Encrypting data in Kubernetes environments.

Protect your data, not just your Secrets

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About the presenter



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Maksim has over 20 years of experience delivering and managing enterprise encryption and database software across all the major high tech industries. During his tenure at Zettaset, he has been responsible for the engineering team that delivered the entire XCrypt product portfolio. He has also filed patents related to distributed and high-performance encryption. Prior to Zettaset, Maksim worked at Ingrian Networks and held various roles related to distributed database systems at Siemens Medical Solutions, Ross Stores and Adobe Systems.





- Global security challenges
- Encryption: yesterday, today, and now
- Data breach protection for DevOps and DevSecOps
- Engineering with security in mind
- Keeping your secrets safe & protecting enterprise data
- Q&A



Data breaches and cyberattacks are **frequent** and **costly**

Recent survey:

- Data breaches will increase in frequency and diminish shareholder value
- Pessimistic about ability to protect from cyber threats
- Cybersecurity is still not considered a strategic priority
- Unsecured IoT devices will likely cause a data breach
- More investment to achieve regulatory compliance



Data breaches have happened to many organizations:

- Equifax Dun & Bradstreet Yahoo Saks Fifth Avenue Uber UNC Healthcare IRS
- Whole Foods
- Verizon Kaspersky Lab
- Blue Cross SEC Sonic Hyatt Forever 21

Chipotle

Docusign

OneLogin

Kmart

- eBav
- Deloitte Alteryx

Verifone

- Arby's Imgur
- Deep Root Analytics
- CA Association Realtors SVR Tracking
 - Intercontinental Hotels Maine Foster Care
- Univ of Oklahoma Washington St. University
 - America's JobLink

Brooks Brothers

TIO Networks



Components of the \$3.62 million cost per data breach

Containers in production

Use of Containers since 2016



Use of Containers in Production



- 69% of respondents intend to store sensitive data in containers
- 76% of container usage from Tech, FinServ & Healthcare
- 89% of container runtime is Docker
- 94% experienced a security incident in last 12 months
- · Security is top barrier to further container adoption

State of Kubernetes and Container Security Survey, Stackrox Winter 2020 2020 Thales Data Threat Report Survey, IDC, November 2019



Protect the Data

Ranked #1 Ranked #2 Ranked #3 Ensuring data security Concerns about data loss Planning for disaster recovery and business continuity Legacy storage technologies not a good fit for container workloads Storage doesn't effectively scale with number of containers Inadequate tools for managing container storage Block devices like Amazon EBS are slow to mount Provisioning storage takes too long 50% 60% 0% 10% 20% 30% 40%

What are your top 3 storage challenges with containers?

What are your top 3 security challenges with containers?



Ranked #1 Ranked #2 Ranked #3



Kubernetes Security

How would you rate the importance of the following container security capabilities?



CNCF Survey 2019

- 89% using forms of Kubernetes
- 78% of respondents are using Kubernetes in production
 - up from 58% in 2018
- Users are expecting more security with Kubernetes deployments
- Growth of production deployments brings greater need for protection and compliance

CNCF Survey 2019



State of Kubernetes and Container Security Survey, Stackrox Winter 2020

How do you protect your data?

Top three data breach protection methods universally recommended by security experts and organizations in many surveys and panels:



Encrypt data throughout the process of collection, viewing and manipulation - preferably at the source.



Any sensitive data that must be stored or is "at rest" needs to be encrypted and the keys can't be stored at the same location as the data.



All access and manipulation of data must be logged.



Factors impeding broad adoption of encryption

Top Six Hurdles to Broad Adoption of Encryption



Global Encryption Trends Study 2017, Ponemon Institute and Thales



What to look for in an encryption solution

Performance	Negligible performance impact on existing processes
Transparency	Should not introduce changes to existing processes
Scalability	On demand flexibility in physical, virtual or cloud – software-only solution recommended
Ease of Use	 Automated solutions that don't require specialized cryptographic expertise Compatibility with Key Management & Hardware Security Module vendors
Supports Compliance Initiatives	Provides regulatory and corporate compliance – PCI, DSS, HIPAA, FINRA, GDPR



Why not SEDs, or file, or column, or app, or API, or...?





Engineering with security in mind



- Security as an afterthought is bad idea!
- Identify primary drivers for your security initiatives
- Balancing security and regulatory compliance
- Identifying security solutions
- Secrets and passwords protect your processes, not your data



Trust your encryption environment - Certificate Authority



- Signs and issues certificates for all services
- Ensures encryption services are not compromised
- Maintains Certificate Revocation List (CRL)
- Allows secure removal of suspect services



No keys under the doormat – meet your Key Manager



- You own your keys, not your infrastructure provider
- KMIP-compliant key manager
- Maintains key database
- Verifies node certificate using Certificate Authority
- Delivers volume keys
- External KMIP-compliant key managers are supported



Protect your master key - Security Module



- PKCS #11 compliant security module
- Stores master key used to encrypt the key database
- External PKCS#11-compliant Hardware Security Modules such as Thales and SafeNet, Utimaco supported



Data at rest protection in containerized environments



Secure Container Storage

Key Points





Storage must be independent of host and containers. Using legacy approach of hardware-defined storage provisioning will lead to data loss if host reboots or dies.



Separation of duties. Developers and platform operators should not have visibility into or knowledge of encryption keys and processes. Encryption must be granular, yet transparent.



Container encryption for Docker - Fixed Topology

Docker Host 1





Container

Host



Container storage volume encryption



- 1. Container requests an encrypted storage volume
- 2. Volume driver requests a volume from the host
- Volume manager constructs a volume from various partitions on the device and creates a volume group
- 4. Volume manager communicates with the key manager to create a key and encrypts the volume with this unique key
- 5. On container destruction, the encryption key is destroyed, and volumes are made available again





Container encryption for Kubernetes - Fluid Topology

Kubernetes Master					
	K8 Secrets in etcd	Passwords	Certificates	Tokens	API Keys





Kubernetes persistent volume encryption



- Admin configures a storage profile using encrypted volume storage class
- 2. Developer (POD) makes persistent volume claim (PVC) using encrypted volume storage profile
- 3. Volume driver requests a volume from the host
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- 6. Using storage classes supports dynamic provisioning





Enterprise use case: Kubernetes encryption in Red Hat OpenShift



- 1. Red Hat Certified Operator manages automatic deployment of all encryption services
- 2. All services are based on Red Hat Universal Base Image (UBI)
- 3. All required encryption services are automatically provisioned
 - Certificate Authority
 - License Manager
 - Key Manager
 - Host Manager
- All container images are certified by Red Hat and come directly from Red Hat Container Registry
- 5. Operator available from Red Hat Ecosystem Catalog





Advantages of native container encryption

Unique Key Per Volume	Each persistent volume is encrypted with a unique encryption key. One compromised container does not compromise the entire environment.
Container Data Protection	Secrets are not protected by default and do not protect container data. Separate data protection solution required.
Secure Data Erase	Secure erase of individual storage volume: no need to physically erase volume data and no impact on other volumes.
Secure Node Removal	A compromised worker node can be removed from the cluster with administrative command that does not require access to the node.
Storage Separation	Granularity and OS level storage separation superior to using infrastructure encryption to encrypt entire volumes.



Thank you!



