



Find vulnerabilities before security knocks on your door

Wearing belts and suspenders

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Today's Plan

Set the goals for today

Setting context

Common problems and misconceptions

Use cases and scenarios

Conclusions and wrap-up

TODAY'S GOAL

We'll take a journey with real examples to show security doesn't have to be scary

Context



Consider Log4j and Log4Shell

Scary because attackers could run *anything* on *your system*

In the movies

Launch missiles, release contagions, destroy alien spaceships

In the real world

Data breaches, loss of data, unwanted applications

Common problems and misconceptions

Security is hard

Too much time

Too much work

Too many tools and tasks

Tool confusion

I already have a firewall

One tool to rule them all

False outcomes. Prioritization. Red herrings.

People don't care

People do care – A LOT

Use cases

Examine

Exploit

Fix

Vulnerable Application

Custom Code, Open Source, Habits

Vulnerable Container

Image-level settings

Suboptimal Infrastructure

Misconfigurations

Vulnerable Applications

Source Code

Your teams write great code.
They may introduce vulnerabilities.

Open Source

80-90% of a modern application is open-source
You don't always know what you bring in

Habits

Add software security to your daily activities and
CI/CD pipeline



Source: <https://xkcd.com/327/>

Vulnerable Applications

Source Code

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Habits

The OWASP Foundation provides great resources

- Examples and mitigation guidance
- OWASP Top-10

<https://owasp.org/www-project-top-ten/>

Consider a SQL Injection

```
String query =  
"SELECT \* FROM accounts WHERE custID='"  
+ request.getParameter("id")  
+ "'";
```

Attack your software (or scan, or test...)

- If you don't, somebody else will

Vulnerable Applications



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Habits

Consider the popular Log4j/Log4Shell

- Zero-day vulnerability
- Arbitrary code execution
- Dependency, *also a transitive dependency*
- It seemed like everybody used Log4j

Review how you create and patch your code

- Streamline your build makery and processes
- Iterate (2.15, 2.16, 2.17, ...)

How to prepare for the next one?

- Be prepared
- Automate processes (build, deploy, test)
- Monitor your repository regularly

Vulnerable Applications



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Code

- Pre-commit
- IDE Integrations
- CLI Operations - maven/gradle

Git Repo

- Pull Requests
- Scan code

CI/CD

- Scan built code
- Scan built images
- Pipeline gates

Production Environments

- Monitor running environments

See this resource:

<https://snyk.co/uemWw>

Vulnerable Containers

Image Architecture

What's in your container images matters

Tools & Strategies

Multi-Stage Docker build and other tools

Supply Chain

Know where your images came from and be prepared to prove it

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Base images:

```
FROM ruby:2.7.0
```

```
RUN apt-get update &&\  
    apt-get install -y git vim sqlite3 &&\  
    rm -rf /var/lib/apt/lists/*
```

```
RUN gem update --system 3.0.4 &&\  
    gem install bundler -v '2.1.2'
```

```
WORKDIR /usr/src/app/alpha-blog
```

```
COPY . .
```

```
ENV BUNDLER_VERSION 2.1.2
```

```
RUN bundle update &&\  
    bundle install &&\  
    rails db:setup &&\  
    rails db:migrate
```

```
EXPOSE 3000
```

```
CMD ["rails", "server", "-b", "0.0.0.0"]
```

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48.7MB

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USE SPECIFIC packages (apt/yum/apk/...)

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```

FROM ruby:2.7.0-slim-buster

```
RUN apt-get update &&\
  apt-get install -y \
  git \
  vim \
  build-essential \
  patch \
  ruby-dev \
  zlib1g-dev \
  liblzma-dev \
  libpq-dev \
  libsqlite3-dev &&\
  rm -rf /var/lib/apt/lists/*

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```

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Vulnerable Containers

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  gem install bundler -v '2.1.2'

WORKDIR /usr/src/app/alpha-blog

COPY . .

ENV BUNDLER_VERSION 2.1.2

RUN bundle update &&\
  bundle install &&\
  rails db:setup &&\
  rails db:migrate

FROM ruby:2.7.0-slim-buster
ARG RAILS_ROOT=/usr/src/app/alpha-blog
ARG GEMS_ROOT=$RAILS_ROOT/vendor/bundle
ARG PACKAGES="libsqlite3-0"
ENV RAILS_ENV=development

WORKDIR $RAILS_ROOT

# install packages
```

