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#### **QUESTION NO: 1 - (SIMULATION)**

Context:Cluster: prodMaster node: master1Worker node: worker1

You can switch the cluster/configuration context using the following command:

[desk@cli] \$ kubectl config use-context prod

Task:Analyse and edit the given Dockerfile (based on the ubuntu:18:04 image)/home/cert\_masters/Dockerfile fixing two instructions present in the file being prominent security/best-practice issues.

Analyse and edit the given manifest file/home/cert\_masters/mydeployment.yaml fixing two fields present in the file being prominent security/best-practice issues.

Note: Don't add or remove configuration settings; only modify the existing configuration settings, so that two configuration settings each are no longer security/best-practice concerns. Should you need an unprivileged user for any of the tasks, use user nobody with user id 65535

#### **ANSWER:** Seetheexplanationbelow

#### **Explanation:**

1. For Dockerfile: Fix the image version & user name in Dockerfile2. For mydeployment.yaml : Fix security contexts

Explanation

[desk@cli] \$ vim /home/cert\_masters/Dockerfile

FROM ubuntu:latest # Remove this

FROM ubuntu:18.04 # Add this

USER root # Remove this

USER nobody # Add this

RUN apt get install -y lsof=4.72 wget=1.17.1 nginx=4.2

ENV ENVIRONMENT=testing

USER root # Remove this

USER nobody # Add this

CMD ["nginx -d"]

FROM ubuntu:latest Remove this # FROM ubuntu:18.04 Add this # USER root Remove this Add this USER nobody # RUN apt get install -y lsof=4.72 wget= nginx= ENVIRONMENT=testing ENV USER root Remove this USER nobody Add this CMD ["nginx -d"

[desk@cli] \$ vim /home/cert\_masters/mydeployment.yaml

apiVersion: apps/v1

kind: Deployment

metadata:

creationTimestamp: null

labels:

app: kafka

name: kafka

spec:

replicas: 1

selector:

matchLabels:

app: kafka

strategy: {}

template:

metadata:

creationTimestamp: null

labels:

app: kafka

spec:

containers:

- image: bitnami/kafka

name: kafka

volumeMounts:

- name: kafka-vol

mountPath: /var/lib/kafka

securityContext:

{"capabilities":{"add":["NET\_ADMIN"],"drop":["all"]},"privileged": True,"readOnlyRootFilesystem": False, "runAsUser": 65535} # Delete This

{"capabilities":{"add":["NET\_ADMIN"],"drop":["all"]},"privileged": False,"readOnlyRootFilesystem": True, "runAsUser": 65535} # Add This

resources: {}

volumes:

- name: kafka-vol

emptyDir: {}

status: {}

Pictorial View:[desk@cli] \$ vim /home/cert\_masters/mydeployment.yaml



Reference: https://kubernetes.io/docs/concepts/policy/pod-security-policy/

### **QUESTION NO: 2 - (SIMULATION)**

Cluster: qa-clusterMaster node: master Worker node: worker1You can switch the cluster/configuration context using the following command:[desk@cli] \$ kubectl config use-context qa-clusterTask:Create a NetworkPolicy named restricted-policy to restrict access to Pod product running in namespace dev.Only allow the following Pods to connect to Pod products-service:1. Pods in the namespace qa2. Pods with label environment: stage, in any namespace

#### **ANSWER:** Seethebelow.

#### **Explanation:**







Reference: https://kubernetes.io/docs/concepts/services-networking/network-policies/

### **QUESTION NO: 3 - (SIMULATION)**

You must complete this task on the following cluster/nodes: Cluster: immutable-clusterMaster node: master1Worker node: worker1

You can switch the cluster/configuration context using the following command:[desk@cli] \$ kubectl config use-context immutable-cluster

Context: It is best practice to design containers to be stateless and immutable.Task:Inspect Pods running in namespace prod and delete any Pod that is either not stateless or not immutable.Use the following strict interpretation of stateless and immutable:1. Pods being able to store data inside containers must be treated as not stateless. Note: You don't have to worry whether data is actually stored inside containers or not already.2. Pods being configured to be privileged in any way must be treated as potentially not stateless or not immutable.

