



# Minimum Viable Security

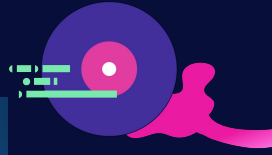
for Microservices

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# HOME ALONE



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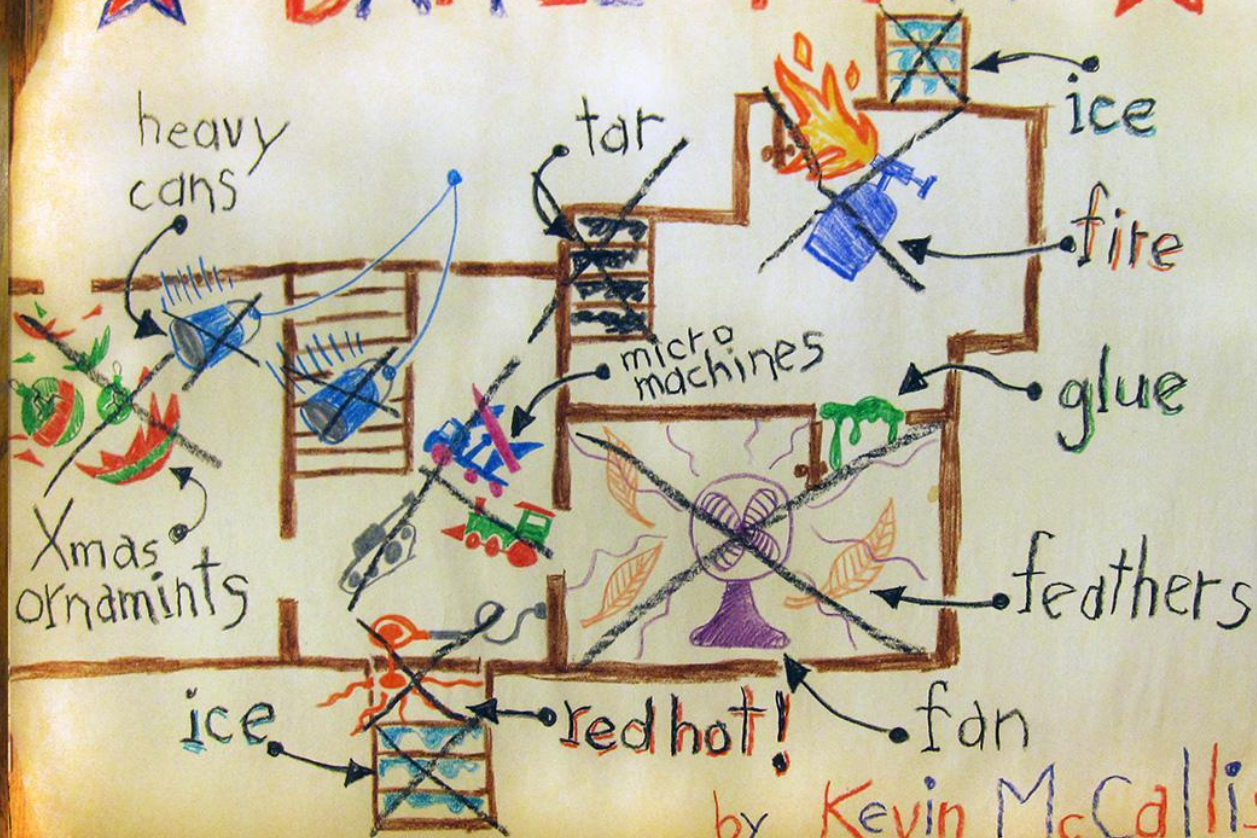
