An aerial view of a shipping yard filled with numerous stacks of colorful intermodal containers in shades of white, yellow, blue, and red. The containers are arranged in neat rows and columns, creating a grid-like pattern. The background is slightly blurred, emphasizing the foreground stacks.

open source Intrusion Detection for containers

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Welcome to Our Story

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\$61.1

billion
volume

300

million
shoppers

\$1.5

million
sales per minute
(peak)



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50+

clusters

10+

thousand
services

170+

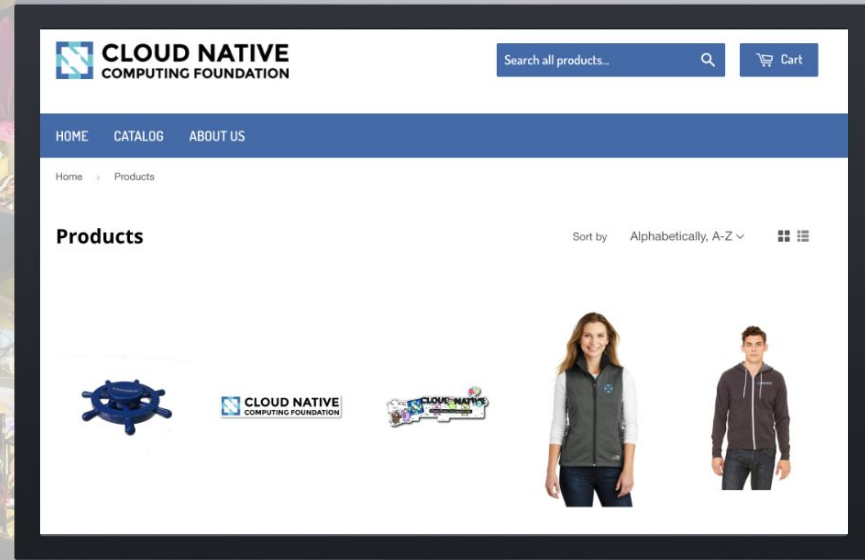
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Commerce at scale

over 1,000,000 shops.

some may look familiar.

we enable their brand.



Security is our business

defence in depth

external audits

security bug bounty:
hackerone.com/Shopify



Journey to the cloud

Kubernetes

scales workloads to meet demand

Cloud Provider

provides resources on-demand

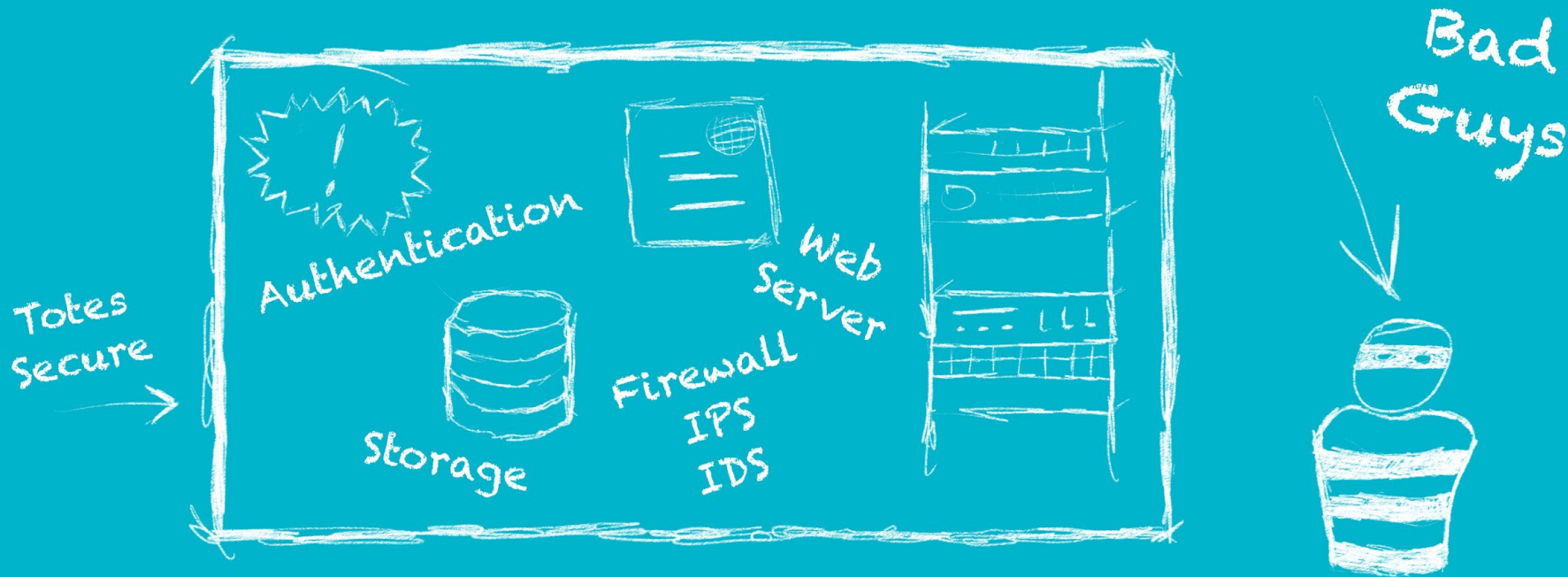
Data Centers?

