



Real Security for Services on Kubernetes

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Who are we?

- Software Engineers on Cloud Platform team@Databricks
- Provide Infrastructure Services to other engineering teams
 - Deployment Platform (Kubernetes)
 - Monitoring System
 - Permission & Credential Management
- Use a lot Open Source Tools
 - Kubernetes, Prometheus, Bazel, Hashicorp Terraform & Vault, etc

Agenda

- What is Databricks
- Databricks Security Concerns
- Kubernetes Access Control
- Kubernetes Secret Management
- Kubernetes Audit Logging

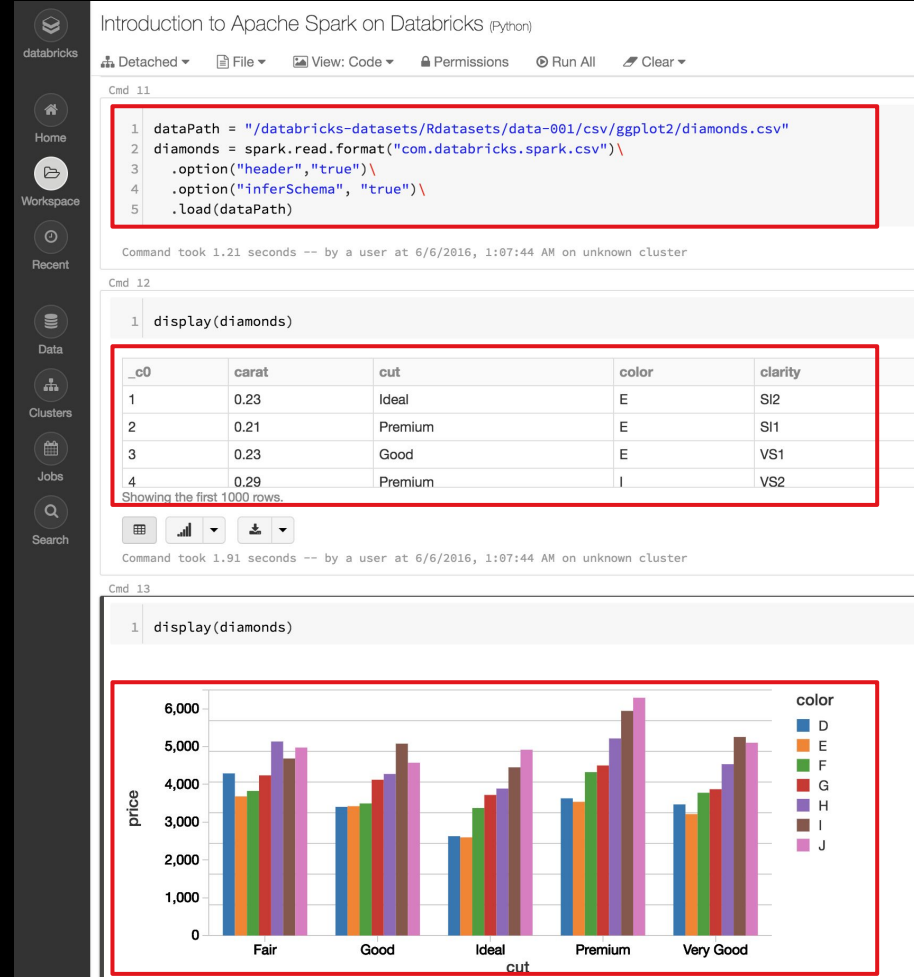
What is Databricks?

- Creators of Apache Spark

- <https://spark-summit.org/2017/events/apache-spark-on-kubernetes/>

- Unified Analytics Platform

- Databricks Notebook
- SaaS product on AWS & Azure
- Provides Better Performance, Collaboration, **Security** around Apache Spark



The screenshot displays a Databricks notebook interface with a sidebar on the left containing navigation icons for Home, Workspace, Recent, Data, Clusters, Jobs, and Search. The main area shows three command cells:

Cmd 11: Executes a Python script to read a CSV file from a Databricks dataset. The code is highlighted in a red box:

```
1 dataPath = "/databricks-datasets/Rdatasets/data-001/csv/ggplot2/diamonds.csv"
2 diamonds = spark.read.format("com.databricks.spark.csv")\
3   .option("header", "true")\
4   .option("inferSchema", "true")\
5   .load(dataPath)
```

Command execution details: Command took 1.21 seconds -- by a user at 6/6/2016, 1:07:44 AM on unknown cluster.