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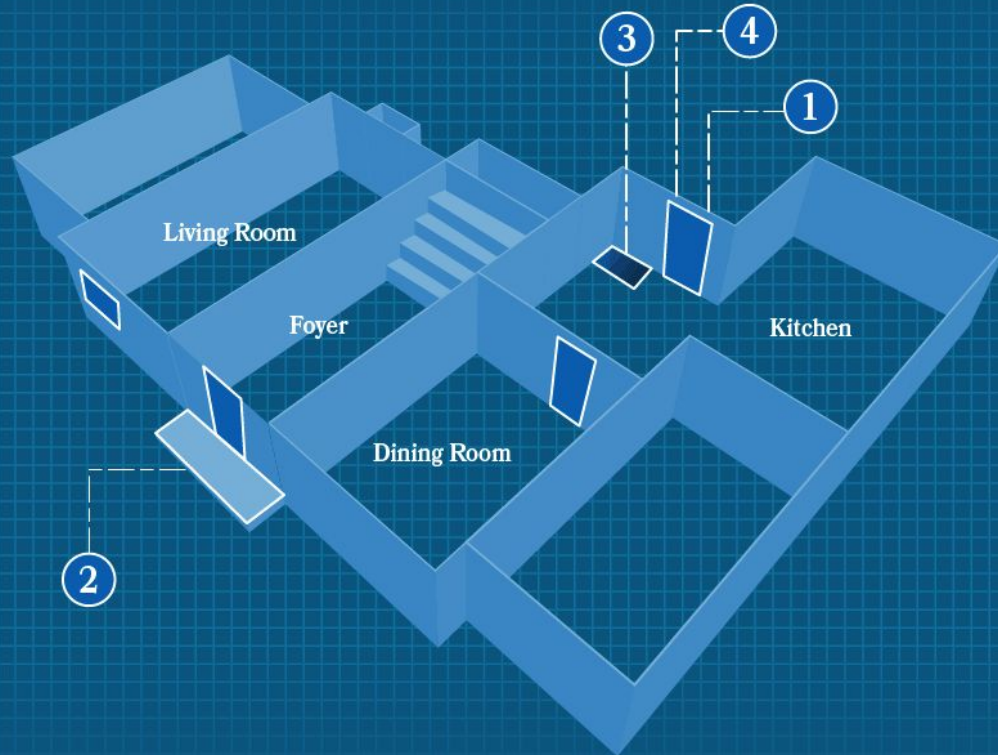
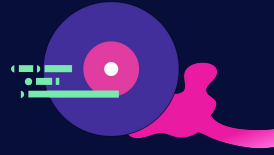
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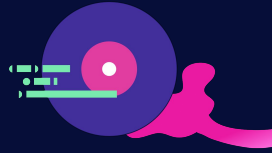
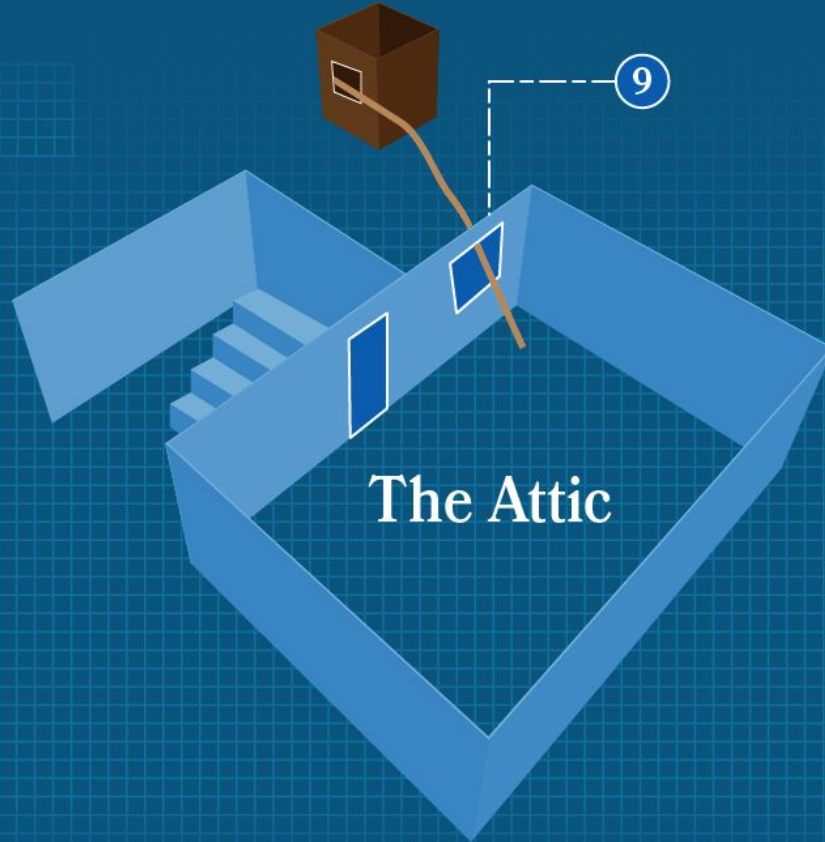
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# The Ground Floor