not for us

Charlie



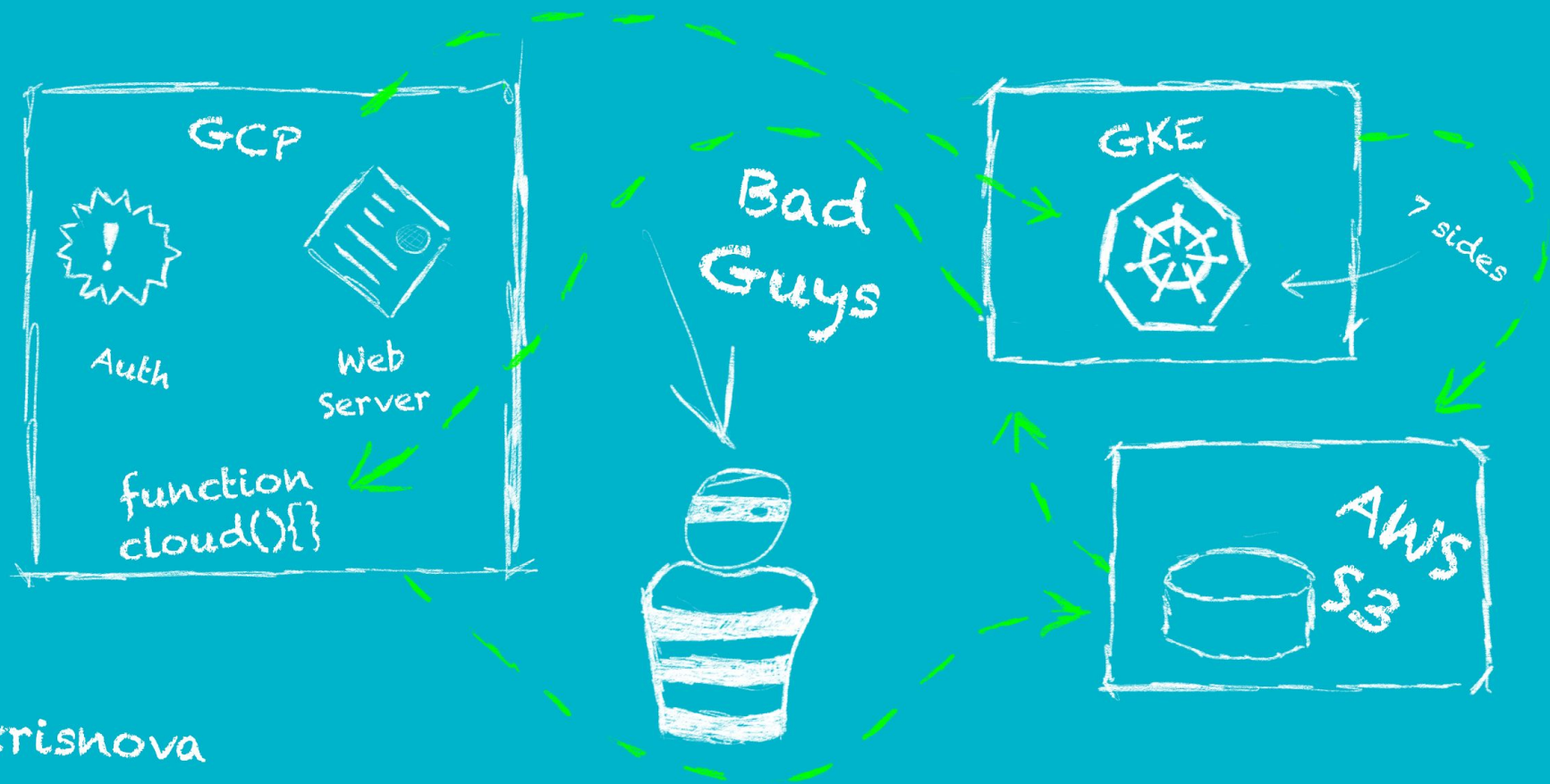
Network Security Boundaries



Home Net: 10.0.0.0/8

