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K8s Security and How to fix Clusters at Scale

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Why?



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Service Provider



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We Run Multiple Clusters



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On OpenStack and AWS



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Managed Clusters



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24/7 Support



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Service Level Agreement



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K8s API Servers Public



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Motivation?



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Managed Service



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Security incidents



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RunC

CVE-2019-5736



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**Attackers overwrite
the RunC Binary
and obtain host
root access**



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Kubernetes

CVE-2018-1002105



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**An API call to any
aggregated API server
endpoint can be
escalated to perform any
API request**



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The Challenge



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Hundreds of Clusters



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Multiple Clouds



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Dealing with Security issues



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Upgrading Production Clusters



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How?



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Build an Operator for Kubernetes



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Use the Cluster API as building block

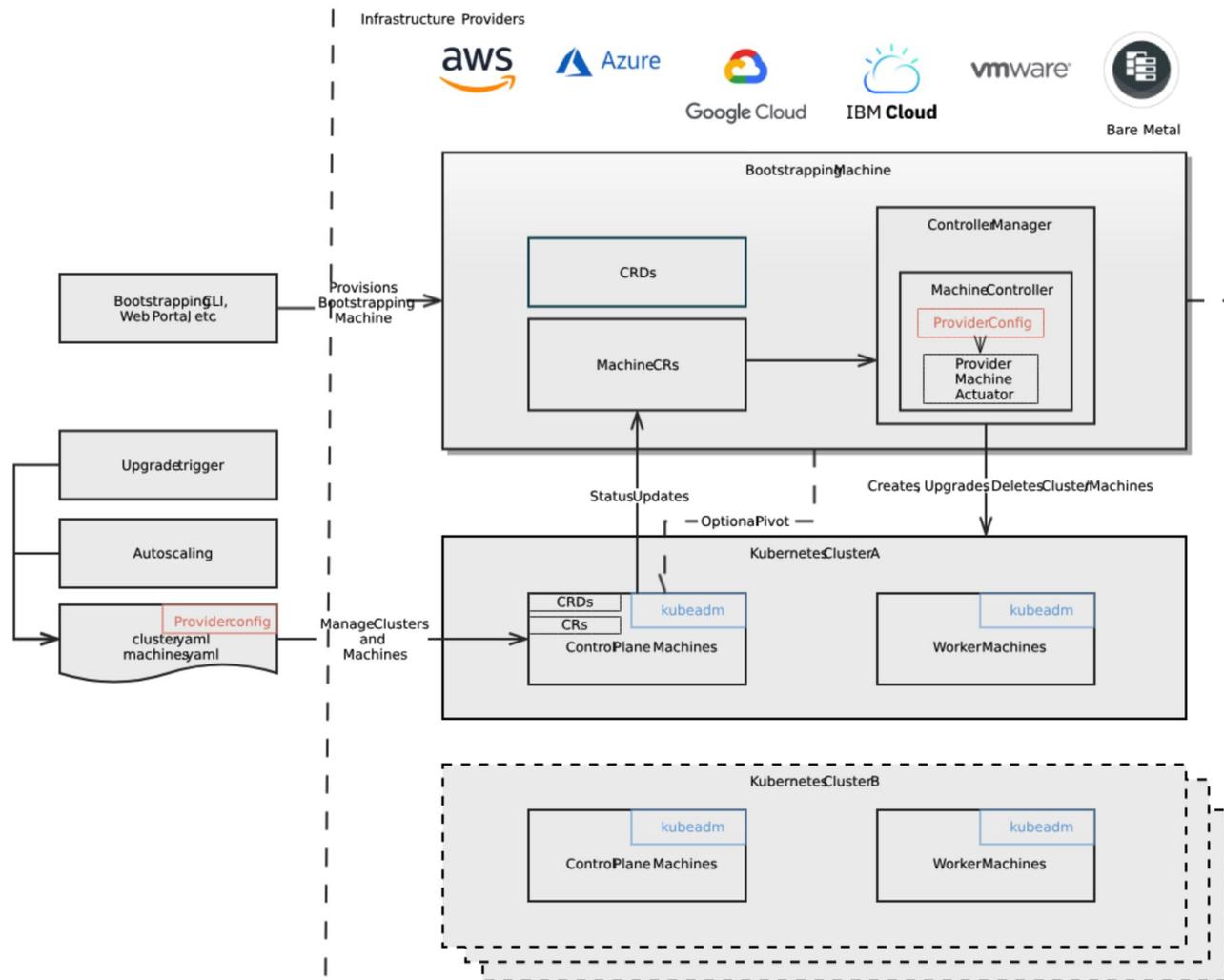


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Cluster Creation



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Cluster Configuration and Management



