#### Stage: Cluster Security Before Deployment:

#### Objective of the stage:

Ensure that the Kubernetes cluster is secure and ready for application deployment by performing thorough security checks.

## **Cluster Security Audit:**

Tools: Kube-Hunter

penetration testing tool that simulates attacks on a Kubernetes cluster to identify vulnerabilities

#### **Security Policy Analysis**

Tools: Open Policy Agent (OPA)

Verify that Kubernetes security policies, such as Network Policies, Pod Security Policies, and Role-Based Access Control (RBAC), are correctly configured and enforced.

#### Secret Management and Pod Configuration

Tools: HashiCorp Vault

HashiCorp Vault is a tool that allows you to manage your secrets securely. By secrets, we mean sensitive information such as digital certificates, database identifiers, passwords and API encryption keys. HashiCorp Vault allows you to store these secrets, then authenticate, validate and authorize access to clients and users

### Checking the Cluster Configuration

Tools: kube-linter

Using kube-linter to parse Kubernetes configuration files

# Threat Detection and Response

Tools: Falco

Deploy Falco for real-time intrusion detection and abnormal behavior monitoring in the Kubernetes cluster.