### **ANSWER: Seetheexplanationbelow**

#### **Explanation:**





Reference: <u>https://kubernetes.io/docs/concepts/policy/pod-security-policy/https://cloud.google.com/architecture/best-practices-for-operating-containers</u>

### **QUESTION NO: 4 - (SIMULATION)**

You can switch the cluster/configuration context using the following command:[desk@cli] \$ kubectl config use-context stage Context: A PodSecurityPolicy shall prevent the creation of privileged Pods in a specific namespace.Task:1. Create a new PodSecurityPolicy named deny-policy, which prevents the creation of privileged Pods.2. Create a new ClusterRole name deny-access-role, which uses the newly created PodSecurityPolicy deny-policy.3. Create a new ServiceAccount named psd-denial-sa in the existing namespace development.Finally, create a new ClusterRoleBindind named restrict-access-bind, which binds the newly created ClusterRole deny-access-role to the newly created ServiceAccount psp-denial-sa

#### **ANSWER: Seetheexplanationbelow**

#### **Explanation:**

Create psp to disallow privileged container

k create sa psp-denial-sa -n development

namespace: development

Explanation

master1 \$ vim psp.yaml

apiVersion: policy/v1beta1

kind: PodSecurityPolicy metadata: name: deny-policy spec: privileged: false # Don't allow privileged pods! seLinux: rule: RunAsAny supplementalGroups: rule: RunAsAny runAsUser: rule: RunAsAny fsGroup: rule: RunAsAny volumes: - '\*' master1 \$ vim cr1.yaml apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1 kind: ClusterRole metadata: name: deny-access-role rules: - apiGroups: ['policy'] resources: ['podsecuritypolicies'] verbs: ['use'] resourceNames: - "deny-policy" master1 \$ k create sa psp-denial-sa -n developmentmaster1 \$ vim cb1.yaml apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1 kind: ClusterRoleBinding metadata:

name: restrict-access-bing

roleRef:

kind: ClusterRole

name: deny-access-role

apiGroup: rbac.authorization.k8s.io

subjects:

# Authorize specific service accounts:

- kind: ServiceAccount

name: psp-denial-sa

namespace: development

master1 \$ k apply -f psp.yamlmaster1 \$ k apply -f cr1.yamlmaster1 \$ k apply -f cb1.yamlReference: <u>https://kubernetes.io/docs/concepts/policy/pod-security-policy/</u>

### **QUESTION NO: 5 - (SIMULATION)**

Enable audit logs in the cluster, To Do so, enable the log backend, and ensure that

Edit and extend the basic policy to log:

### **ANSWER:** See explanation below.

**Explanation:** 

candidate@cli:~\$ kubectl config use-context KSRS00602 Switched to context "KSRS00602". candidateccli:-\$ ssh ksrs00602-master Warning: Permanently added '10.240.86.243' (ECDSA) to the list of know The programs included with the Ubuntu system are free software; the exact distribution terms for each program are described in individual files in /usr/share/doc/\*/copyright. Ubuntu comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY, to the applicable law. oot@ksrs00602\_master:~# cat /etc/kubernetes apiVersion: audit.k8s.io/v1 kind: Bolicy Don't generate audit events fo **teived** stage. omitStages: "RequestReceived" rules: Don't log watch requests by on endpoints or level: None users: ["system:kube-proxy verbs: ["watch"] resourcest + core API group - group: resources: ["endpoints", "services Don't log authenticated requests to certain non-resource level: None userGroups: ["system:authenticated"] nonResourceURLs: "Japi\*" Wildcard matching. "/version" Edit form here below pot@ksrs00602-master:~# vim /etc/kubernete /10g