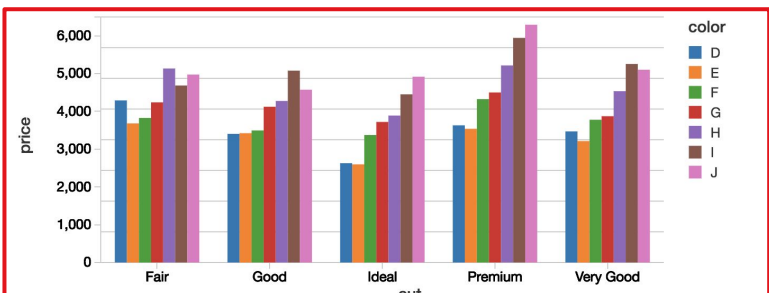
Cmd 12: Executes `display(diamonds)`, showing a table of diamond data. The table is highlighted in a red box:

_c0	carat	cut	color	clarity
1	0.23	Ideal	E	SI2
2	0.21	Premium	E	SI1
3	0.23	Good	E	VS1
4	0.29	Premium	I	VS2

Showing the first 1000 rows.

Command execution details: Command took 1.91 seconds -- by a user at 6/6/2016, 1:07:44 AM on unknown cluster.

Cmd 13: Executes `display(diamonds)`, showing a grouped bar chart of diamond prices. The chart is highlighted in a red box:



The chart displays price on the y-axis (0 to 6,000) and cut on the x-axis (Fair, Good, Ideal, Premium, Very Good). For each cut, there are six bars representing different colors: D (blue), E (orange), F (green), G (red), H (purple), and I (brown). The legend on the right indicates the color for each letter. The chart shows that price generally increases with the quality of the cut and the color grade.

Databricks Security Concerns

Customer:

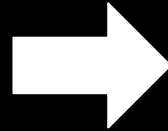
- Customer data remains private
- Security Compliance, e.g. HIPAA, SOC2

AppSec:

- Defense in Depth
- Limited and audited production access

Engineer:

- Security by default
- Easy to extend



✓ **Access Control**

✓ **Secret Management**

✓ **Audit Logging**

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How do we do Access Control?

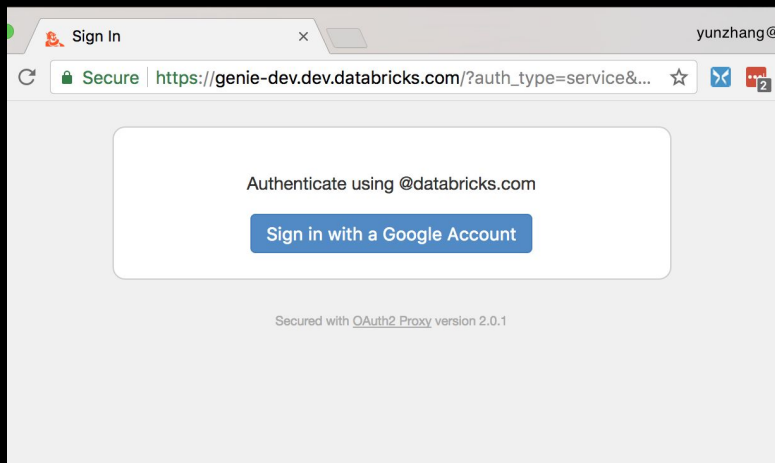
```
~/workspace/universe(master*) » get-kube-access dev
.....
INFO: Analysed target //deployment/get-kube-access:get-kube-access.
INFO: Found 1 target...
Target //deployment/get-kube-access:get-kube-access up-to-date:
  bazel-bin/deployment/get-kube-access/get-kube-access
INFO: Elapsed time: 24.907s, Critical Path: 4.70s
INFO: Build completed successfully, 1 total action

Executing /var/folders/n1/tddg1fv92nzcgkhlbfszy4f80000gn/T//P2964j
Requesting access for scope dev
Opening genie login page in your browser. (Please switch to your browser and log in if you haven't yet).

If genie didn't open, please point your browser to:
https://genie-dev.dev.databricks.com/?auth_type=service&scope=dev

Waiting for genie to reply with your credentials on port 8771...
```