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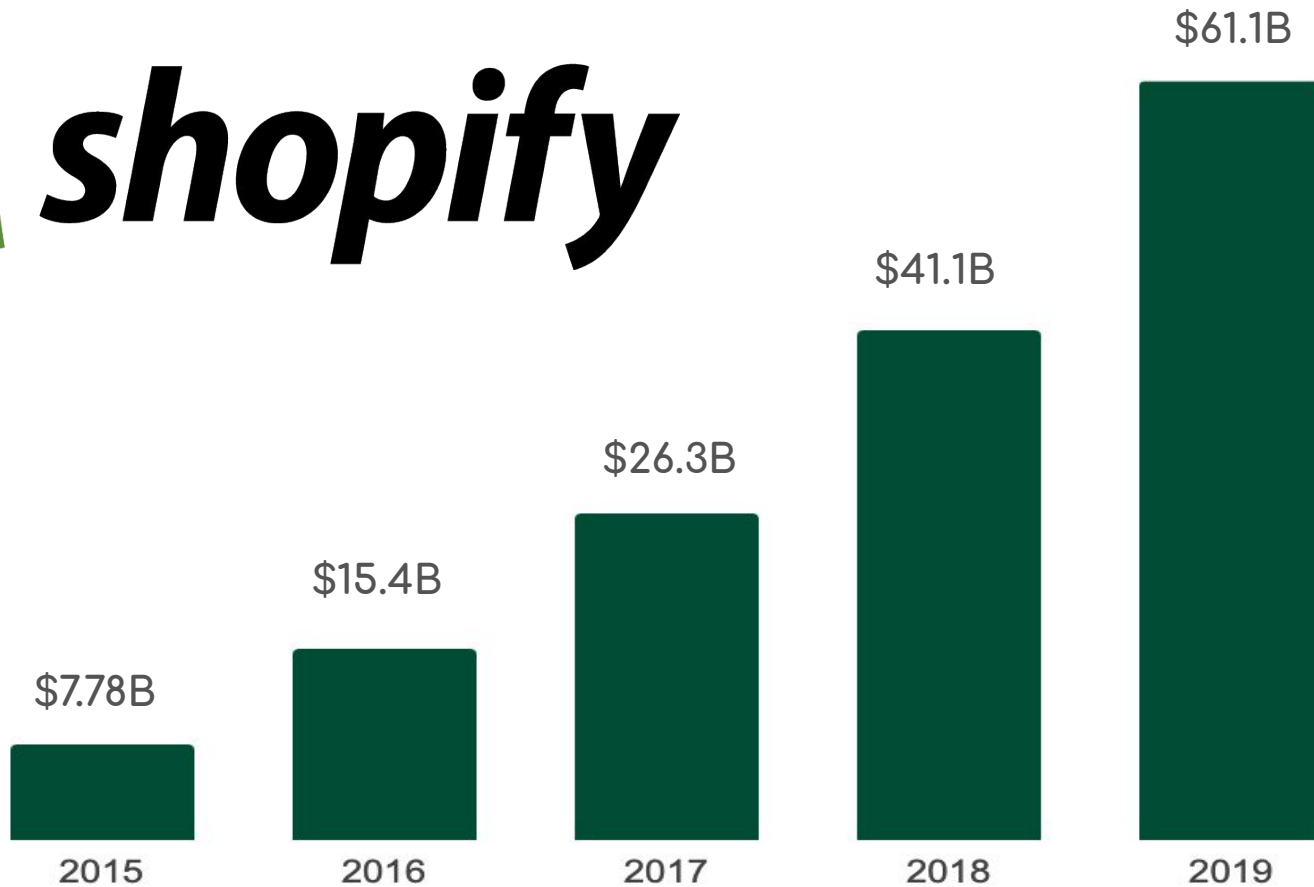
Network Security in the Cloud



