



Open Policy Agent



Torin Sandall

@sometorin 

- Open Policy Agent co-founder and core contributor
- Istio and Kubernetes policy-related features
- ❤️📍 good restaurants 🇩🇰 Copenhagen

Setting permissions in Production [\[edit \]](#)

Important notice: If you are deploying to east_4A or icebreaker2, you *MUST* fill out the change request form and submit it through the *config-deployment portal* before continuing.

Update: 2016-09-16: Jeff is working on automating this process.

NOTE: September, 2017: remember to add the following permissions to your production service.

Group	API Permission	Version
ops-auth	all	*
ops-admin	all	*
net-dev	net/iam	v2.0 and newer

If you are deploying an external service then you need to make sure to configure the network security group rules with using the neteng-dashboard. When you are done file locally for compliance. The following is a list of firewall rules that you should configure.

```
incoming TCP 9092 subnet 10.2.2.0/24
incoming TCP 9093 subnet 10.2.2.0/24
incoming TCP 10999 subnet 10.2.0.0/16
```

If your service depends on ext-auth-broker then you MUST configure the egress rules (TODO: include example).

To update services in production, make sure you have checked out and configured the `serv-manager` CLI tool in your environment. You will need to contact ops-a u
config token before you can run any of the commands. Send an e-mail to ops-auth@internal.acmecorp.com with the subject line "NEED TO DEPLOY" (all caps) and so

Once you have configured serv-manager CLI tool in your environment copy the following files into your ~/ directory.



Setting permissions in Production [\[edit\]](#)

Important notice: If you are deploying `test_4A` or `icebreaker2`, you **MUST** fill out the change request and submit it through the **config-deployment portal** before proceeding.

Update: 2016-09-16: Jeff is working on a new config tool.

NOTE: September, 2017: remember to add the following permissions to your production service.

Group	API Permission	Version
ops-auth	all	*
ops-admin	all	*
net-dev	net/iam	v2.0.0 newer

If you are deploying an external service then you need to make sure to configure the network security group rules with using the config-dashboard. When you are done, save the file locally for compliance. The following is a list of firewall rules that you should configure.

```
incoming TCP 9092 subnet 10.0.0.0/24
incoming TCP 9093 subnet 10.0.0.0/24
incoming TCP 10999 subnet 10.0.0.0/24
```

If your service depends on ext-auth-broker, you MUST configure the egress rules (TCP) (see example).

To update services in production, make sure you have correctly configured the `serv-manager` CLI tool in your environment. You will need to contact ops-admin to get a config token before you can run any of the commands. Send an email to ops-admin with the subject line "NEED TO DEPLOY" (all caps) and send the token to the email address.

Once you have configured serv-manager CLI tool in your environment copy the following files into your `~/` directory.

Policy decisions should be decoupled
from policy enforcement.

Treat policy as a separate concern.


...just like DB, messaging, monitoring,
logging, orchestration, CI/CD...

Gain better control and visibility over
policy throughout your system.

Everyone is affected by policy...



"QA must sign-off on images deployed to the production namespace."



"Analysts can read client data but PII must be redacted."



"Give developers SSH access to machines listed in JIRA tickets assigned to them."



"Restrict ELB changes to senior SREs that are on-call."

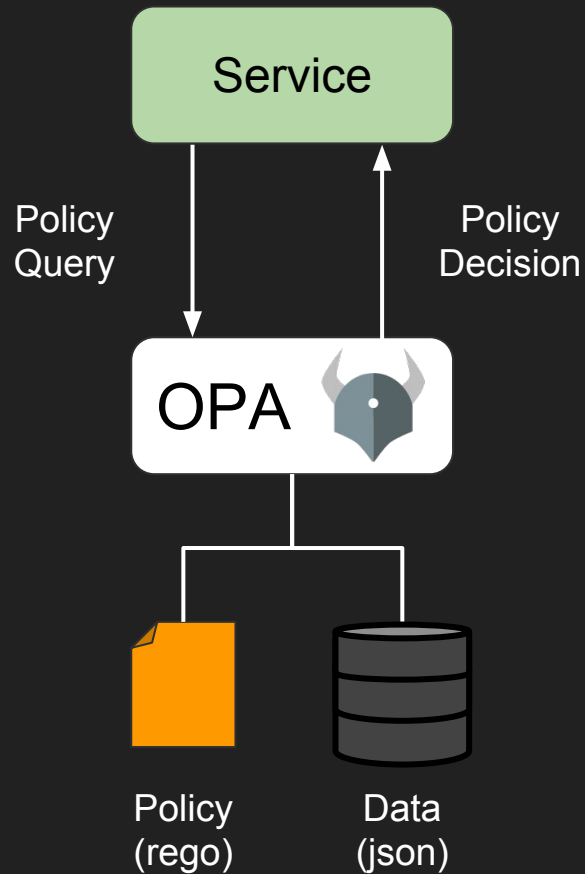
Policy enforcement is a fundamental problem for your organization.