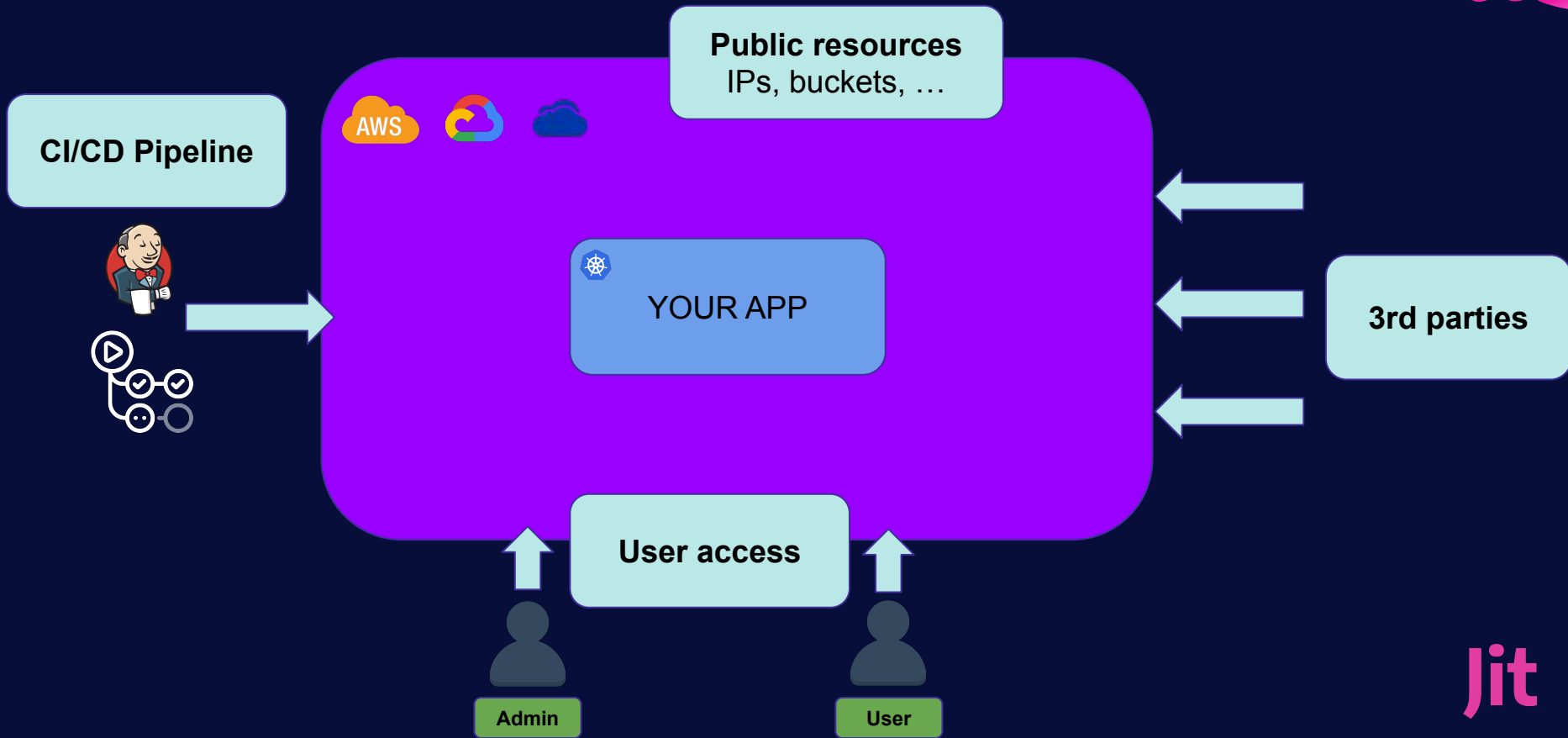
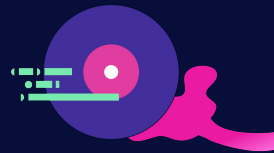


