

# Administrator's Guide

#### **Purpose of this Guide**

This guide serves as a focused documentation index for administrators looking for **step-by-step onboarding, deployment, configuration, and operational guidance**. This documentation is suitable for users deploying AccuKnox in real-world cloud-native environments. This curated guide is tailored for technical administrators and DevSecOps engineers who are looking for **concrete, task-oriented onboarding assets, installation steps,** and **configuration references**.

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# **AccuKnox Enterprise Architecture**

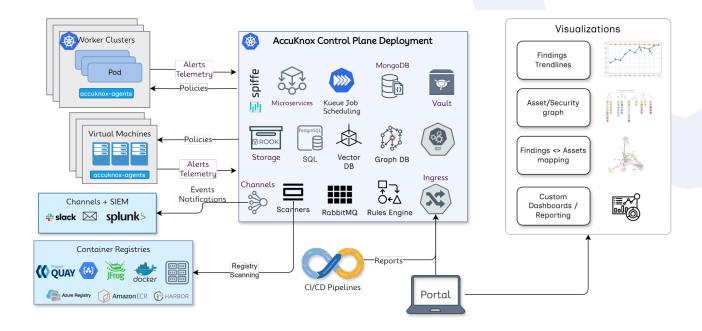
AccuKnox's Cloud-Native Application Protection Platform (CNAPP) offers a unified **AppSec + CloudSec** solution, integrating modules like ASPM, CSPM, CWPP, KIEM, and GRC. This architecture ensures comprehensive security across the software development lifecycle.

### **Core Components**

### Control Plane Architecture

- Microservices:
  - Divy: Handles API requests.
  - Celery: Manages asynchronous tasks.
  - Kueue: Schedules Kubernetes-native jobs.
- **Parser Jobs**: Process asset and findings data, updating databases accordingly.
- **Alerts & Telemetry**: Ingested via RabbitMQ, processed for real-time insights.
- Secure Onboarding: Utilizes SPIFFE-based control plane for cluster onboarding.
- Storage/Databases:
  - RDS: Stores CSPM, KSPM, and ASPM data.
  - MongoDB: Handles streaming telemetry.
  - Neo4j: Manages metadata for KIEM.
- **Integrations**: Interfaces with SIEM tools (e.g., Splunk, Rsyslog) and ticketing systems (e.g., JIRA, Slack).





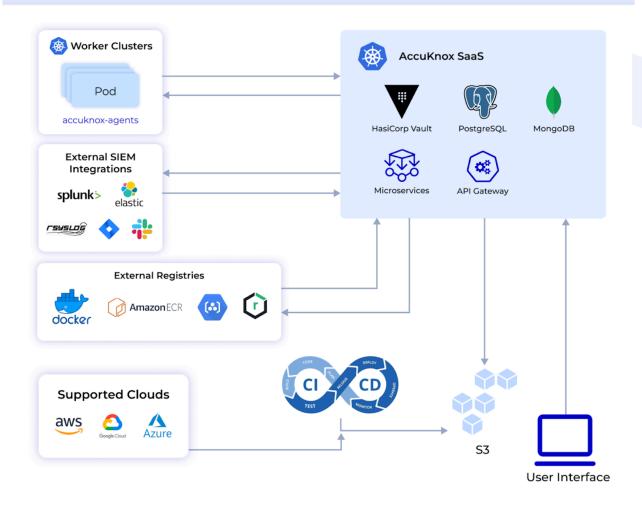
#### **Key Components**

- 1. Playbook job scheduling: Microservices (Divy), Kueue scheduler, Celery tasks
- 2. Parser jobs for asset + findings database
- 3. Alerts and telemetry handling via RabbitMQ
- 4. SPIFFE-based secure cluster onboarding
- 5. Storage layer: RDS, MongoDB, Neo4j
- 6. External integrations & triggers handling