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Gross Merchandise Volume

Greenfield Kubernetes

Kubernetes on GKE in early 2017:

- ABAC only
- dashboards enabled with admin access
- open computeMetadata
- no cloud audit logs

PCI Compliance

auditors vs. early adopters

don't take our word for it.



Security Approach: Prevention

Kubernetes

- disable old APIs, unused features
- metadata proxy
- kubelet bootstrap
- Role Based Access Control
- seccomp & apparmor profiles
- network policies

In-house

- github.com/Shopify/kubeaudit
- security-auditors

Security Approach: Detection

Misconfiguration

- insecure API endpoints
- overprivileged roles
- weak security context
- assumptions about safety/identity

Software supply chain

- deliberate backdoors
- bugs in dependencies
- typo, tag hijacking

Unmitigated Vulnerabilities

- Heartbleed
CVE-2014-0160
- Spectre v1
CVE-2017-5753
- Spectre v2
CVE-2017-5715
- Meltdown
CVE-2017-5754
- CVE-2019-5736
runc Container Escape
- CVE-2018-15664
Symlink directory traversal
- CVE-2018-1002105
Unauthenticated Remote Privilege Escalation
- CVE-2020-8558
Localhost Boundary Bypass



Falco

Cloud-Native Runtime Security

Kris Nóva



What is Falco?

Parses system calls at runtime

Rebuilds system state

Enriches with Kubernetes data

Event triggered during anomaly



Enabling Prevention



Unexpected change in system

Runtime based detection

Utility for uncovering future security policy

CVE response

Exploit response

Surveillance



Falco Engine

Your App

K8s

Container Runtime

Security Rules

Runtime Assertion

YAML!