api address=10.240.86 ow privileged= -policy-file=/etc/kubernetes/logpo audit ple licy.yaml -audit-log-path=/var/log/kubernetes/kube logs txt -log-maxbackup audit-log-maxage=30 -authorization-mode=Node,RBA client-ca-file=/etc/kubernetes/pki enable-admission-plugins=NodeRestricti enable-bootstrap token authetcd-cafile=/etc/kubernetes/pki/etcd/c # A catch-all rule to log all other requests at the Metadata level: Metadata # Long-running request: that fall ike Natches undef generate an audit event in RequestReceived. omitStages: "RequestReceived" @ksrs00602 master: / vim //etc/kubernetes/log root@ksrs00602-master:~#@vim /etc/kubernetes/manifests/kub cot@ksts00602-master:~# systemct1 daemon-reload root@ksrs00602 master: systemctl restart kubele root@ksrs00602-master:~# systemct1 enable root@ksrs00602 master:~# exit logout Connection to 10.240.86.243 closed candidate@cli:

### **QUESTION NO: 6 - (SIMULATION)**

You can switch the cluster/configuration context using the following command:[desk@cli] \$ kubectl config use-context test-account Task: Enable audit logs in the cluster.

To do so, enable the log backend, and ensure that:

- 1. logs are stored at /var/log/Kubernetes/logs.txt
- 2. log files are retained for 5 days
- 3. at maximum, a number of 10 old audit log files are retained

A basic policy is provided at /etc/Kubernetes/logpolicy/audit-policy.yaml. It only specifies what not to log.Note: The base policy is located on the cluster's master node.

Edit and extend the basic policy to log:1. Nodes changes at RequestResponse level2. The request body of persistentvolumes changes in the namespace frontend3. ConfigMap and Secret changes in all namespaces at the Metadata level

Also, add a catch-all rule to log all other requests at the Metadata levelNote: Don't forget to apply the modified policy.

#### ANSWER: Seetheexplanationbelow

#### **Explanation:**

- \$ vim /etc/kubernetes/log-policy/audit-policy.yaml
- \$ vim /etc/kubernetes/manifests/kube-apiserver.yamlAdd these
- --audit-log-maxbackup=10

Explanation

[desk@cli] \$ ssh master1[master1@cli] \$ vim /etc/kubernetes/log-policy/audit-policy.yaml

apiVersion: audit.k8s.io/v1 # This is required.

kind: Policy

# Don't generate audit events for all requests in RequestReceived stage.

omitStages:

- "RequestReceived"

rules:

# Don't log watch requests by the "system:kube-proxy" on endpoints or services

- level: None

users: ["system:kube-proxy"]

verbs: ["watch"]

resources:

- group: "" # core API group

resources: ["endpoints", "services"]

# Don't log authenticated requests to certain non-resource URL paths.

- level: None

userGroups: ["system:authenticated"]

nonResourceURLs:

- "/api\*" # Wildcard matching.

- "/version"

# Add your changes below

- level: RequestResponse userGroups: ["system:nodes"] # Block for nodes - level: Request resources: - group: "" # core API group resources: ["persistentvolumes"] # Block for persistentvolumes namespaces: ["frontend"] # Block for persistentvolumes of frontend ns - level: Metadata resources: - group: "" # core API group resources: ["configmaps", "secrets"] # Block for configmaps & secrets - level: Metadata # Block for everything else [master1@cli] \$ vim /etc/kubernetes/manifests/kube-apiserver.yaml apiVersion: v1 kind: Pod metadata: annotations: kubeadm.kubernetes.io/kube-apiserver.advertise-address.endpoint: 10.0.0.5:6443 labels: component: kube-apiserver tier: control-plane name: kube-apiserver namespace: kube-system spec: containers: - command: - kube-apiserver - -- advertise-address=10.0.0.5 - --allow-privileged=true - --authorization-mode=Node,RBAC

- --audit-policy-file=/etc/kubernetes/log-policy/audit-policy.yaml #Add this

- --audit-log-path=/var/log/kubernetes/logs.txt #Add this
- --audit-log-maxage=5 #Add this
- --audit-log-maxbackup=10 #Add this

...

output truncated

Note: log volume & policy volume is already mounted in vim /etc/kubernetes/manifests/kube-apiserver.yaml so no need to mount it.Reference: <u>https://kubernetes.io/docs/tasks/debug-application-cluster/audit/</u>

### **QUESTION NO: 7 - (SIMULATION)**

You can switch the cluster/configuration context using the following command:

[candidate@cli] \$ kubec
tl config use-context KS
MV00102

Context

A PodSecurityPolicy shall prevent the creation of privileged Pods in a specific namespace.

