

Network independent ACLs Why Security shouldn't always be tied to your network

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Security levels



Perimeter security



Micro-Services



Distributed firewalls





SDN and VPN solutions



Provisioning assets





Exponential Complexity



Network ≠ Network security

Zero Trust Networking

Network is insecure by default

Threat model: inside network as insecure as outside network

Network primitives are irrelevant

IP and Port numbers do not carry any information

Flows need to be authorized

Every connection results from a successful authorization/authentication

Declarative policy language

High-level language to automate policy creation/deployment (Yet Another Policy Language)

Zero Trust Networking

- Context and Identity used for flow authentication
- Network identity ≠ Endpoint identity
- Secure by default
- Keep the network **simple**



Kubernetes

Zero-Trust networking in Kubernetes

Kubernetes Networking (reachability)

- Based on CNI
- Built-in (GKE, ...) or plugin based
- IP doesn't carry any information

Kubernetes objects

- Associated Identity
 - Name
 - Namespace
 - Labels

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
    name: external
    namespace: demo
    labels:
        role: external
        app: nginx
spec:
    [...]
```

- White list model
- No default implementation
- Ingress only

```
apiVersion: extensions/vlbetal
kind: NetworkPolicy
metadata:
   name: backend-policy
   namespace: demo
Spec:
   [...]
```

- Explicit activation per namespace
- Annotation for activation

```
kind: Namespace
metadata:
name: demo
Annotations:
    net.beta.kubernetes.io
    /network-policy: |
        {
            "ingress": {
               "isolation":"DefaultDeny"
            }
        }
```

- Rules apply to specific Pods
- Pods selected based on labels

role=backend



```
apiVersion: extensions/v1beta1
kind: NetworkPolicy
spec:
    podSelector:
        matchLabels:
        role: backend
ingress:
        - from:
        - podSelector:
        matchLabels:
        role: frontend
```

- Rule defines Pods allowed to **send traffic**
- Allowed traffic selected based on labels

role=frontend





- Rules are additive
- Each rule allows additional traffic





Implementations

Tied to networking backend Because Policing is based on IPs





- Identity is the pod label
- IP irrelevant. Network independent
- Compatible with any Networking backend

E2E authentication

- Identity added on TCP flows handshake
- Identity signed



"Demo Time"

Cluster federation

With Zero-Trust Networking



Network reachability ≠

Network security

More about zero-trust

- Encryption
- Visibility
- Auditing



Thanks!

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Trireme on Github: https://github.com/aporeto-inc/ trireme-kubernetes

Demo code and slides: https://github.com/bvandewalle/ kubecon-zerotrust