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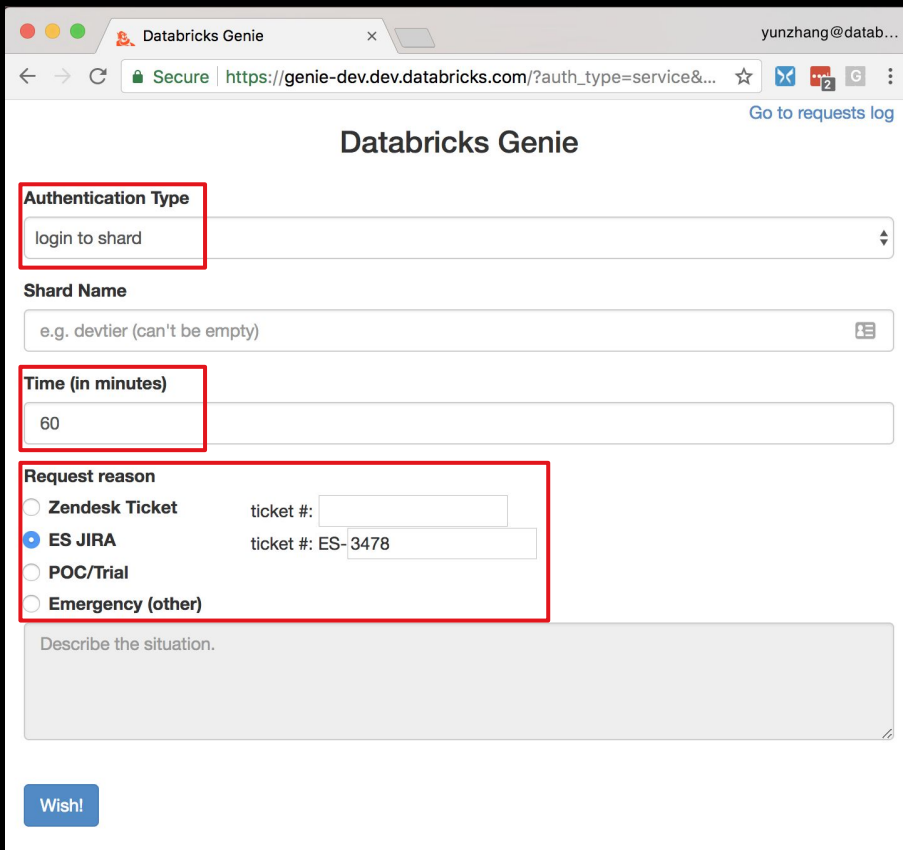


Sign In

Authenticate using @databricks.com

[Sign in with a Google Account](#)

Secured with OAuth2 Proxy version 2.0.1



Databricks Genie

[Go to requests log](#)

Authentication Type
login to shard

Shard Name
e.g. devtier (can't be empty)

Time (in minutes)
60

Request reason

- Zendesk Ticket ticket #:
- ES JIRA ticket #: ES-3478
- POC/Trial
- Emergency (other)

Describe the situation.

[Wish!](#)

How do we do Access Control?

```
Waiting for genie to reply with your credentials on port 8771...
Backed up your old config to: /Users/yunzhang/.kube/config.bk
Added Kubernetes context dev
Added Kubernetes context dev-aws-us-west-2
Added Kubernetes context dev-azure-westus
Added Kubernetes context dev-azure-westeuropa
Created new config at: /Users/yunzhang/.kube/config
Wrote certificates to: /Users/yunzhang/.databricks/certs/dev
```

Success! Your credentials have been saved. They are valid for:
Run 'kubectl config get-contexts' to see which Kubernetes clusters you can access for future reference.
Receiving credentials...

```
-----  
~/workspace/universe(master*) » kubectl get pods -n vault
```