Cloud Architecture



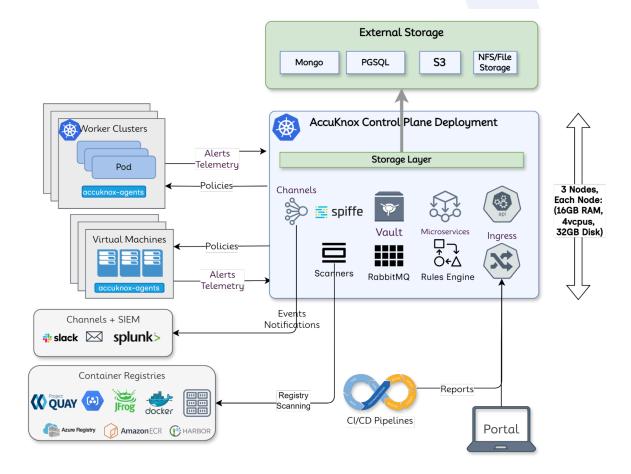
### ACCUKNOX Enterprise Architecture



- SaaS and On-Prem support identical services (except AskADA AI Copilot SaaS only)
- Tenant-level feature control
- Models:
  - a. SaaS: AWS-managed (Aurora, S3)
  - b. On-Prem: Full in-cluster setup (for air-gapped environments)
  - c. Externalized: Uses customer DB/storage

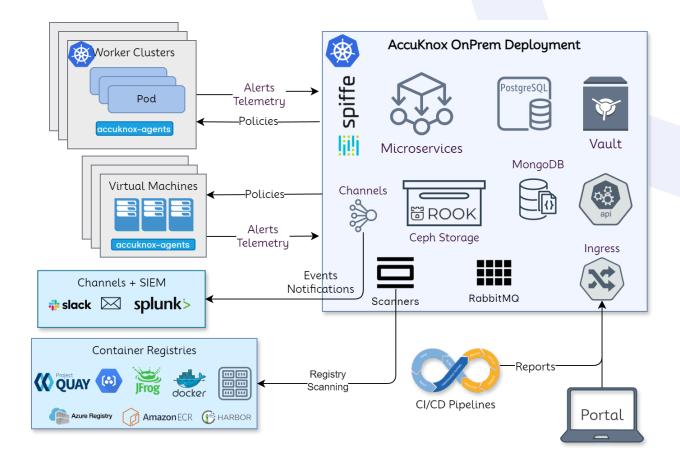
Externalized Storage Architecture





- Supports deployments with customer-managed storage
- Enables hybrid cloud use cases
- Flexible DB integration (e.g., existing RDS, MongoDB, etc.)

On-Premises Deployment Architecture

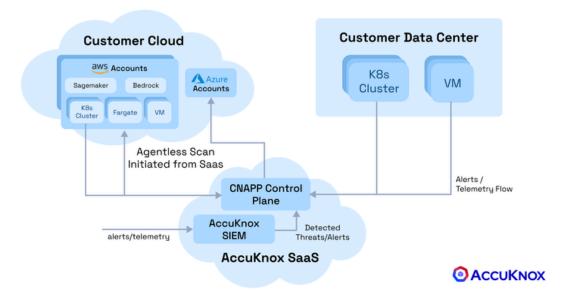


- K8s-native deployment
- No reliance on AWS managed services
- Designed for high-security & compliance environments

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# **Key Choke Points**

- 1. Playbook Jobs: One AWS account = 272 jobs across regions
  - Kueue ensures tenant-aware resource allocation
- 2. Parser Jobs: Celery tasks parse reports & update DB
- 3. **Telemetry Overload**: Managed via thresholds & redirection to SIEM

# Noisy Neighbor Mitigation

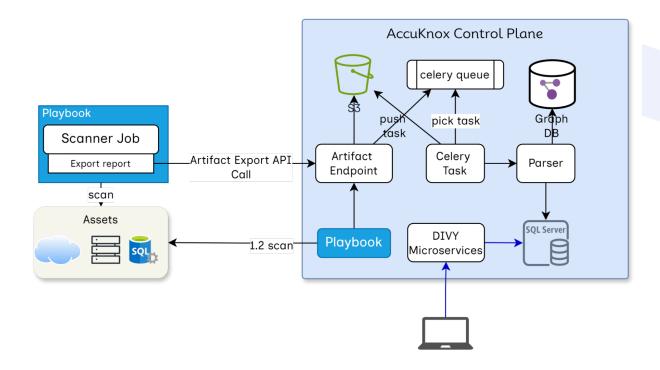
- Celery replicated per tenant (currently manual)
- Kueue isolates playbook jobs per tenant
- RMQ overload handled by telemetry offload