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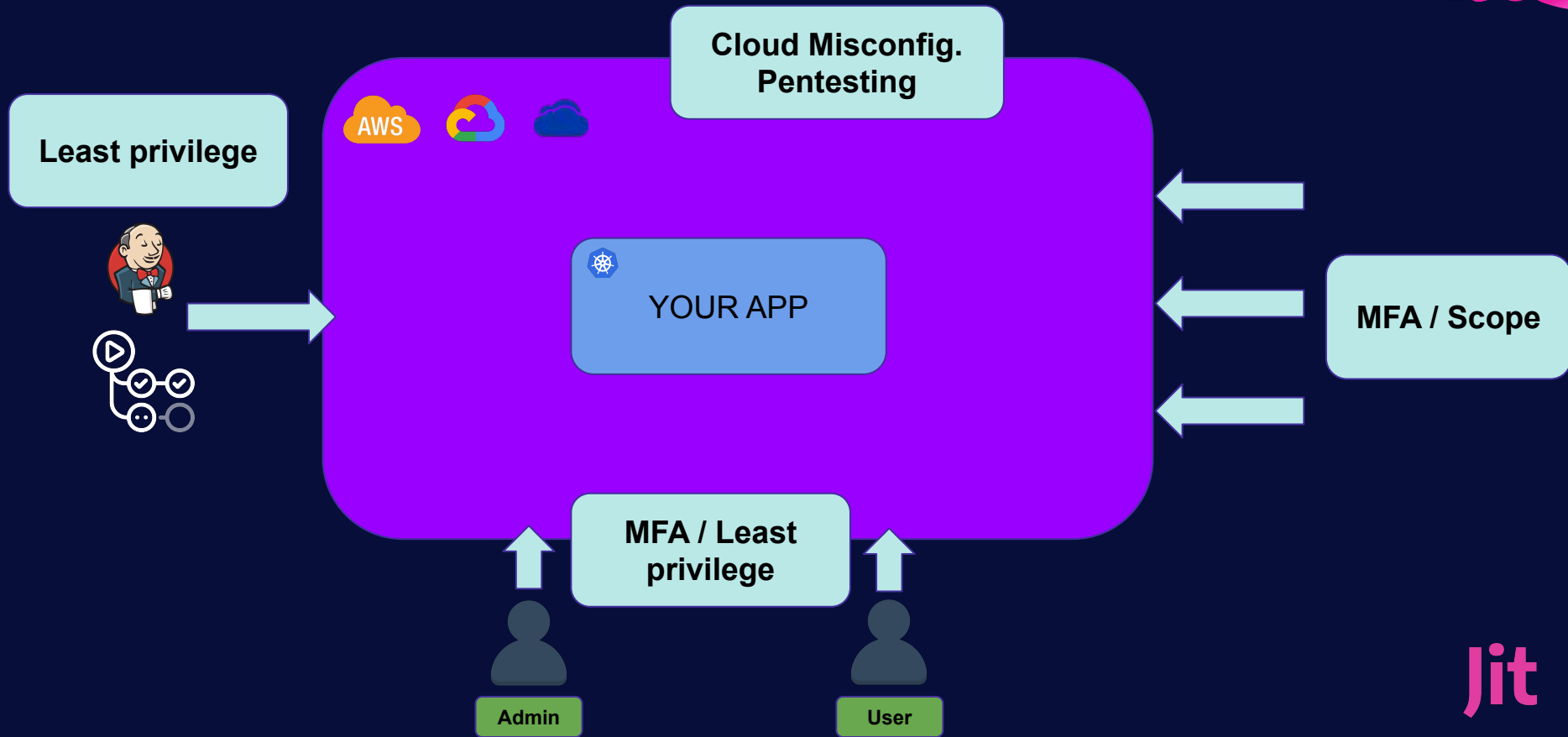
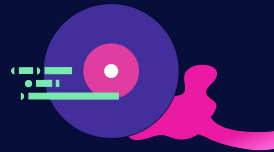
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# Protecting your perimeter





