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**QUESTION 1**

Fix all issues via configuration and restart the affected components to ensure the new setting takes effect.

Fix all of the following violations that were found against the API server:

1.

Ensure the `--authorization-mode` argument includes RBAC

2.

Ensure the `--authorization-mode` argument includes Node

3.

Ensure that the `--profiling` argument is set to false

Fix all of the following violations that were found against the Kubelet:

1.

Ensure the `--anonymous-auth` argument is set to false.

2.

Ensure that the `--authorization-mode` argument is set to Webhook. Fix all of the following violations that were found against the ETCD:

Ensure that the `--auto-tls` argument is not set to true Hint: Take the use of Tool Kube-Bench

A. See the below.

B. Placeholder

Correct Answer: A

API server:

Ensure the `--authorization-mode` argument includes RBAC

Turn on Role Based Access Control. Role Based Access Control (RBAC) allows fine-grained control over the operations that different entities can perform on different objects in the cluster. It is recommended to use the RBAC authorization mode.

Fix - `BuildtimeKubernetesapiVersion: v1`

kind: Pod

metadata:

`creationTimestamp: null`

labels:



component: kube-apiserver

tier: control-plane

name: kube-apiserver

namespace: kube-system

spec:

containers:

-command: + - kube-apiserver + - --authorization-mode=RBAC,Node image: gcr.io/google\_containers/kube-apiserver-  
amd64:v1.6.0 livenessProbe: failureThreshold: 8 httpGet: host: 127.0.0.1 path: /healthz port: 6443 scheme: HTTPS  
initialDelaySeconds: 15 timeoutSeconds: 15 name: kube-apiserver-should-pass resources: requests: cpu: 250m  
volumeMounts:

-

mountPath: /etc/kubernetes/ name: k8s readOnly: true

-

mountPath: /etc/ssl/certs name: certs

-

mountPath: /etc/pki name: pki hostNetwork: true volumes:

-

hostPath: path: /etc/kubernetes name: k8s

-

hostPath: path: /etc/ssl/certs name: certs

-

hostPath: path: /etc/pki name: pki

Ensure the --authorization-mode argument includes Node

Remediation: Edit the API server pod specification file /etc/kubernetes/manifests/kube-apiserver.yaml on the master node and set the --authorization-mode parameter to a value that includes Node.

```
--authorization-mode=Node,RBAC
```

Audit:

```
/bin/ps -ef | grep kube-apiserver | grep -v grep
```

Expected result:

```
\\Node,RBAC\\ has \\Node\\
```

Ensure that the --profiling argument is set to false



Remediation: Edit the API server pod specification file `/etc/kubernetes/manifests/kube-apiserver.yaml` on the master node and set the below parameter.

```
--profiling=false
```

Audit:

```
/bin/ps -ef | grep kube-apiserver | grep -v grep
```

Expected result:

```
\\false\\ is equal to \\false\\
```

Fix all of the following violations that were found against the Kubelet:

```
uk.co.certification.simulator.questionpool.PList@e3e35a0
```

Remediation: If using a Kubelet config file, edit the file to set authentication: anonymous:

enabled to false. If using executable arguments, edit the kubelet service file `/etc/systemd/system/kubelet.service.d/10-kubeadm.conf` on each worker node and set the below parameter in `KUBELET_SYSTEM_PODS_ARGS` variable.

```
--anonymous-auth=false
```

Based on your system, restart the kubelet service. For example:

```
systemctl daemon-reload
```

```
systemctl restart kubelet.service
```

Audit:

```
/bin/ps -fC kubelet
```

Audit Config:

```
/bin/cat /var/lib/kubelet/config.yaml
```

Expected result:

```
\\false\\ is equal to \\false\\
```

2) Ensure that the `--authorization-mode` argument is set to Webhook.

Audit

```
docker inspect kubelet | jq -e '\\.[0].Args[] | match("--authorization- mode=Webhook").string\\'
```

Returned Value: `--authorization-mode=Webhook`

Fix all of the following violations that were found against the ETCD:

a. Ensure that the `--auto-tls` argument is not set to true

Do not use self-signed certificates for TLS. etcd is a highly-available key value store used by Kubernetes deployments for persistent storage of all of its REST API objects. These objects are sensitive in nature and should not be available to



unauthenticated clients. You should enable the client authentication via valid certificates to secure the access to the etcd service.

```
Fix - BuildtimeKubernetesapiVersion: v1 kind: Pod metadata: annotations: scheduler.alpha.kubernetes.io/critical-pod: ""
creationTimestamp: null labels: component: etcd tier: control-plane name: etcd namespace: kube-system spec:
containers:
```

```
-command:
```

```
+ - etcd
```

```
+ - --auto-tls=true
```

```
image: k8s.gcr.io/etcd-amd64:3.2.18
```

```
imagePullPolicy: IfNotPresent
```

```
livenessProbe:
```

```
exec:
```

```
command:
```

```
-/bin/sh
```

```
- -ec
```

```
-ETCDCTL_API=3 etcdctl --endpoints=https://[192.168.22.9]:2379 -- cacert=/etc/kubernetes/pki/etcd/ca.crt
```

```
--cert=/etc/kubernetes/pki/etcd/healthcheck-client.crt -- key=/etc/kubernetes/pki/etcd/healthcheck-client.key get foo
```

```
failureThreshold: 8
```

```
initialDelaySeconds: 15
```

```
timeoutSeconds: 15
```

```
name: etcd-should-fail
```

```
resources: {}
```

```
volumeMounts:
```

```
-
```

```
mountPath: /var/lib/etcd
```

```
name: etcd-data
```

```
-
```

```
mountPath: /etc/kubernetes/pki/etcd
```

```
name: etcd-certs
```

```
hostNetwork: true
```