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```
apiVersion: "cluster.k8s.io/v1alpha1"
kind: MachineDeployment
metadata:
  name: aws-machinedeployment
spec:
  paused: false
  replicas: 1
  strategy:
    type: RollingUpdate
    rollingUpdate:
      maxSurge: 1
      maxUnavailable: 0
  template:
    spec:
      providerSpec:
        value:
          cloudProvider: "aws"
      versions:
        kubelet: 1.13.1
```

Machine Deployment Object



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Run Kubernetes in Kubernetes



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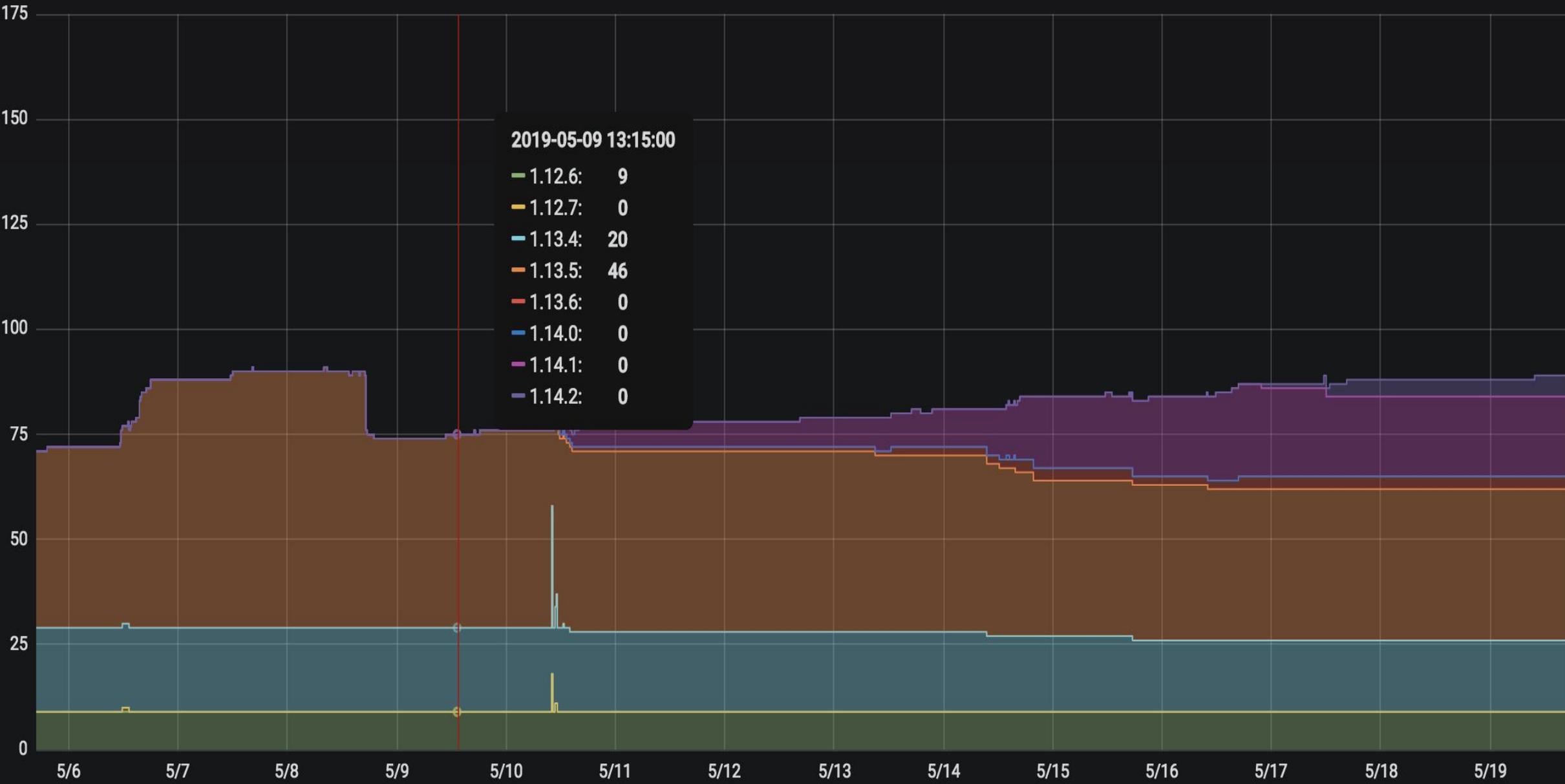
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Monitoring

Amount of Customer Clusters over time

Last 14 days



1.12.6 Current: 9 1.12.7 Current: 0 1.13.4 Current: 17 1.13.5 Current: 36 1.13.6 Current: 3 1.14.0 Current: 0 1.14.1 Current: 19 1.14.2 Current: 5



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Patch Cluster Object



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Upgrade Process



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What is effected?



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**How severe is the
impact?**



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Change Advisory Board



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Inform affected Customers



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Patch all affected Clusters



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Roll out new base image



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Upgrade Machine Deployments



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Rolling Upgrade



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Upgrade Docker Daemon



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Upgrade Kubelet



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Best Practices



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Automate all Upgrade Processes



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E2E Tests on all Supported Clouds



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Job

- 👁 [pull-kubermatic-e2e-upgrade](#)
- 👁 [pull-kubermatic-e2e-aws-coreos-1.14](#)
- 👁 [pull-kubermatic-e2e-aws-coreos-1.12](#)
- 👁 [pull-kubermatic-e2e-aws-coreos-1.13](#)



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k8s Conformance Tests



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Pod Security Policies



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runAsUser



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K8s Admission Controllers



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Check CIS Benchmark

