

List of threats used in the First experiment (Kubernetes Scenario)

Each threat has a unique ID alongside a description, the corresponding STRIDE threat (i.e., Spoofing, Tampering, Repudiation, Information disclosure, Denial of service, and Elevation of privilege), and assumptions used to validate the existence of the threat. The last field, whether the threat is valid or not, was not shown to the participants.

Unique ID	Description	STRIDE threat	Assumption	Affected Components	Real
1	An attacker uses a leaked cluster configuration file to interact with the cluster, potentially jeopardizing running workloads and creating malicious pods.	EoP	The attacker finds the leaked information and can interact with the cluster.	Not present in the DFD.	Yes
2	Spoofing a cluster admin by stealing the authentication credentials via a social engineering attack.	Spoofing	The attacker carries out a successful spoofing attack with valid credentials.	-Cluster configuration -Running workloads (pods, container, etc.) - Access control (of users and services) In general, he/she can take over all clusters.	Yes
3	An attacker with shell access to only one pod which has no resource limits applied can crash the worker node on which that pod is running, causing a DoS.	DoS	The attacker got a remote shell on a pod.	Compromised pod, worker node, and all the other pods running on the same node.	Yes
4	An attacker is able to upload images to a container registry from which a K8s cluster retrieves pods images, he or she can potentially execute a malicious pod inside the cluster and get a shell from the malicious container.	EoP	The attacker has permission to upload or modify images in the K8s registry.	-Images Registry -Running pod	Yes
5	Privileged containers run as root on the host, thus an attacker compromising one of such containers, gets automatically root access on the host.	EoP	1. The attacker gets access to a privileged container running in the cluster 2. The attacker escapes the container.	Pod, worker node	Yes

6	If an attacker deploys a malicious pod into a namespace of the cluster with network policies in place, the attacker can use such a pod to send bogus network packages to pods in different namespaces to jam the exposed ports, causing a disruption. bogus network packages to pods in different namespaces to jam the exposed ports, causing a disruption.	DoS	The network policies are implemented correctly to segment the namespaces.	Pods in different namespaces	No
7	If a developer embeds a secret in a Dockerfile A and then builds an image (image A), an attacker with access to image A can reverse the image's layers to not only observe the embedded secret in Dockerfile A but also from other images that were built from different Dockerfiles.	Information Disclosure	The attacker has access to the image.	Cluster secrets/credentials	No
8	If an attacker compromises a running container, he/she can only continue exploiting the container by running the software specified in Dockerfile (by the developers) with malicious inputs.	EoP	The attacker got access to a running container.	Running pod/container	No
9	An unauthenticated and non-privileged attacker can still upload custom pod configurations into the cluster.	EoP	The attacker can reach the cluster API server (e.g., through the internet)	New pods	No
10	If an attacker compromises a pod in a K8s cluster using a Layer3 network plugin, he/she can steal other pods' identities and laterally move within the cluster using the network bridge.	Spoofing	The attacker exploits one container and the CNI works at layer 3.	Lateral movement between pods	No