priorityClassName: system-cluster-critical

volumes:

-

hostPath:

path: /var/lib/etcd

type: DirectoryOrCreate

name: etcd-data

-

hostPath:

path: /etc/kubernetes/pki/etcd

type: DirectoryOrCreate

name: etcd-certs

status: {}



```
candidate@cli:~$ kubectl delete sa/podrunner -n qa
serviceaccount "podrunner" deleted
candidate@cli:~$ kubectl config use-context KSCS00201
Switched to context "KSCS00201".
candidate@cli:~$ ssh kscs00201-master
Warning: Permanently added '10.240.86.194' (ECDSA) to the list of known hosts.

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applicable law.

root@kscs00201-master:~# vim /etc/kubernetes/manifests/kube-apiserver.yaml
root@kscs00201-master:~# systemctl daemon-reload
root@kscs00201-master:~# systemctl restart kubelet.service
root@kscs00201-master:~# systemctl enable kubelet.service
root@kscs00201-master:~# systemctl status kubelet.service
● kubelet.service - kubelet: The Kubernetes Node Agent
   Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/kubelet.service; enabled; vendor preset: enabled)
   Drop-In: /etc/systemd/system/kubelet.service.d
           └─10-kubeadm.conf
   Active: active (running) since Fri 2022-05-20 14:19:31 UTC; 29s ago
     Docs: https://kubernetes.io/docs/home/
   Main PID: 134205 (kubelet)
    Tasks: 16 (limit: 76200)
   Memory: 39.5M
   CGroup: /system.slice/kubelet.service
           └─134205 /usr/bin/kubelet --bootstrap-kubeconfig=/etc/kubernetes/bootstrap-kub
May 20 14:19:35 kscs00201-master kubelet[134205]: I0520 14:19:35.420825 134205 reconciler.
May 20 14:19:35 kscs00201-master kubelet[134205]: I0520 14:19:35.420863 134205 reconciler.
May 20 14:19:35 kscs00201-master kubelet[134205]: I0520 14:19:35.420907 134205 reconciler.
May 20 14:19:35 kscs00201-master kubelet[134205]: I0520 14:19:35.420928 134205 reconciler.
May 20 14:19:36 kscs00201-master kubelet[134205]: I0520 14:19:36.572353 134205 request.go:
May 20 14:19:37 kscs00201-master kubelet[134205]: I0520 14:19:37.112347 134205 prober_manag
May 20 14:19:37 kscs00201-master kubelet[134205]: E0520 14:19:37.185076 134205 kubelet.go:
May 20 14:19:37 kscs00201-master kubelet[134205]: I0520 14:19:37.645798 134205 kubelet.go:
May 20 14:19:38 kscs00201-master kubelet[134205]: I0520 14:19:38.184062 134205 kubelet.go:
May 20 14:19:40 kscs00201-master kubelet[134205]: I0520 14:19:40.036042 134205 prober_manag
lines 1-22/22 (END)
```

```
de Agent
et.service; enabled; vendor preset: enabled)
ce.d

5-20 14:19:31 UTC; 29s ago

trap-kubeconfig=/etc/kubernetes/bootstrap-kubelet.conf --kubeconfig=/etc/kubernetes/kubelet
5]: I0520 14:19:35.420825 134205 reconciler.go:221] "operationExecutor.VerifyControllerAtt
5]: I0520 14:19:35.420863 134205 reconciler.go:221] "operationExecutor.VerifyControllerAtt
5]: I0520 14:19:35.420907 134205 reconciler.go:221] "operationExecutor.VerifyControllerAtt
5]: I0520 14:19:35.420928 134205 reconciler.go:157] "Reconciler: start to sync state"
5]: I0520 14:19:36.572353 134205 request.go:665] Waited for 1.049946364s due to client-sid
5]: I0520 14:19:37.112347 134205 prober_manager.go:255] "Failed to trigger a manual run" p
5]: E0520 14:19:37.185076 134205 kubelet.go:1711] "Failed creating a mirror pod for" err="
5]: I0520 14:19:37.645798 134205 kubelet.go:1693] "Trying to delete pod" pod="kube-system/
5]: I0520 14:19:38.184062 134205 kubelet.go:1698] "Deleted mirror pod because it is outdat
5]: I0520 14:19:40.036042 134205 prober_manager.go:255] "Failed to trigger a manual run" p
~
~
lines 1-22/22 (END)
```

```
let.conf --kubeconfig=/etc/kubernetes/kubelet.conf --config=/var/lib/kubelet/config.yaml --
o:221] "operationExecutor.VerifyControllerAttachedVolume started for volume \"kube-proxy\"
o:221] "operationExecutor.VerifyControllerAttachedVolume started for volume \"lib-modules\"