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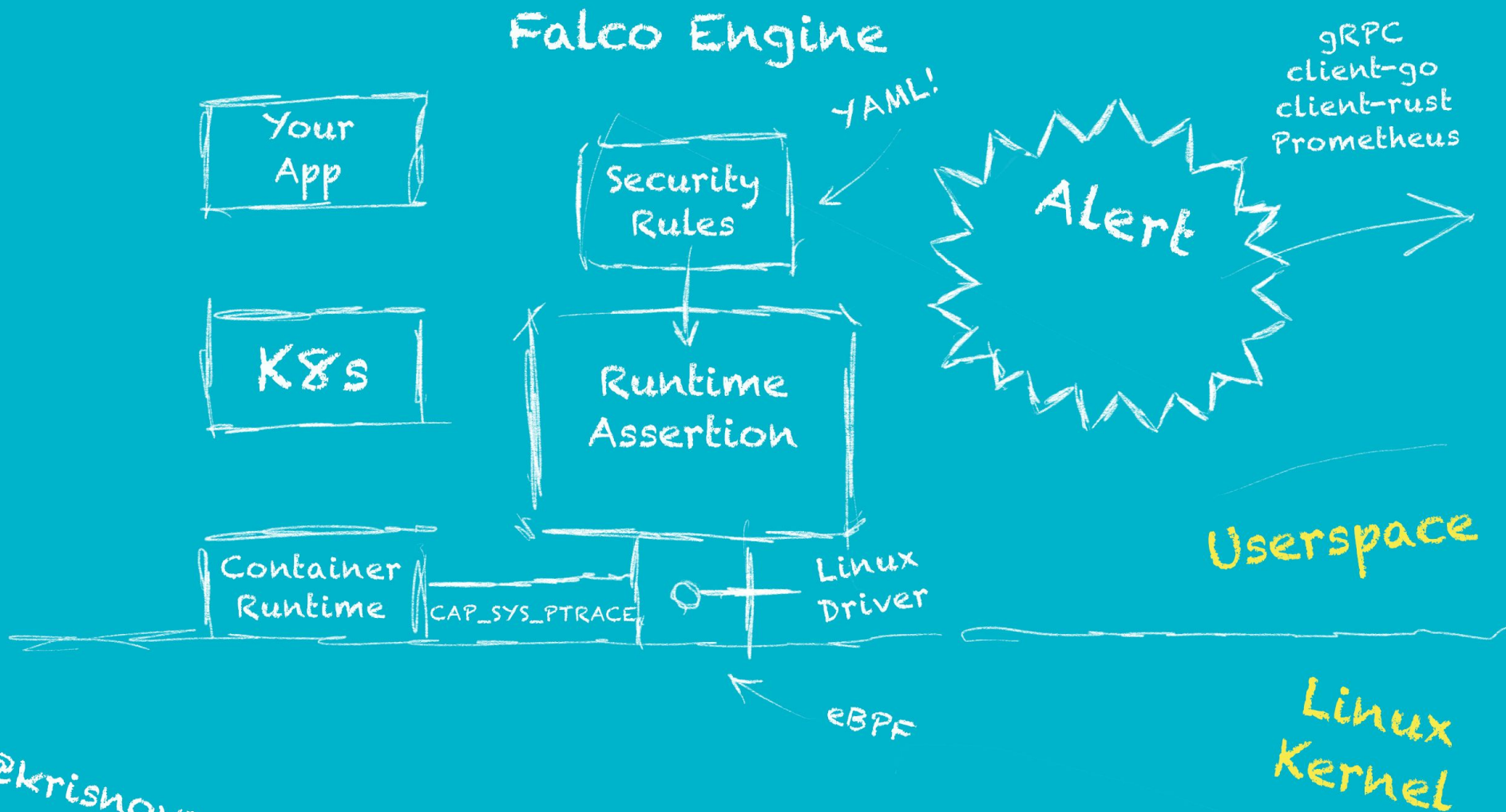