Task

Create a new PodSecurityPolicy named prevent-psp-policy,which prevents the creation of privileged Pods.

Create a new ClusterRole named restrict-access-role, which uses the newly created PodSecurityPolicy prevent-psp-policy.

Create a new ServiceAccount named psp-restrict-sa in the existing namespace staging.

Finally, create a new ClusterRoleBinding named restrict-access-bind, which binds the newly created ClusterRole restrict-access-role to the newly created ServiceAccount psp-restrict-sa.

You can find skeleton manifest files at:

- /home/candidate/KSMV00 102/pod-security-policy.ya ml
- /home/candidate/KSMV00 102/cluster-role.yaml
- /home/candidate/KSMV00 102/service-account.yaml
- /home/candidate/KSMV00 102/cluster-role-binding.ya

m

ANSWER: Seeexplanationbelow.

Explanation:



RunAsAny









candidate@cli:~\$ kubectl create f /home/candidate/KSMV00102/cluster-role.yaml
clusterrole.rbac.authorization.k8s.io/restrict-access-role created
candidate@cli:~\$
candidate@cli:~\$
candidate@cli:~\$ cat /home/candidate/KSMV00102/service-account.yaml





bac authorization terRoleBinding -access rbac.autho ClusterRøl e est apiVersion: rbac.authorizata kind: ClusterRaleBinding netadata: name: roleRef apiGr :que rba authi HusterRol nd: rest ub est nā stagir andid candidate@cli:~\$ kubect1 KSMV00102 inding.yaml create -f /home clusterrolebinding.rbac.authorization.k8s.lo/restrict ss-bind greated andidate@cli:=>

#### **QUESTION NO: 8 - (SIMULATION)**

Use the kubesec docker images to scan the given YAML manifest, edit and apply the advised changes, and passed with a score of 4 points.