```
[INFO] 1 Master Node Security Configuration
[INFO] 1.1 API Server
[FAIL] 1.1.1 Ensure that the --allow-privileged argument is set to false (Scored)
[FAIL] 1.1.2 Ensure that the --anonymous-auth argument is set to false (Scored)
[PASS] 1.1.3 Ensure that the --basic-auth-file argument is not set (Scored)
[PASS] 1.1.4 Ensure that the --insecure-allow-any-token argument is not set (Scored)
[FAIL] 1.1.5 Ensure that the --kubelet-https argument is set to true (Scored)
[PASS] 1.1.6 Ensure that the --insecure-bind-address argument is not set (Scored)
[PASS] 1.1.7 Ensure that the --insecure-port argument is set to 0 (Scored)
[PASS] 1.1.8 Ensure that the --secure-port argument is not set to 0 (Scored)
[FAIL] 1.1.9 Ensure that the --profiling argument is set to false (Scored)
[FAIL] 1.1.10 Ensure that the --repair-malformed-updates argument is set to false (Scored)
[PASS] 1.1.11 Ensure that the admission control policy is not set to AlwaysAdmit (Scored)
[FAIL] 1.1.12 Ensure that the admission control policy is set to AlwaysPullImages (Scored)
[FAIL] 1.1.13 Ensure that the admission control policy is set to DenyEscalatingExec (Scored)
[FAIL] 1.1.14 Ensure that the admission control policy is set to SecurityContextDeny (Scored)
[PASS] 1.1.15 Ensure that the admission control policy is set to NamespaceLifecycle (Scored)
[FAIL] 1.1.16 Ensure that the --audit-log-path argument is set as appropriate (Scored)
[FAIL] 1.1.17 Ensure that the --audit-log-maxage argument is set to 30 or as appropriate (Scored)
[FAIL] 1.1.18 Ensure that the --audit-log-maxbackup argument is set to 10 or as appropriate (Scored)
[FAIL] 1.1.19 Ensure that the --audit-log-maxsize argument is set to 100 or as appropriate (Scored)
[PASS] 1.1.20 Ensure that the --authorization-mode argument is not set to AlwaysAllow (Scored)
[PASS] 1.1.21 Ensure that the --token-auth-file parameter is not set (Scored)
[FAIL] 1.1.22 Ensure that the --kubelet-certificate-authority argument is set as appropriate (Scored)
```



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Kubernetes Security Announcements

<https://kubernetes.io/docs/reference/issues-security/security/>



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Questions?



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