Tribal knowledge provides NO guarantee that policies are being enforced.

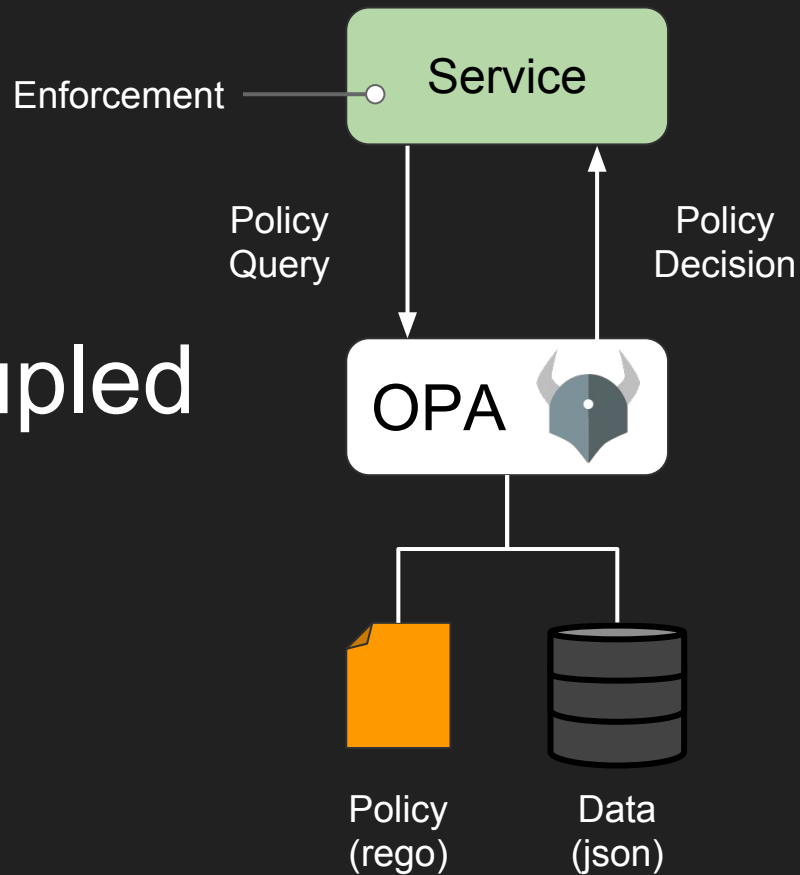
"Tribal knowledge" is the know-how or collective wisdom of the organization.

It is expensive and painful to maintain
policy decisions that are hardcoded into
the app.

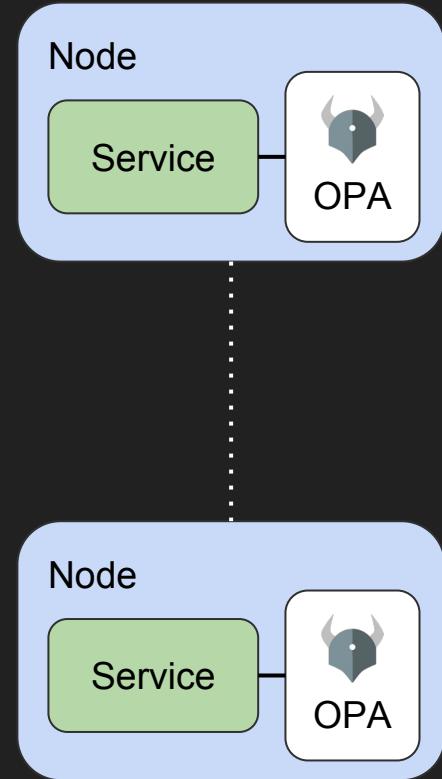
OPA is an open source,
general-purpose policy
engine.



Decisions are decoupled
from enforcement.



OPA is a host-local cache
for policy decisions.