Linux Driver

eBPF

Linux Kernel

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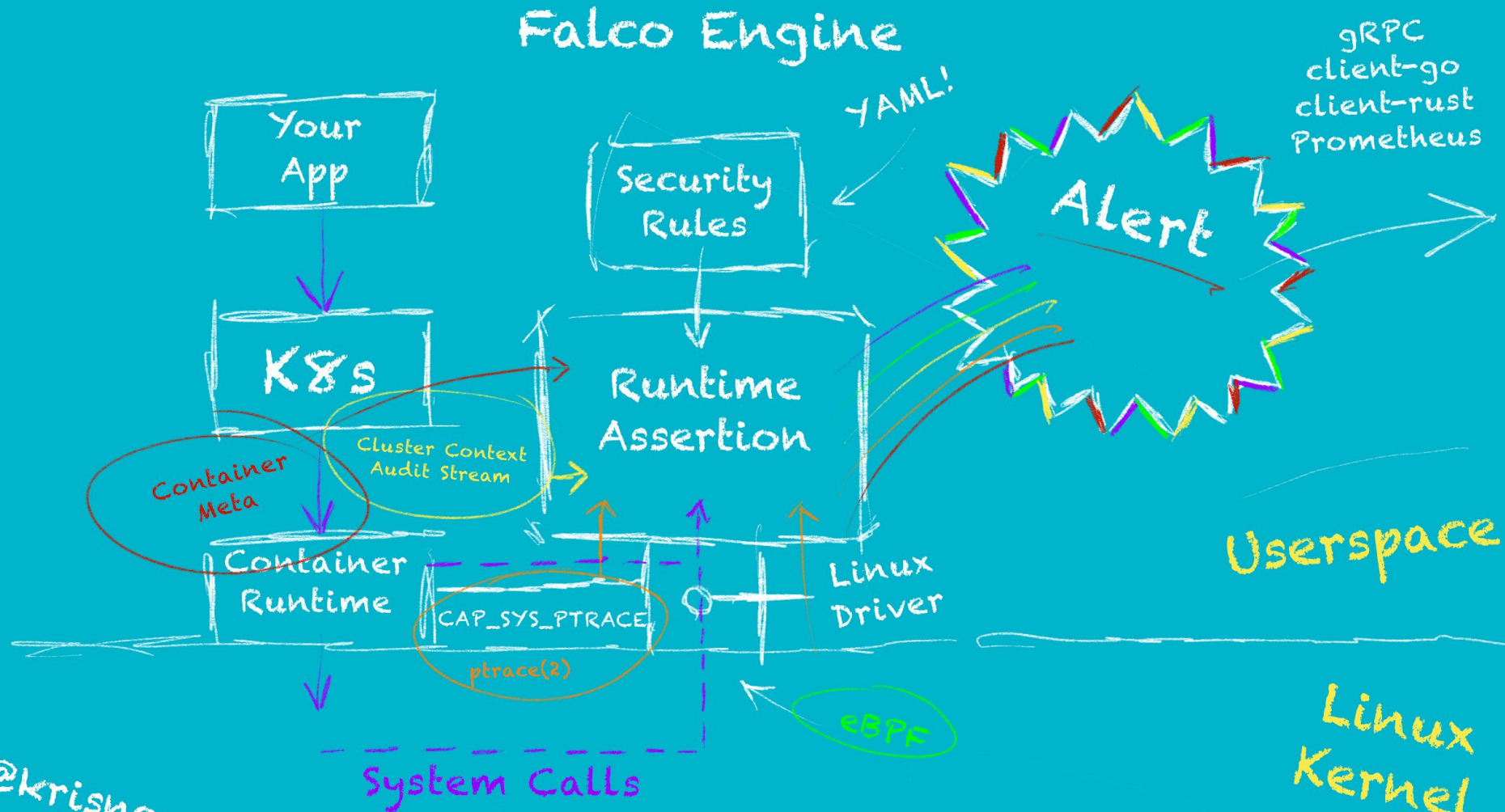
System Calls

Linux Kernel

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Building With Falco



Access

system calls
kubernetes

Assert

state of the system
runtime with security rules

Action

dynamically respond
infrastructure



Falco in Production

Data egress, coin mining

- unexpected outbound connection

Metadata server abuse

- contact cloud metadata service from container

Remote code execution

- spawned_process

Clients, SDKs, gRPC

- see falco.org


```
- rule: Contact cloud metadata service from container
  desc: Detect attempts to contact the Cloud Instance Metadata Service from a container
  condition: outbound and fd.sip="169.254.169.254" and container and consider_metadata_access and not user_known_metadata_access
  output: Outbound connection to cloud instance metadata service (command=%proc.cmdline connection=%fd.name %container.info image=%container.image.repository:%container.image.tag)
  priority: NOTICE
  tags: [network, container, mitre_discovery]
```



Falco APP 12:02 AM

k8s.pod.name

test-hostnetwork

proc.cmdline

wget -qO- --header Metadata-Flavor: Google

169.254.169.254/computeMetadata/v1/instance/service-accounts/default/email

container.id

d9b4c3cddd6d

container.image.repository

alpine

container.image.tag

latest

fd.name

10.104.204.46:56316->169.254.169.254:80

k8s.ns.name

test-app

rule

Contact cloud metadata service from
container

priority

Notice

time

2020-07-24 04:02:18.323169867 +0000 UTC

<https://github.com/falcosecurity/falcosidekick>

Mastering Falco

Rules

- signal to noise ratio
- false positives

Alerts

- severity
- immediate actions

Infrastructure

- configuration
- upgrades



Security with Falco

Prevention

- first priority
- improves over time
- never guaranteed

Detection

- allows human reasoning
- enables manual intervention
- informs future prevention



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