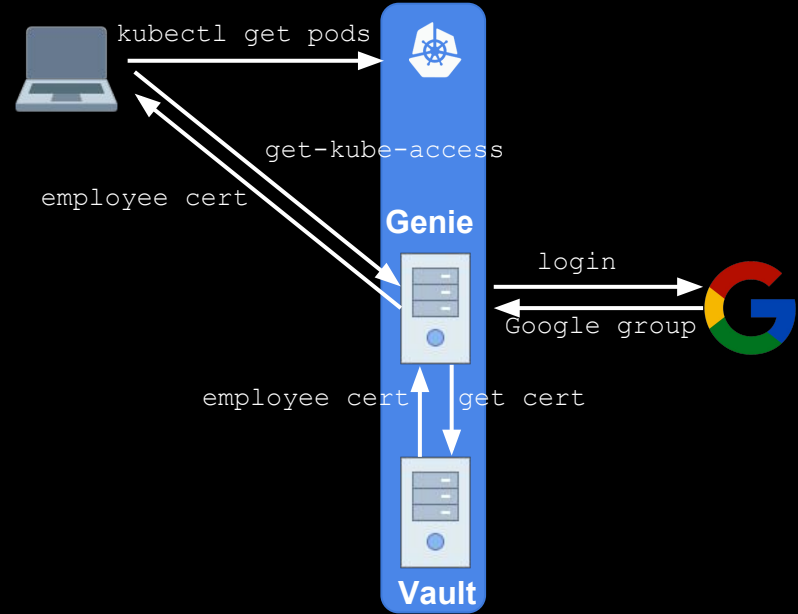
NAME	READY	STATUS	RESTARTS	AGE
ahir-proxy-695078837-4xc56	1/1	Running	0	21d
api-proxy-7b8cbb9856-hb7hs	1/1	Running	0	12h
genie-5666b54859-tt2j7	3/3	Running	0	12h
genie-aaron-1804182574-v79jk	3/3	Running	0	21d
genie-kevin-1-1204004774-nlmpb	3/3	Running	0	21d
genie-kevin-2170134984-j8djz	3/3	Running	6	21d
heatseeker-686894fdc4-zkk7m	1/1	Running	0	12h
jenkins-scaling-55cbb6cf6b-kqd9v	1/1	Running	0	1d
vault-6cc8bdb445-n85n7	1/1	Running	0	1h
vault-6cc8bdb445-xvsb2	1/1	Running	0	1h
vault-cong-1604214373-6scph	1/1	Running	0	21d

✓ **All Self-serviced**

What Just Happened?

Genie

- “The” service for access control
- Integrates with Google Group
- Integrated with Hashicorp Vault for certificate generation
- Issues certificates applicable to multiple services