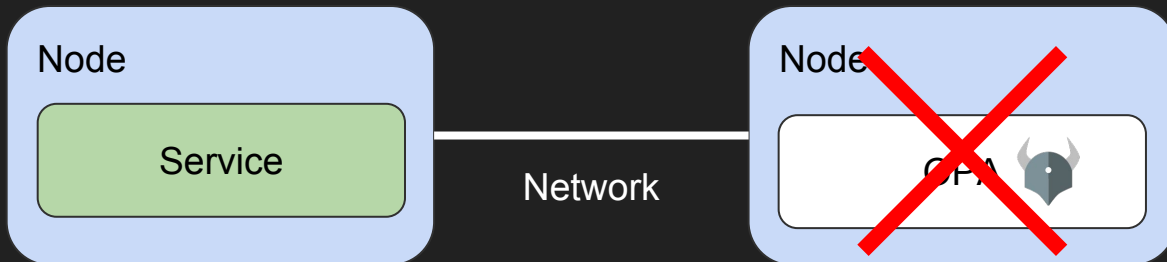


Fate Sharing

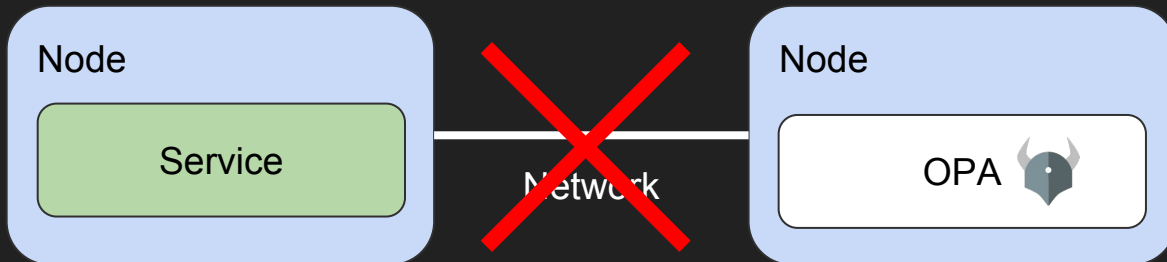
- ✓ Low latency
- ✓ High availability



Host Failures

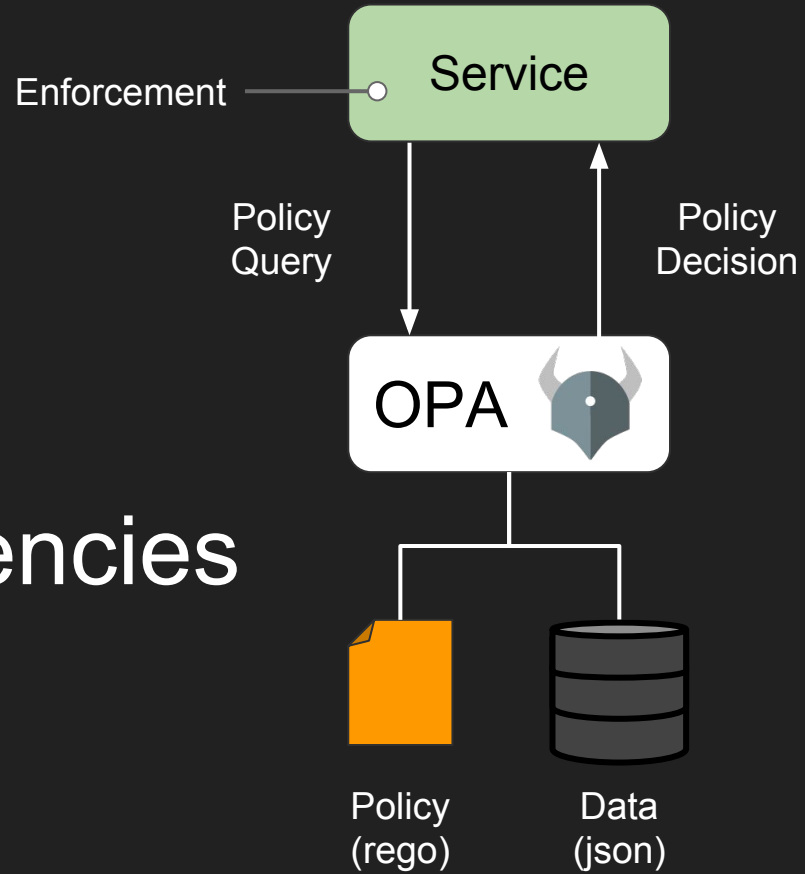


Network Partitions

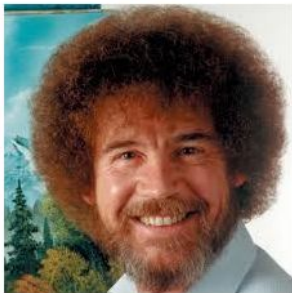


Policy and data are
stored in-memory.

No runtime dependencies
during enforcement.



Bob



"There's nothing wrong with having a tree as a friend."

Employee Details

Name: Bob Ross

Birth Date: October 29, 1942

Position: Cloud Engineer

T-Shirt Size: Medium

Manager: Janet

SSN: 1234567890

Performance Reviews

Bob doesn't make mistakes. Only happy accidents.

— Alice

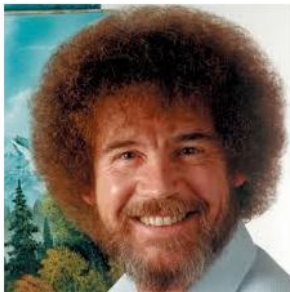
★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Bob's great at building happy little clouds.

— Janet

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Bob



details service

Employee Details

Name: Bob Ross

Birth Date: October 29, 1942

Position: Cloud Engineer

T-Shirt Size: Medium

Manager: Janet

SSN: 1234567890

reviews service

"There's nothing wrong with having a tree as a friend."