# Controls to protect your perimeter

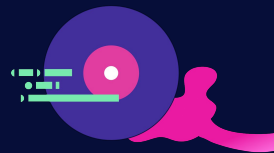




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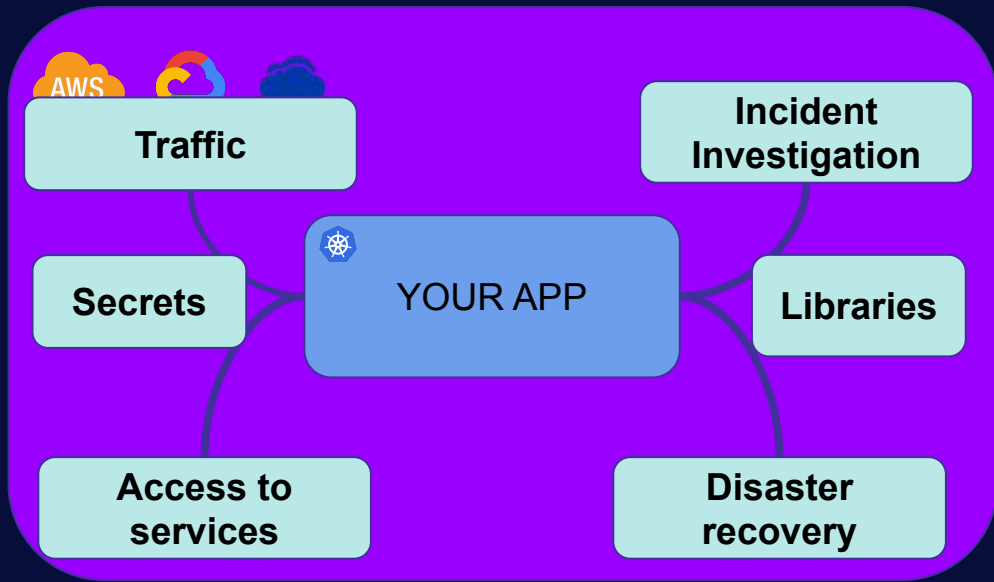
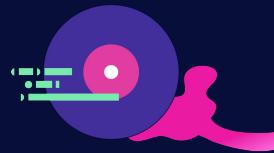
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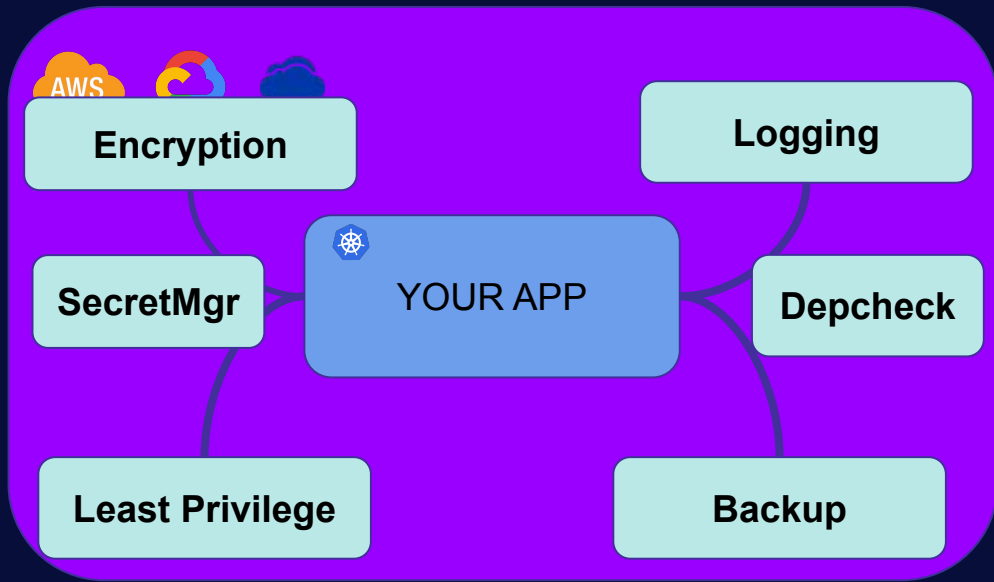
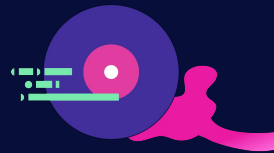
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# Protecting your app and its data