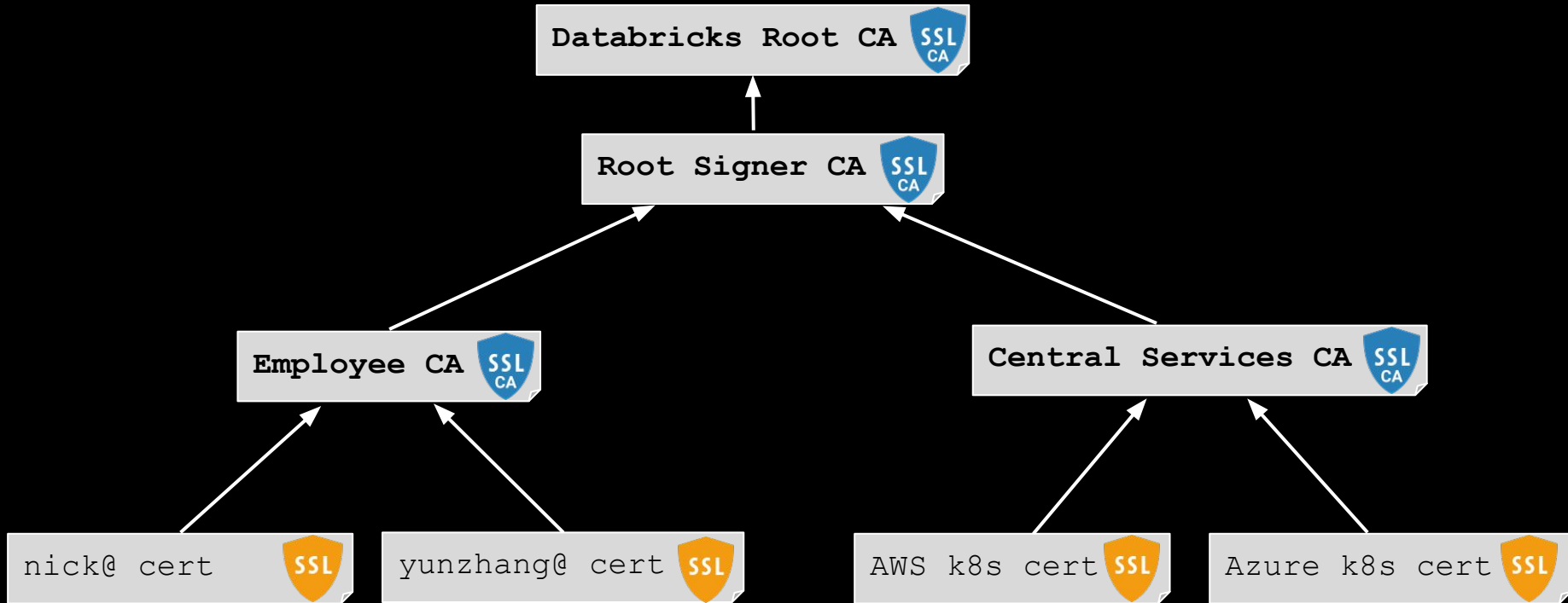


Employee Certificate

- Signed by global Employee CA
- Short validity
- Identity: Employee's email address in Common Name (CN)
- Role: Google Group in Subject (Organization) & Subject Alternative Names (SAN)

```
Certificate:
  Data:
    Version: 3 (0x2)
    Serial Number:
      ...
    Signature Algorithm: sha256WithRSAEncryption
    Issuer: C=US, ST=California, L=San Francisco, O=Databricks, \
OU=Services, CN=Employee Dev CA
    Validity
      Not Before: Dec  6 06:21:56 2017 GMT
      Not After  : Dec  7 06:21:56 2017 GMT
    Subject: O=employees@databricks.com, O=eng-cloud-team@databr\
icks.com, O=eng@databricks.com, O=market-info@databricks.com, O=pl\
atform@databricks.com, O=sfo-all@databricks.com, CN=yunzhang@databr\
icks.com
    Subject Public Key Info:
      Public Key Algorithm: rsaEncryption
      Public-Key: (2048 bit)
      Modulus:
```

CA Trust Chain



Kubernetes Auth Strategies

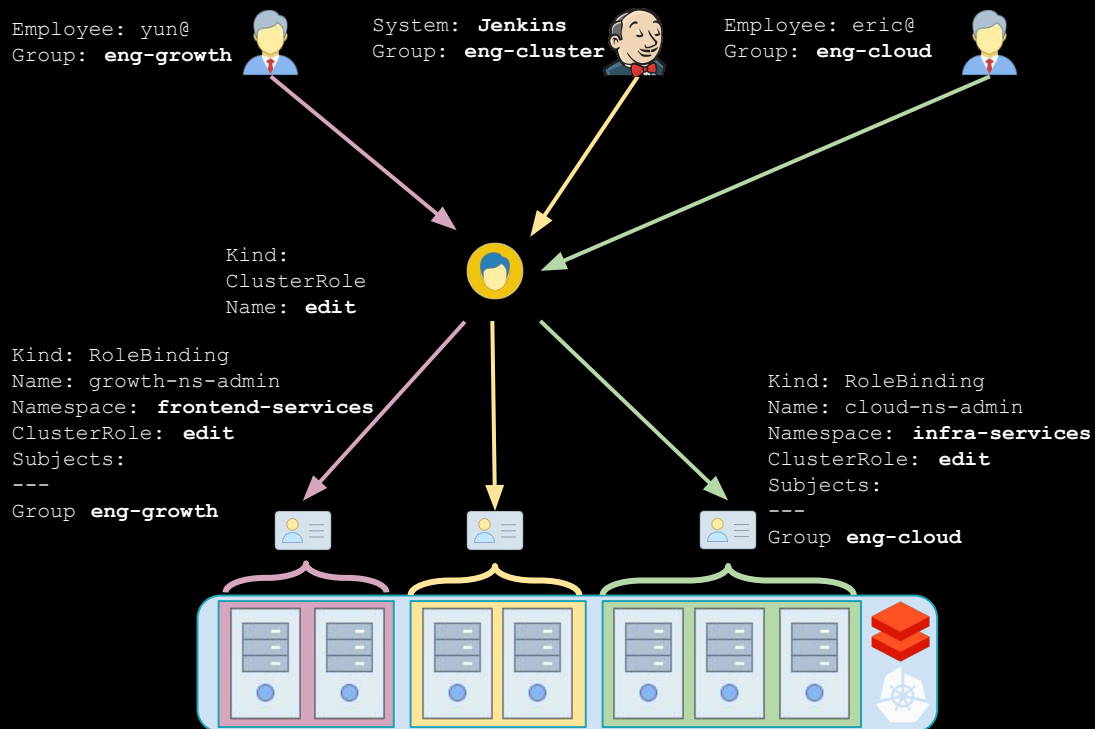
- Client TLS Certificate ✓
- Token-based
- Password-based
- AuthProxy
- ...