Performance Reviews

Bob doesn't make mistakes. Only happy accidents.

— Alice

★★★★☆

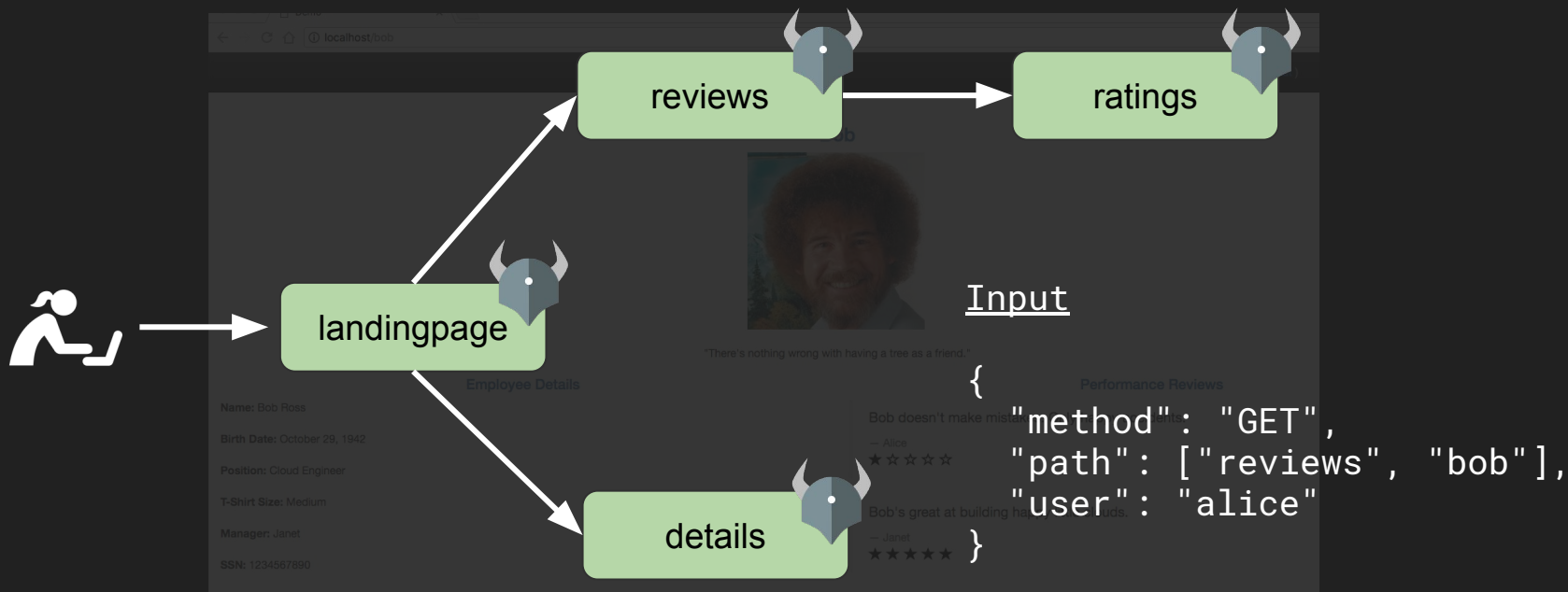
ratings service

Bob's great at building happy little clouds.

— Janet

★★★★★

Demo: Authorization



Demo: Authorization



Declarative Language (Rego)

- Is user X allowed to call operation Y on resource Z?
- Which annotations must be added to new Deployments?
- Which users can SSH into production machines?

"Employees may read their own reviews and the reviews of their subordinates."

"Employees may read their own reviews [...]"

"Employees may read their own reviews [...]"

Input

```
{ "method": "GET",  
  "path": [ "reviews", "bob" ],  
  "user": "bob" }
```

"Employees may read their own reviews [...]"

```
allow = true {  
  input.method = "GET"  
  input.path = ["reviews", employee_id]  
  input.user = employee_id  
}
```

Input

```
{"method": "GET",  
 "path": ["reviews", "bob"],  
 "user": "bob"}
```

"Employees may read their own reviews [...]"

```
allow = true {  
  input.method = "GET"  
  input.path = ["reviews", "bob"]  
  input.user = "bob"  
}
```

Input

```
{"method": "GET",  
 "path": ["reviews", "bob"],  
 "user": "bob"}
```

"Employees may read their own reviews [...]"

```
allow = true {  
  input.method = "GET"           # OK  
  input.path = ["reviews", "bob"] # OK  
  input.user = "bob"             # OK  
}
```

Input

```
{"method": "GET",  
 "path": ["reviews", "bob"],  
 "user": "bob"}
```

"Employees may read their own reviews [...]"

```
allow = true {  
  input.method = "GET"  
  input.path = ["reviews", employee_id]  
  input.user = employee_id  
}
```