kubesec-test.yaml

Hint: docker run -i kubesec/kubesec:512c5e0 scan /dev/stdin < kubesec-test.yaml

#### **ANSWER:** Seeexplanationbelow.

#### **Explanation:**

kubesec scan k8s-deployment.yaml

cat < kubesec-test.yaml

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
name: kubesec-demo
spec:
containers:
- name: kubesec-demo
image: gcr.io/google-samples/node-hello:1.0
securityContext:
readOnlyRootFilesystem: true
EOF
kubesec scan kubesec-test.yaml
docker run -i kubesec/kubesec:512c5e0 scan /dev/stdin < kubesec-test.yaml
kubesec http 8080 &
[1] 12345
{"severity":"info","timestamp":"2019-05-12T11:58:34.662+0100","caller":"server/server.go:69","message":"Starting HTTP
server on port 8080"}
curl -sSX POST --data-binary @test/asset/score-0-cap-sys-admin.yml http://localhost:8080/scan
[
{
"object": "Pod/security-context-demo.default",
"valid": true,
"message": "Failed with a score of -30 points",
"score": -30,
"scoring": {
"critical": [
{
"selector": "containers[] .securityContext .capabilities .add == SYS_ADMIN",
"reason": "CAP_SYS_ADMIN is the most privileged capability and should always be avoided"
},
{
```

"selector": "containers[] .securityContext .runAsNonRoot == true",

"reason": "Force the running image to run as a non-root user to ensure least privilege"

},

// ...

**QUESTION NO: 9 - (SIMULATION)** 

You **must** complete this task on the following cluster/nodes:

Cluster	Master node	Worker node
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3. 60 3		-worker1

You can switch the cluster/configuration context using the following command:

[candidate@cli] \$ kubec
tl config use-context KS
CH00301

Context

Your organization's security policy includes:

The Pod specified in the manifest file /home/candidate/KSCH00301 /pod-m

nifest.yaml fails to schedule because of an incorrectly specified ServiceAccount.

Complete the following tasks:

Task

1. Create a new ServiceAccount named frontend-sa in the existing namespace qa. Ensure the ServiceAccount does not automount API credentials.

2. Using the manifest file at /home/candidate/KSCH00301 /pod-manifest.yaml, create the Pod.

3. Finally, clean up any unused ServiceAccounts in namespace qa.

### **ANSWER:** Seetheexplanationbelow

#### **Explanation:**

Switched to context "KSCH00301".
candidate@cli:~\$ kubectl get sa -n ga
NAME () SECRETS, AGE, C.
default 4 1 A Sh46m A 4 A O
podrumber 21 So 5646m 2
Switched to context "KSCH00301". candidate@cli:~\$ kubectl get sa -n ga NAME SECRETS AGE default 1 5h46m podrunner 1 5h46m candidate@cli:~\$ kubectl get deployment -n ga
Switched to context "KSCH00301". candidate@cli:~\$ kubecl] get sa -n ga NAME SECRETS AGE default 1 5h46m podrunner 1 5h46m candidate@cli:~\$ kubectl get deployment -n ga No resources found in ga namespace. candidate@cli:~\$ kubectl get pod -n ga No resources found in ga namespace. candidate@cli:~\$ kubectl get pod -n ga No resources found in ga namespace. candidate@cli:~\$ kubectl create sa frontend-sa -n ga serviceaccount/frontend-sa created candidate@cli:~\$ kubectl get sa -n ga NAME SECRETS AGE default 1 5h47m
candidate@cli:~\$ kubect1 get pod -n ga
No resources found in ga namespace.
candidate@gli:~\$ kubect1 create sa frontend-sa n ga
serviceaccount/frontend-sa created 4, A O C A
<pre>candidate@cli:~\$ kubectl create sa frontend-sa -n qa serviceaccount/frontend-sa created candidate@cli:~\$ kubectl get sa -n qa NAME SECRETS AGE default 1 5h47m frontend-sa 1 4s podrunner 1 5h47m candidate@cli:~\$ cat /home/candidate/KSCH00301/pod-manifest.yaml </pre>
NAME SECRETS AGE
default 1 5h47m
frontend sa 1 4st 7 0 6 1
podrunner 1 05h47m 0
candidate@cli:~\$ cat /home/candidate/KSCH00301/pod-manifest.yaml
apiversion: v1
apiVersion: v1 kind: Pod
<pre>eandidate@cii:~\$ cat /home/candidate/KSCH00301/pod-manifest.yam1 apiVersion: v1 kind: Pod metadata:    name: "frontend"    namespace: "qa" spec:    serviceAccountName: "frontend-sa"    containers:         - name: "frontend"</pre>
name: "frontend" ? ? ?
namespace: "qa"
<pre>name: "frontend" namespace: "qa" spec: serviceAccountName: "frontend-sa" containers:     - name: "frontend"     image: nginx candid=te@cllc&gt;\$ vim /home/candidate/KSCH00801/p.d-manifest.vaml</pre>
serviceAccountName: "frontend-sa"
containers: - name: "frontend"
- name: "frontend"
containers: - name: "frontend" image: nginx candidate/KSCH00801/pad-mathtest waml
image: nginx candidate@cllC-\$ vim /home/candidate/KSCH00801/p.d-manifest.vaml
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### **QUESTION NO: 10 - (SIMULATION)**

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candidate@cli: \$

Create a RuntimeClass named gvisor-rc using the prepared runtime handler named runsc.

Create a Pods of image Nginx in the Namespace server to run on the gVisor runtime class

ANSWER: Seetheexplanationbelow:

### **Explanation:**

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{ # Step 1: Install a RuntimeClass cat < apiVersion: node.k8s.io/v1beta1 kind: RuntimeClass metadata: name: gvisor handler: runsc EOF { # Step 2: Create a pod cat < apiVersion: v1 kind: Pod metadata: name: nginx-gvisor spec: runtimeClassName: gvisor containers: - name: nginx image: nginx EOF { # Step 3: Get the pod kubectl get pod nginx-gvisor -o wide

}

}