ssh alrahmouS  
vagrant ssh alrahmouSW
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# Stop VMs without destroying (save resources between defenses):  
vagrant halt  
vagrant up # resume
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