Input

```
{"method": "GET",  
 "path": ["reviews", "bob"],  
 "user": "alice"}
```



"alice" instead of "bob"

"Employees may read their own reviews [...]"

```
allow = true {  
  input.method = "GET"  
  input.path = ["reviews", "bob"]  
  "alice" = "bob"  
}
```

OK
OK
FAIL

Input

```
{"method": "GET",  
 "path": ["reviews", "bob"],  
 "user": "alice"}
```



"alice" instead of "bob"

"Employees may read [...] the reviews of their subordinates."

```
allow = true {  
  input.method = "GET"  
  input.path = ["reviews", "bob"]  
  "alice" = "bob"  
}
```

Input

# OK	{ "method": "GET",
# OK	"path": ["reviews", "bob"],
# FAIL	"user": "alice" }



"alice" instead of "bob"

"Employees may read [...] the reviews of their subordinates."

```
allow = true {  
  input.method = "GET"  
  input.path = ["reviews", employee_id]  
  input.user = employee_id  
}
```

Input

```
{"method": "GET",  
 "path": ["reviews", "bob"],  
 "user": "alice"}
```

Data (in-memory)

```
{"manager_of": {  
  "bob": "alice",  
  "alice": "janet"}}
```


"Employees may read [...] the reviews of their subordinates."

```
allow = true {  
  input.method = "GET"  
  input.path = ["reviews", employee_id]  
  input.user = employee_id  
}
```

Input

```
{"method": "GET",  
 "path": ["reviews", "bob"],  
 "user": "alice"}
```

```
allow = true {  
  input.method = "GET"  
  input.path = ["reviews", employee_id]  
  input.user = data.manager_of[employee_id]  
}
```

Data (in-memory)

```
{"manager_of": {  
  "bob": "alice",  
  "alice": "janet"}}
```

"Employees may read [...] the reviews of their subordinates."

```
allow = true {  
  input.method = "GET"  
  input.path = ["reviews", employee_id]  
  input.user = employee_id  
}
```

```
allow = true {  
  input.method = "GET"  
  input.path = ["reviews", "bob"]  
  input.user = data.manager_of["bob"]  
}
```

Input

```
{"method": "GET",  
 "path": ["reviews", "bob"],  
 "user": "alice"}
```

Data (in-memory)

```
{"manager_of": {  
  "bob": "alice",  
  "alice": "janet"}}
```

"Employees may read [...] the reviews of their subordinates."

```
allow = true {  
  input.method = "GET"  
  input.path = ["reviews", employee_id]  
  input.user = employee_id  
}
```

```
allow = true {  
  input.method = "GET"  
  input.path = ["reviews", "bob"]  
  input.user = "alice"  
}
```

Input

```
{"method": "GET",  
 "path": ["reviews", "bob"],  
 "user": "alice"}
```

Data (in-memory)

```
{"manager_of": {  
  "bob": "alice",  
  "alice": "janet"}}
```

"Employees may read [...] the reviews of their subordinates."

```
allow = true {  
  input.method = "GET"  
  input.path = ["reviews", employee_id]  
  input.user = employee_id  
}
```

```
allow = true {  
  input.method = "GET" # OK  
  input.path = ["reviews", "bob"] # OK  
  input.user = "alice" # OK  
}
```

Input

```
{"method": "GET",  
 "path": ["reviews", "bob"],  
 "user": "alice"}
```

Data (in-memory)

```
{"manager_of": {  
  "bob": "alice",  
  "alice": "janet"}}
```

What about RBAC?

RBAC solves XX% of the problem.

*"Allow all HTTP requests
from 10.1.2.0/24."*

*"Restrict employees from accessing
the service outside of work hours."*

*"QA must sign-off on images
deployed to the production
namespace."*

*"Restrict ELB changes to senior
SREs that are on-call."*

*"Analysts can read client data but
PII must be redacted."*

RBAC is not enough.

*"Prevent developers from running
containers with privileged security
contexts in the production
namespace."*

*"Give developers SSH access to machines
listed in JIRA tickets assigned to them."*

*"Workloads for euro-bank must be
deployed on PCI-certified clusters in
the EU."*

...but everyone knows RBAC.

Implement RBAC with OPA.