Why TLS?

- ✓ Widely supported
- ✓ Applicable to multi-services
- ✓ Easy to control expiration
- ✓ Easy to integrate with
Kubernetes RBAC

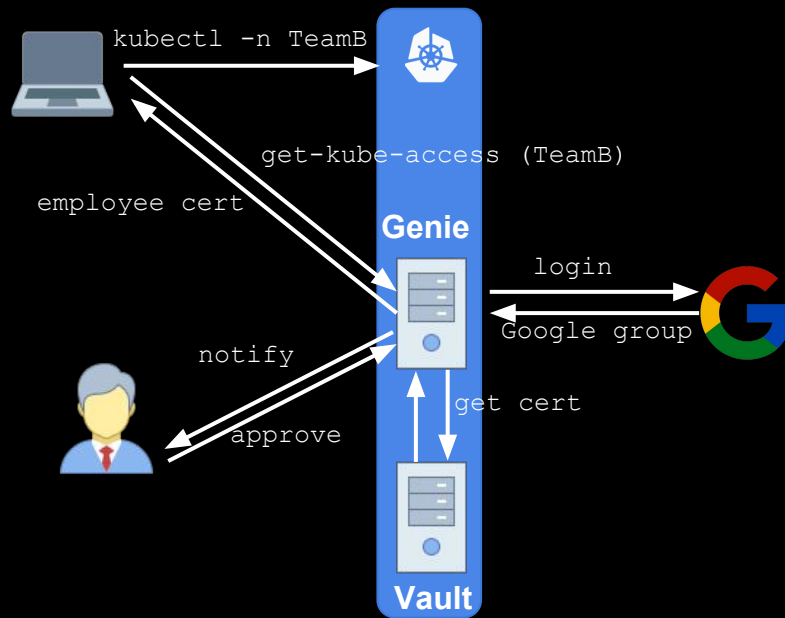
Kubernetes Role Bindings

- Integrated with Google Group
- Access restricted to namespace
- Easy to transfer service ownership



Permission Impersonation

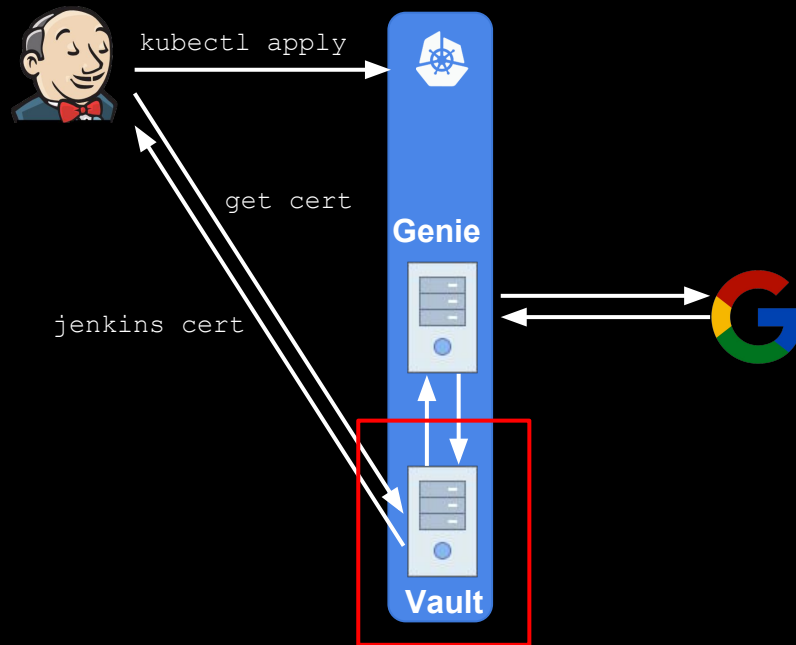
- Needed for an adhoc debugging
- Case: Alice from Team A needs to access a service pod belongs to Team B