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Multi-stage Builds:

- Multiple FROM statements
- Final stage = image that gets saved

Alternative build tools:

- **kaniko**
- **jib**
- **ko**
- **buildah**
- **Kpack**

Building & Running Containers

Image Architect

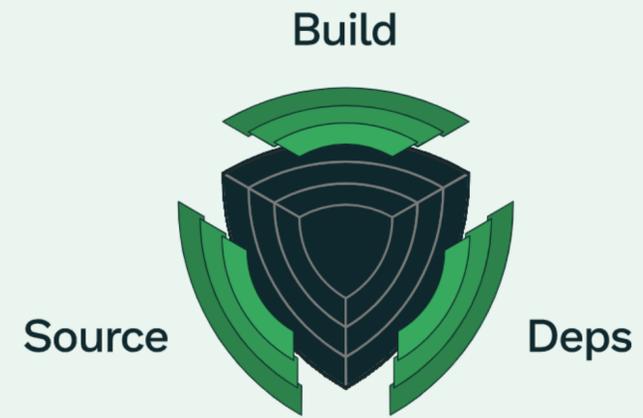
Tools & Strategies

Supply Chain

Levels of assurance

SLSA levels are like a common language to talk about how secure software, supply chains and their component parts really are. From source to system, the levels blend together industry-recognized best practices to create four compliance levels of increasing assurance. These look at the builds, sources and dependencies in open source or commercial software. Starting with easy, basic steps at the lower levels to build up and protect against advanced threats later, bringing SLSA into your work means prioritized, practical measures to prevent unauthorized modifications to software, and a plan to harden that security over time.

▶ [Read the level specifications](#)



Level 1

Easy to adopt, giving you supply chain visibility and being able to generate provenance



Level 2

Starts to protect against software tampering and adds minimal build integrity guarantees



Level 3

Hardens the infrastructure against attacks, more trust integrated into complex systems



Level 4

The highest assurances of build integrity and measures for dependency management in place

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Infrastructure as Code: Kubernetes

Resources

Understand Limits and Requests

SecurityContext

An API for securing pods and containers

NetworkPolicy

Built-in micro-segmented firewall

Policy Enforcement

Implement your policies as code

Infrastructure as Code i.e. Kubernetes

Resource limits &
requests

SecurityContext:

runAsNonRoot,
readOnlyRootFS, etc

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Container Resources

- Resource requests

- Tells the scheduler how much resource is needed to start a container on.
- Process may use more resources than the request specifies.

- Resource limits

- Processes can only use up to the limits specified
- Processes exceeding memory limits get "out of memory"
- Processes exceeding CPU limits get throttled
- Without setting limits, all of the node/host resources may be consumed which can be a DOS vector

Example 3: Infrastructure

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Pod / Container SecurityContext API

- Run as non-root / Run as specific user
- Read-only root filesystem
- Linux capabilities
- Privileged mode
- Privilege Escalation

```
spec:
  containers:
  - image: images.mycorp.com/myorig/java-goof:latest
    name: java-goof
    securityContext:
      runAsNonRoot: true
      runAsUser: 65534 #nobody
      runAsGroup: 65534 #nobody
```

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    name: java-goof  
    securityContext:  
      readOnlyRootFilesystem: true
```

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```
spec:
  containers:
  - image: images.mycorp.com/myorig/java-goof:latest
    name: java-goof
    securityContext:
      capabilities:
        drop:
        - all
```