# Controls to protect your app





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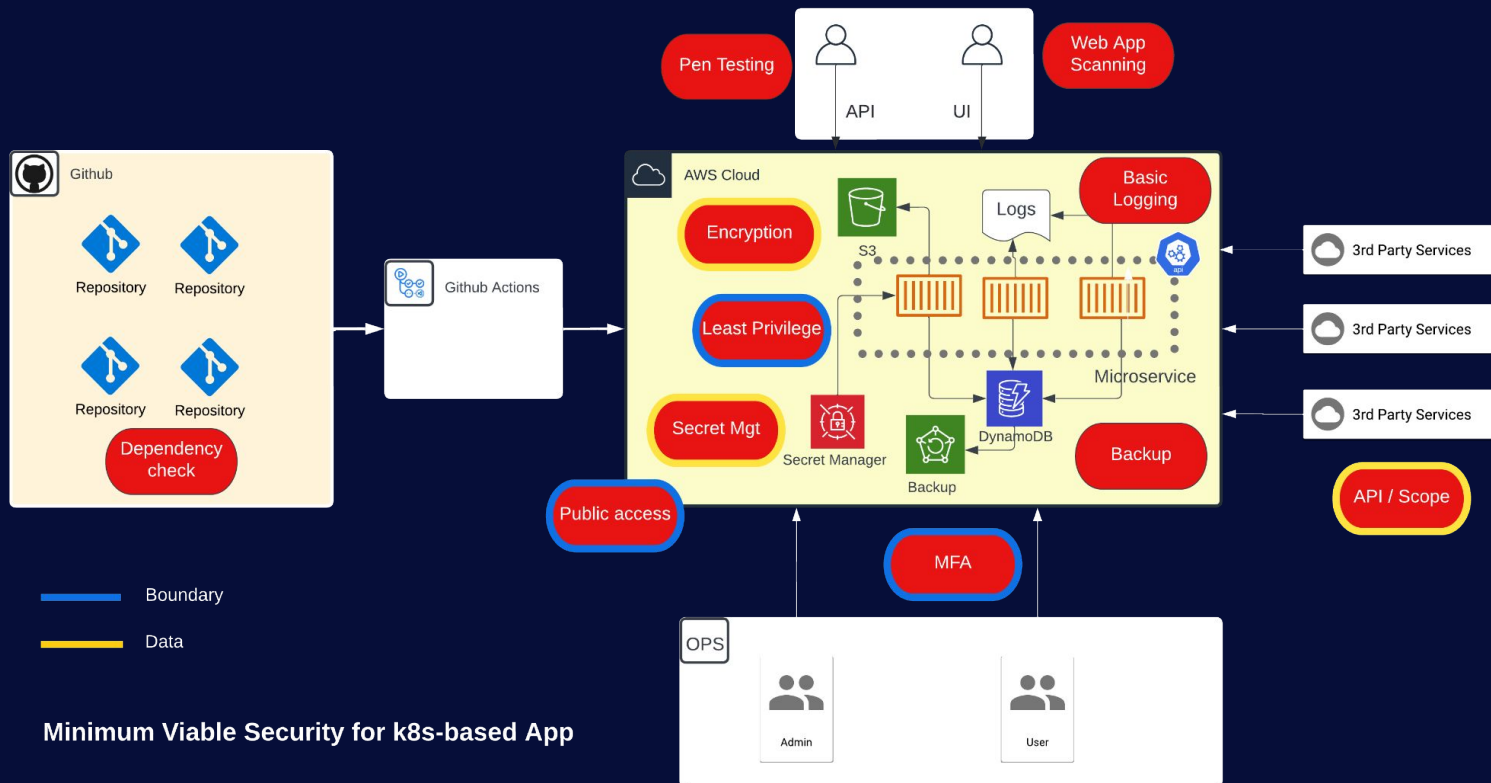
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# Minimum Security Controls