Data (in-memory)

bindings:

- user: inspector-alice
role: widget-reader
- user: maker-bob
role: widget-writer

roles:

- operation: read
resource: widgets
name: widget-reader
- operation: write
resource: widgets
name: widget-writer

Implement RBAC with OPA.

```
allow = true {  
  # Find binding(s) for user.  
  binding := data.bindings[_]  
  input.user = binding.user
```

Data (in-memory)

bindings:

- user: inspector-alice
 role: widget-reader
- user: maker-bob
 role: widget-writer

roles:

- operation: read
 resource: widgets
 name: widget-reader
- operation: write
 resource: widgets
 name: widget-writer

Implement RBAC with OPA.

```
allow = true {  
  # Find binding(s) for user.  
  binding := data.bindings[_]  
  input.user = binding.user  
  
  # Find role(s) with permission.  
  role := data.roles[_]  
  input.resource = role.resource  
  input.operation = role.operation
```

Data (in-memory)

```
bindings:  
  - user: inspector-alice  
    role: widget-reader  
  - user: maker-bob  
    role: widget-writer  
roles:  
  - operation: read  
    resource: widgets  
    name: widget-reader  
  - operation: write  
    resource: widgets  
    name: widget-writer
```

Implement RBAC with OPA.

```
allow = true {  
  # Find binding(s) for user.  
  binding := data.bindings[_]  
  input.user = binding.user  
  
  # Find role(s) with permission.  
  role := data.roles[_]  
  input.resource = role.resource  
  input.operation = role.operation  
  
  # Check if binding matches role.  
  role.name = binding.role  
}
```

Data (in-memory)

```
bindings:  
  - user: inspector-alice  
    role: widget-reader  
  - user: maker-bob  
    role: widget-writer  
roles:  
  - operation: read  
    resource: widgets  
    name: widget-reader  
  - operation: write  
    resource: widgets  
    name: widget-writer
```

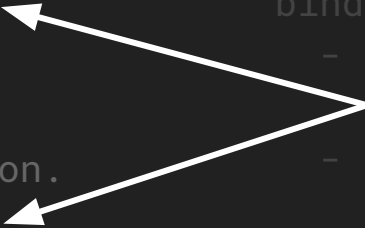
This rule *searches* over the RBAC data.

```
allow = true {  
  # Find binding(s) for user.  
  binding := data.bindings[_]  
  input.user = binding.user  
  
  # Find role(s) with permission.  
  role := data.roles[_]  
  input.resource = role.resource  
  input.operation = role.operation  
  
  # Check if binding matches role.  
  role.name = binding.role  
}
```

Data (in-memory)

Find bindings and roles that match input.

```
bindings:  
- user: inspector-alice  
  role: widget-reader  
- user: maker-bob  
  role: widget-writer  
roles:  
- operation: read  
  resource: widgets  
  name: widget-reader  
- operation: write  
  resource: widgets  
  name: widget-writer
```



Partial Evaluation: rules + data \Rightarrow simplified rules

```
allow = true {  
  # Find binding(s) for user.  
  binding := data.bindings[_]  
  input.user = binding.user  
  
  # Find role(s) with permission.  
  role := data.roles[_]  
  input.resource = role.resource  
  input.operation = role.operation  
  
  # Check if binding matches role.  
  role.name = binding.role  
}
```

Data (in-memory)

```
bindings:  
- user: inspector-alice  
  role: widget-reader  
- user: maker-bob  
  role: widget-writer  
roles:  
- operation: read  
  resource: widgets  
  name: widget-reader  
- operation: write  
  resource: widgets  
  name: widget-writer
```

Partial Eval

```
allow = true {  
  input.user = "bob"  
  input.resource = "/widgets"  
  input.operation = "write"  
}
```

```
allow = true {  
  input.user = "alice"  
  input.resource = "/widgets"  
  input.operation = "read"  
}
```

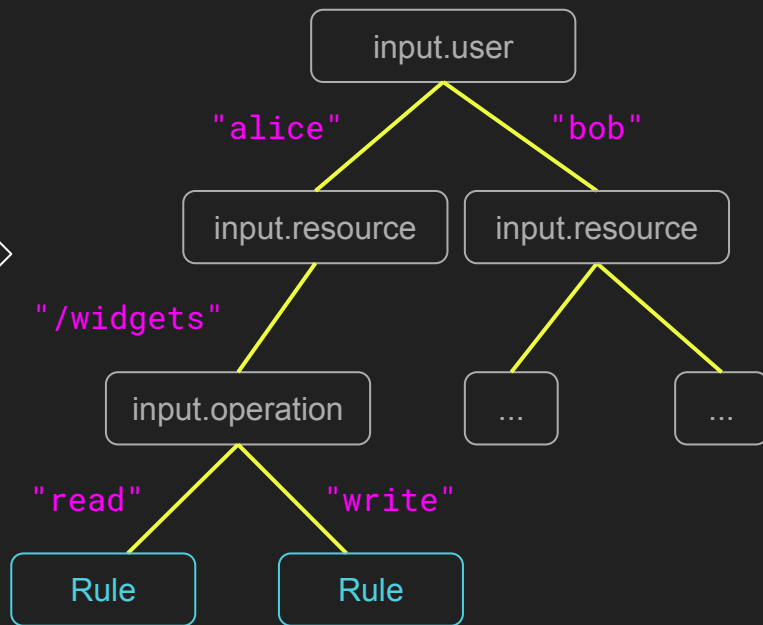
OPA builds an index from simplified rules.

```
allow = true { ... }  
allow = true { ... }  
allow = true { ... }  
allow = true { ... }  
allow = true { ... }
```