Continuous Deployment

Jenkins worker authentication

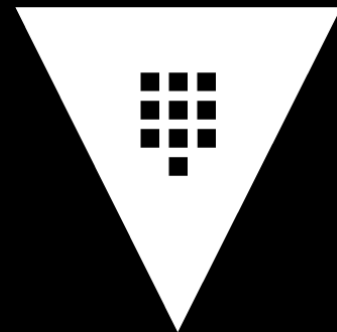
- Talk to “Genie” backend directly
- Uses a long-lived token
- “Genie” Backend generate TLS certificate given the token



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Hashicorp Vault



- Open source secret management solution
- Can generate TLS certs
 - Really useful for short lived (makes it easy)
 - This is how Jenkins talks to our k8s cluster
- Also stores "generic" secret material

```
apiVersion: v1
```

```
kind: Secret
```

```
metadata:
```

```
  annotations:
```

```
    name: mysrv-scrtkkeys
```

```
    namespace: development
```

```
data:
```

```
  secret-config: TkFVR0hUWQo=
```

```
type: Opaque
```

Secrets in your k8s Deployments

- Deployment Secrets are hard
 - Difficult to audit
 - Difficult to rotate
 - Can't check them into source control



Secret Templates

apiVersion: v1alpha1

kind: SecretTemplate

metadata:

name: mysrv-scrkeys

namespace: development

context:

name: dev

url: https://[url]:8200

```
scrkeys = { "scrconfig": "NOTAPASSWORD" }
```

vault_data:

- name: scrkeys

path: v1/svcs/mysrv/scrkeys

spec:

secret-config:

format: scrkeys.scrconfig

Secret Templates

- Internal tooling
 - pull data from Vault
 - automatically turn into k8s Secret
- Solves previous issues
 - Difficult to audit → Everything in Vault
 - Difficult to rotate → Update in Vault, re-apply
 - Can't check them into source control → Templates contain no secrets

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Auditing & Logging

- Genie records details of all types of authorizations it grants
- Enable k8s api-server audit logging

Request Time (UTC)	User	Request Type	Workspace ID/ Kubernetes Cluster	Reason
2023-12-04 22:31:38	andreas@databricks.com	loginToAzureWorkspace	70642002280814046	ES: 4130
2023-12-04 22:24:42	jstephen@databricks.com	accessKubernetesCluster	Production	debugging
2023-12-04 21:31:39	als@databricks.com	loginToAzureWorkspace	7480874421238134	ES: 4631
2023-12-04 20:14:25	tomy.huang@databricks.com	accessKubernetesCluster	Production	update
2023-12-04 19:14:19	asood@databricks.com	accessKubernetesCluster	Production	update
2023-12-04 18:25:18	evan@databricks.com	accessKubernetesCluster	Production	debugging
2023-12-04 18:08:18	qushan.gupta@databricks.com	accessKubernetesCluster	Production	update
2023-12-04 18:04:15	qushan.gupta@databricks.com	accessKubernetesCluster	Production	update
2023-12-04 17:59:33	carol@databricks.com	accessKubernetesCluster	Production	debugging
2023-12-04 14:59:35	mitch.wells@databricks.com	loginToAzureWorkspace	7480874421238134	ES: 4131
2023-12-04 13:40:08	andru.resanovic@databricks.com	loginToAzureWorkspace	7480874421238134	ES: 4346
2023-12-04 10:55:10	als@databricks.com	loginToAzureWorkspace	7480874421238134	ES: 4631
2023-12-04 09:04:12	jwes@databricks.com	loginToAzureWorkspace	7480874421238134	ES: 4131
2023-12-04 02:44:22	benjimin@databricks.com	accessKubernetesCluster	Production	debugging
2023-12-03 12:24:29	iveta@databricks.com	loginToAzureWorkspace	7480874421238134	ES: 4131
2023-12-03 10:25:49	als@databricks.com	loginToAzureWorkspace	7480874421238134	ES: 4631
2023-12-03 05:20:35	con@gdatabricks.com	accessKubernetesCluster	Production	debugging

Take aways

- Security should not be a tax on developer productivity
- A generic solution is usually the more secure one
- Remember everything, until you are allowed to forget
- Don't reinvent the wheel -- OSS is your friend



Thank you!

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