# Securing a sample microservice



Example for a Python-based app

- Simple FastAPI-based app to display movies information
- Data persistence: SQLite
- SCM: Github / CI: Github Actions
- Goal: integrate the 7 tools that are part of the MVS in the CI pipeline
- Demo repository  
<https://github.com/dvdmelamed/owasp-nz-2022>

# Code vulnerabilities



## Your Code

- Ensure you don't have vulnerabilities in your code
- Use a Static Application Security Testing (SAST) scanner to detect vulnerabilities based on existing patterns
- Demo: **Bandit**
  - ◆ Security open-source linter for Python source code
  - ◆ Includes 35 rules for detecting vulnerabilities

# Secrets

## Your Code



- Make sure there are no hard-coded secrets
- Use a scanner that both searches for regexes of well known secret patterns like PAT, Slack token, AWS keys...
- Demo: **Gitleaks**
  - ◆ Supports multiple types of secrets: API keys, AWS credentials, SSH keys...
  - ◆ Supports detecting secrets in git history

# Vulnerable Dependencies



## Your Code

- Track 3rd parties libraries with disclosed vulnerabilities (CPE / CVE)
- Use a scanner that will track down those vulnerable libraries
- Demo: **dependency-check**
  - ◆ OWASP OSS project
  - ◆ Detects publicly disclosed vulnerabilities contained within a project's dependencies



# Infrastructure misconfiguration



## Your Infrastructure

- When the infrastructure is expressed as code, it is possible to detect misconfigurations early by scanning the code
- Use a scanner that will look for IaC misconfigurations
- Demo: **KICS**
  - ◆ OSS by Checkmarx supporting many infrastructure types: CloudFormation, Terraform, Ansible, Kubernetes, Helm, Docker, Ansible, ARM...
  - ◆ Include 2000+ checks

# Pentesting

## Your Runtime



- Simulate attacks on your frontend to ensure it is safe
- Use a pentest / Web Application Scanner
- to test the security of your SaaS
- Demo: **ZED Attack Proxy (ZAP)**
  - ◆ Free web app scanner by OWASP
  - ◆ Includes 17 built-in rules
  - ◆ Supports also API Scanning using OpenAPI or Swagger for endpoint discovery

# Vulnerable container images



## Your Pipeline

- When building your container images, make sure there is no vulnerability in the base image
- Use a scanner that will scan your container images and enforce your image trust (Notary)
- Demo: Trivy
  - ◆ OSS by Aqua supporting OS packages and language-based packages
  - ◆ Supports also IaC misconfigurations

# Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)

## Your 3rd Parties



- Ensure you enforce MFA for all 3rd party access
- Make sure MFA is used (custom tool)
- Demo: [MFA on Github](#)

# Securing a sample microservice: the tools

Example for a Python-based app



SAST



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SAST (Secrets)