Many rules (100s, 1000s)

```
allow = true {  
  input.user = "alice"  
  input.resource = "/widgets"  
  input.operation = "read"  
}
```

Rule Indexing



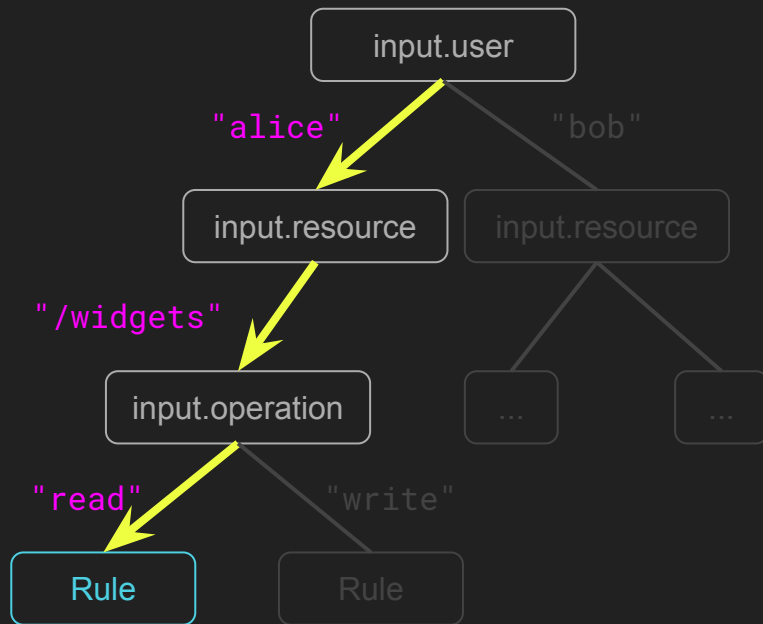
OPA uses the index to quickly find applicable rules.

Query

allow

Input

```
{  
  "user": "alice",  
  "resource": "/widgets",  
  "operation": "read"  
}
```



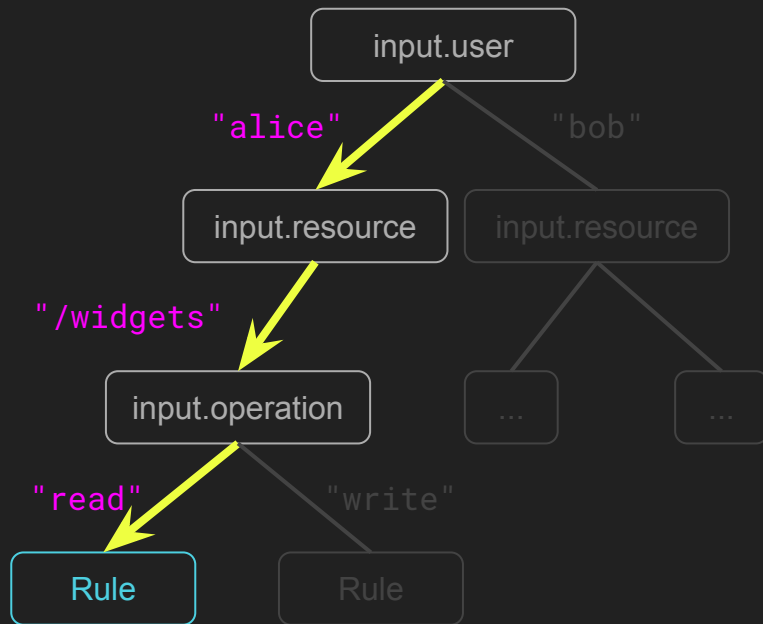
OPA only evaluates applicable rules.

```
allow = true { ... }  
allow = true { ... }  
allow = true { ... }  
allow = true { ... }  
allow = true { ... }
```

← OPA ignores these.

Many rules (100s, 1000s)

```
allow = true {  
  input.user = "alice"  
  input.resource = "/widgets"  
  input.operation = "read"  
}
```



# Roles	# Bindings	Normal Eval (ms)	With Partial Eval (ms)
250	250	5.50	0.0468
500	500	11.87	0.0591
1,000	1,000	21.64	0.0543
2,000	2,000	45.49	0.0624

blog.openpolicyagent.org

Partial Evaluation <https://goo.gl/X6Qu6u>

Rule Indexing <https://goo.gl/uoSw3U>



"QA must sign-off on images deployed to the production namespace."



"Analysts can read client data but PII must be redacted."



"Give developers SSH access to machines listed in JIRA tickets assigned to them."



"Restrict ELB changes to senior SREs that are on-call."

Use OPA to enforce policy across the stack.