o:221] "operationExecutor.VerifyControllerAttachedVolume started for volume \"flannel-cfg\"
o:157] "Reconciler: start to sync state"
65] Waited for 1.049946364s due to client-side throttling, not priority and fairness, reques
er.go:255] "Failed to trigger a manual run" probe="Readiness"
711] "Failed creating a mirror pod for" err="pods \"kube-apiserver-kscs00201-master\" alrea
693] "Trying to delete pod" pod="kube-system/kube-apiserver-kscs00201-master" podUID=bb91e1
698] "Deleted mirror pod because it is outdated" pod="kube-system/kube-apiserver-kscs00201-
er.go:255] "Failed to trigger a manual run" probe="Readiness"
~
~
root@kscs00201-master:~# vim /var/lib/kubelet/config.yaml
```



```
apiVersion: kubelet.config.k8s.io/v1beta1
authentication:
  anonymous:
    enabled: false
  webhook:
    cacheTTL: 0s
    enabled: true
  x509:
    clientCAFile: /etc/kubernetes/pki/ca.crt
authorization:
  mode: Webhook
  webhook:
    cacheAuthorizedTTL: 0s
    cacheUnauthorizedTTL: 0s
cgroupDriver: systemd
clusterDNS:
```

```
~
~
root@kscs00201-master:~# vim /var/lib/kubelet/config.yaml
root@kscs00201-master:~# vim /var/lib/kubelet/config.yaml
root@kscs00201-master:~# vim /etc/kubernetes/manifests/etcd.yaml
root@kscs00201-master:~# systemctl daemon-reload
root@kscs00201-master:~# systemctl restart kubelet.service
root@kscs00201-master:~# systemctl status kubelet.service
```

```
● kubelet.service - kubelet: The Kubernetes Node Agent
   Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/kubelet.service; enabled; vendor preset: enabled)
   Drop-In: /etc/systemd/system/kubelet.service.d
            └─10-kubeadm.conf
   Active: active (running) since Fri 2022-05-20 14:22:29 UTC; 4s ago
     Docs: https://kubernetes.io/docs/home/
  Main PID: 135849 (kubelet)
    Tasks: 17 (limit: 76200)
   Memory: 38.0M
   CGroup: /system.slice/kubelet.service
           └─135849 /usr/bin/kubelet --bootstrap-kubeconfig=/etc/kubernetes/bootstrap-kub>
May 20 14:22:30 kscs00201-master kubelet[135849]: I0520 14:22:30.330232 135849 reconciler.>
May 20 14:22:30 kscs00201-master kubelet[135849]: I0520 14:22:30.330259 135849 reconciler.>
May 20 14:22:30 kscs00201-master kubelet[135849]: I0520 14:22:30.330304 135849 reconciler.>
May 20 14:22:30 kscs00201-master kubelet[135849]: I0520 14:22:30.330354 135849 reconciler.>
May 20 14:22:30 kscs00201-master kubelet[135849]: I0520 14:22:30.330378 135849 reconciler.>
May 20 14:22:30 kscs00201-master kubelet[135849]: I0520 14:22:30.330397 135849 reconciler.>
May 20 14:22:30 kscs00201-master kubelet[135849]: I0520 14:22:30.330415 135849 reconciler.>
May 20 14:22:30 kscs00201-master kubelet[135849]: I0520 14:22:30.330433 135849 reconciler.>
May 20 14:22:30 kscs00201-master kubelet[135849]: I0520 14:22:30.330452 135849 reconciler.>
May 20 14:22:30 kscs00201-master kubelet[135849]: I0520 14:22:30.330463 135849 reconciler.>
lines 1-22/22 (END)
```

```
May 20 14:22:30 kscs00201-master kubelet[135849]: I0520 14:22:30.330463 135849 reconciler.>
root@kscs00201-master:~#
root@kscs00201-master:~#
root@kscs00201-master:~#
root@kscs00201-master:~# exit
logout
Connection to 10.240.86.194 closed.
candidate@cli:~$
```





## QUESTION 2

Use the kubesecc docker images to scan the given YAML manifest, edit and apply the advised changes, and passed with a score of 4 points.

kubesecc-test.yaml

1.

apiVersion: v1

2.

kind: Pod

3.

metadata:

4.

name: kubesecc-demo

5.

spec:

6.

containers:

7.

- name: kubesecc-demo

8.

image: gcr.io/google-samples/node-hello:1.0

9.

securityContext: 10.readOnlyRootFilesystem: true

Hint: docker run -i kubesecc/kubesecc:512c5e0 scan /dev/stdin

A. See explanation below.

B. Placeholder

Correct Answer: A

kubesecc scan k8s-deployment.yaml cat