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```
spec:  
  containers:  
  - image: images.mycorp.com/myorig/java-goof:latest  
    name: java-goof  
    securityContext:  
      privileged: false  
      allowPrivilegeEscalation: false
```

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Pod / Container SecurityContext API

The screenshot shows a Snyk article with a purple header. The title is '10 Kubernetes Security Context settings you should understand'. The article is organized into three columns. Each item includes a title with a code icon, a brief description, and a link icon. At the bottom, there are two author profiles: Eric Smalling and Matt Jarvis, both Sr. Dev. Advocates at Snyk. A footer at the bottom right shows 'Pod / Container' with icons.

10 Kubernetes Security Context settings you should understand

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- 1. runAsNonRoot** /

Always set this to `true` to:

 - enforce the use of non-root users for your pod's containers.
 - limit access to any host resources that might mistakenly get exposed to the container.

- 2. runAsUser/runAsGroup** /

These settings can be used to enforce a specific runtime user and group.

Use with caution—these IDs must exist in the image for the container to run. Do not use these as a replacement for `runAsNonRoot`.

- 3. seLinuxOptions** /

This sets the `SELinux` context which is applied to the container or pod. Be aware when re-labeling `SELinux` contexts that this may allow unintended access.

- 4. seccompProfile** /

Be cautious when using `seccomp` profiles. Generally, it's okay to provide a profile that is *more* restrictive than the default, as long as your process can run under those restrictions. However, a less restrictive profile can potentially expose calls to the host system that could be dangerous.

- 5. privileged / allowPrivilegeEscalation** /

It is usually a bad idea to grant `privileged` access to containers. Use specific capability flags or other Kubernetes APIs instead.

In most cases, you should also explicitly set `allowPrivilegeEscalation` to `false` to stop processes from attaining higher privileges i.e. via `sudo`, `setuid`.

- 6. capabilities** /

Only provide the minimum required for your application to function. Linux capabilities provide fine-grained control over access to kernel-level calls.

- 7. readOnlyRootFilesystem** /

Set this to `true` whenever possible. In the event your container was to get compromised, a read-write filesystem makes it easier for the attacker to install software or change configurations. Also, consider making any volumes mounted to your container read-only for similar reasons.

- 8. procMount** /

Do not change the `procMount` from the Default setting, unless you have very specific configurations—such as nested containers.

- 9. fsGroup / fsGroupChangePolicy** /

If other processes depend on the volume's pre-existing GID, changing ownership of a volume using `fsGroup` can have impacts on pod startup performance, as well as possible negative ramifications on shared file systems.

- 10. sysctls** /

Modification of kernel parameters via `sysctl` should be avoided—unless you have very specific requirements—as this may destabilize the host operating system.

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Pod / Container

<https://snyk.co/uemWx>

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Network Policies

- Pod-to-pod network traffic
- Micro-segmented firewall
- Deny-all policy
 - Limits unspecified ingress / egress