Gitleaks

IAC



KICS

SCA



OWASP  
Dependency-check

Containers



Trivy

DAST



OWASP  
ZAP

MFA



Custom

# A Minimum Viable Security plan (1)



01

## Your code

Code vulnerability  
Secrets  
Logging  
Vulnerable libraries

02

## Your infra

Cloud Misconfiguration  
Least Priv. Remote access

03

## Your runtime

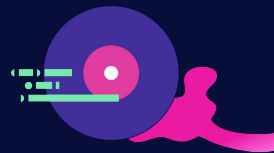
Pentesting  
API Security

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## Your pipeline

Vulnerable containers  
Least priv. access

# A Minimum Viable Security plan (2)



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## Your data

Data encryption  
Secrets storage

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## Your 3rd parties

Multi-Factor Auth  
Secured access

07

## Your people

Password manager

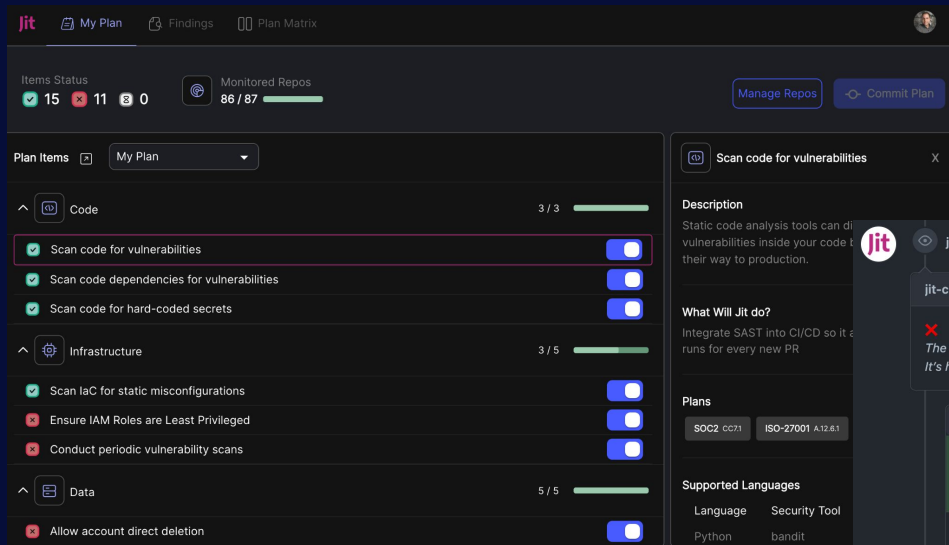
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## Your operations

Audit  
Backup

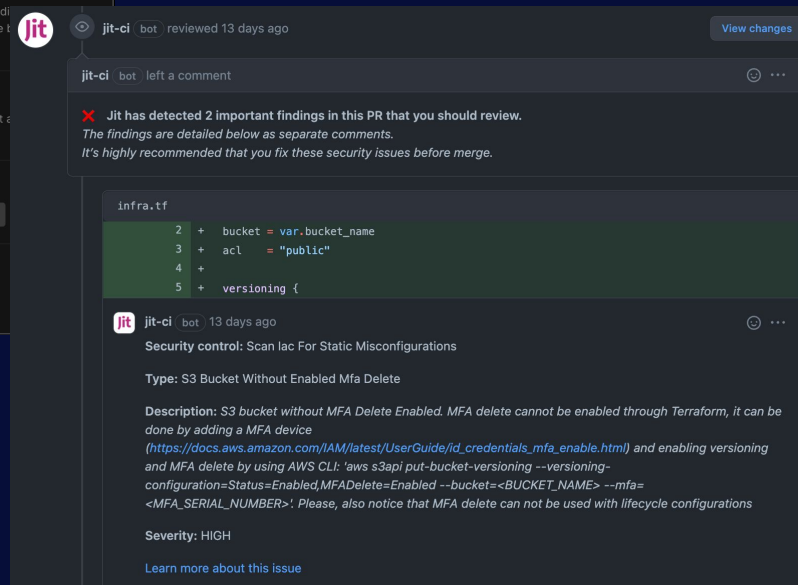


# Improving dev-first experience: Jit



## Customized MVS plan

## Dev-native experience using PR comments



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# Your next step on the security journey



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