It's all just data.

```
allow {
  input.method = "GET"
  input.path = ["salary", user]
  input.user = user
}
```

```
method: GET
path: /salary/bob
service.source:
  namespace: production
  service: landing_page
service.target:
  namespace: production
  service: details
user: alice
```



```
deny {
  is_read_operation
  is_pii_topic
  not in_pii_consumer_whitelist
}
```

```
operation: Read
resource:
  name: credit-scores
  resourceType: Topic
session:
  principal:
    principalType: User
    name: CN=anon_producer,0=OPA
  clientAddress: 172.21.0.5
```



```
deny {
  not metadata.labels["qa-signoff"]
  metadata.namespace == "prod"
  spec.containers[_].privileged
}
```

```
metadata:
  name: nginx-149353-bvl8q
  namespace: production
spec:
  containers:
    - image: nginx
      name: nginx
      securityContext:
        privileged: true
      nodeName: minikube
```



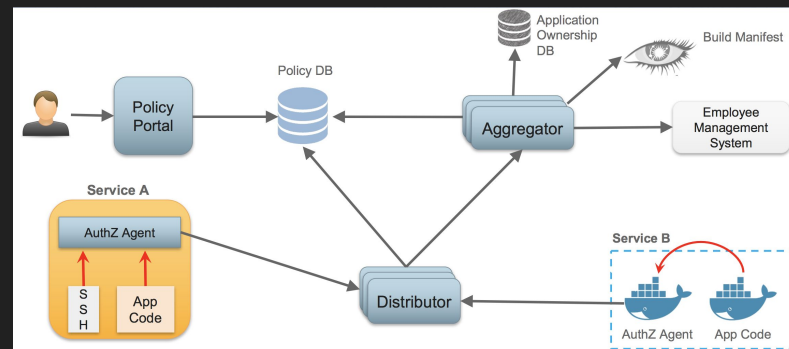
```
allow {
  score = risk_budget
  count(plan_names["aws_iam"]) == 0
  blast_radius < 500
}
```

```
aws_autoscaling_group.lamb:
  availability_zones#: '1'
  availability_zones.3205: us-west-1a
  desired_capacity: '4'
  launch_configuration: kitten
  wait_for_capacity_timeout: 10m
aws_instance.puppy:
  ami: ami-09b4b74c
  instance_type: t2.micro
```



User Study: Netflix

- Complex environment
 - >1,000 services
 - Many resource and identity types
 - Many protocols, languages, etc.
- Key requirements
 - Low latency
 - Flexible policies
 - Ability to capture intent
- Using OPA across the stack
 - HTTP and gRPC APIs
 - Kafka producers
 - SSH (coming soon)

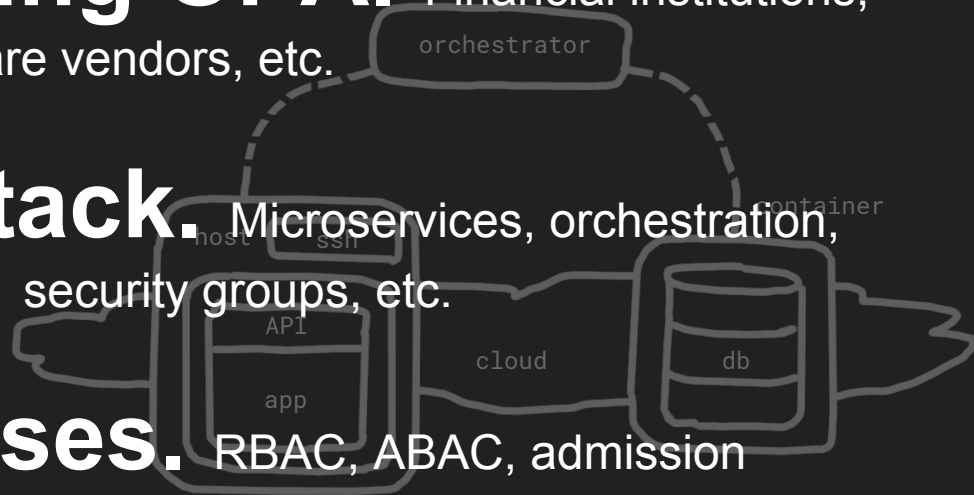


*How Netflix is Solving Authorization Across Their Cloud
(KubeCon US 2017)*

20+ companies using OPA. Financial institutions,
service providers, IT companies, software vendors, etc.

Used across the stack. Microservices, orchestration,
provisioning, host daemons, data layer, security groups, etc.

Bring more use cases. RBAC, ABAC, admission
control, data protection, risk management, rate limiting, auditing, etc.



Demo

Policy decisions should be decoupled
from policy enforcement.

HTTP API Authorization



Admission Control



Risk Management



Try tutorials at openpolicyagent.org



Data Protection



SSH and sudo

Leverage OPA to solve fundamental
policy and security problems.

Thank You!

 [open-policy-agent/opa](https://github.com/open-policy-agent/opa)

Star us on GitHub.



**CLOUD NATIVE
SANDBOX**