```
apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1
kind: NetworkPolicy
metadata:
  name: deny-egress
spec:
  podSelector: {}
  policyTypes:
  - Egress
  egress:
  - ports:
    - port: 53
      protocol: UDP
    - port: 53
      protocol: TCP
```

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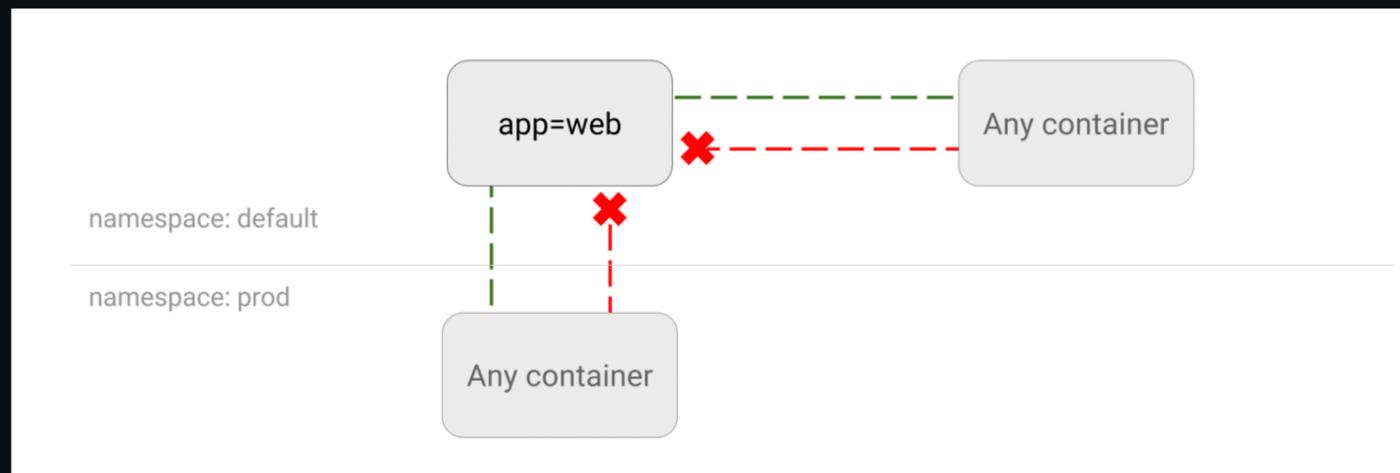
Network Policies

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The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for 'ahmetb / kubernetes-network-policy-recipes'. The repository is public and has 152 watchers, 1.2k forks, and 3.9k stars. It includes a navigation bar with links for Code, Issues (4), Pull requests, Actions, Projects, Wiki, Security, and Insights. A merge pull request #86 is visible, along with a file list including .github, img, 00-create-cluster.md, and 01-deny-all-traffic-to-an-applicati... The repository description states: 'Example recipes for Kubernetes Network Policies that you can just copy paste'. It also lists tags for 'kubernetes', 'security', and 'networking', and mentions '3.9k stars'.

<https://github.com/ahmetb/kubernetes-network-policy-recipes>

README.md



You can get stuff like this with Network Policies...

Kubernetes Network Policy Recipes

This repository contains various use cases of Kubernetes [Network Policies](#) and sample YAML files to leverage in your setup. If you ever wondered how to drop/restrict traffic to applications running on Kubernetes, read on.

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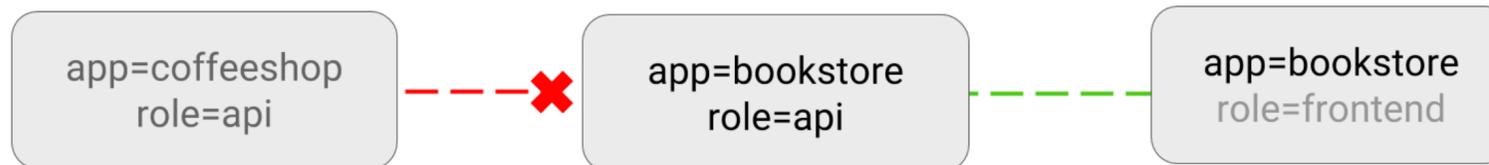
Policy Enforcement

LIMIT traffic to an application

You can create Networking Policies allowing traffic from only certain Pods.

Use Case:

- Restrict traffic to a service only to other microservices that need to use it.
- Restrict connections to a database only to the application using it.



```
kind: NetworkPolicy
apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1
metadata:
  name: api-allow
spec:
  podSelector:
    matchLabels:
      app: bookstore
      role: api
  ingress:
  - from:
    - podSelector:
        matchLabels:
          app: bookstore
```

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Policy Enforcement Tools

- Pod Security Policy (PSP)
 - Deprecated v1.21
 - Removal in v1.25
- Pod Security Admission controller (PSA)
 - Replacement for PSP
 - Beta as of v1.23
 - Enforces Pod Security Standards
- Kyverno
 - Kubernetes specific
 - Policies defined in K8S CRDs
- OPA Gatekeeper
 - Open Policy Agent
 - Policies written in REGO
 - Gatekeeper admission controller

IN SUMMARY

Go get some small victories

One green light at a time
It is an iterative process

Work the multi-level / full stack

Code, Container, Infrastructure
Also the cloud/datacenter, networking, firewalls

Start now

Find a problem to solve, and work it

RESOURCES

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Kubernetes Cheat Sheet: <https://snyk.co/uemVWx>

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