# Log & Data Storage

- **RDS**: CSPM, KSPM, ASPM (per-tenant tables)
- MongoDB: Telemetry logs (per-tenant collections)
- **Neo4j**: GraphDB for metadata (KIEM), expanding to assets/findings in v3.0

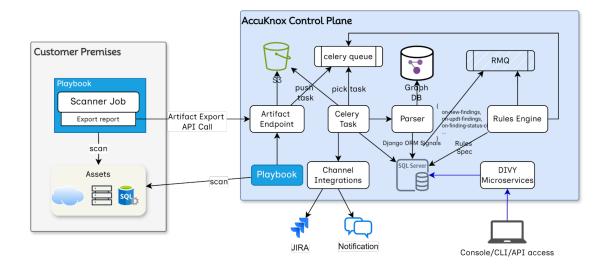


#### Customer Data Flow



- 1. Playbook execution (on-prem or SaaS)
- 2. Report generated (assets/findings JSON)
- 3. Sent to control plane via Artifact API (token-based)
- 4. Saved in S3 + Celery task triggered
- 5. Celery pulls from S3 and parses
- 6. DB + Graph updated
- 7. UI fetches via Divy APIs

Rules Engine Architecture



- Parser emits events → Rules Engine evaluates
- Tenant-specific rule specs evaluated
- Actions (e.g., notifications, tickets) sent as Celery tasks
- Fully asynchronous, scalable via queues

### Integrations Architecture

# **Integration Matrix**

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Integrations



- **CLI-based**: TruffleHog, Sonarqube, Trivy, Zap, Kubebench
- API-based: Checkmarx, Nessus
- **SIEM**: One-way push (e.g., Splunk, Sentinel)



• **Ticketing**: Bidirectional (e.g., Jira, ServiceNow)

#### **Integration Timelines**

• CLI-based: 1 sprint

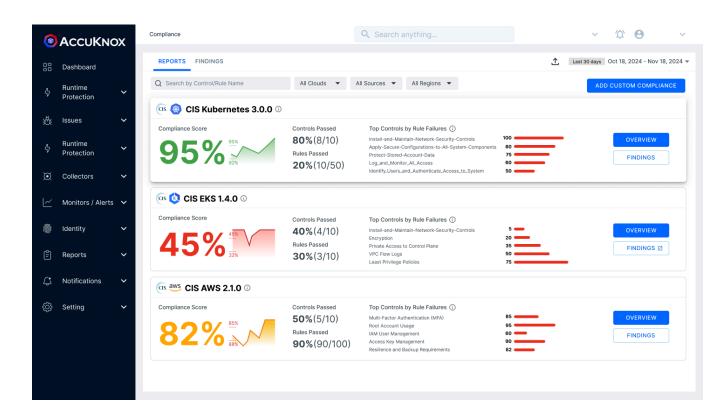
• API-based: 2-3 weeks

SIEM:1sprint

• Ticketing: 3–5 sprints

Explore Integrations →

### Compliance Frameworks



Supports over 30 regulatory standards, including:

• **General**: ISO 27001, PCI DSS, SOC2.

• Industry-Specific: HIPAA, GDPR.

Additional Resources



- Deployment Models
- Integrations Playbook
- Telemetry Logs
- On-Prem Installation Guide

#### Info

AccuKnox offers rapid protection for Kubernetes and other cloud workloads using Kernel Native Primitives like AppArmor, SELinux, and eBPF. For assistance in planning your cloud security strategy, feel free to reach out.

# Getting Started With Technical Support

AccuKnox has active support teams across global regions. The Technical Support team is highly skilled in AccuKnox products and understands customer needs.

As a customer with AccuKnox Support, you're entitled to a number of predetermined technical support contacts who can help debug critical issues and provide solutions. These contacts must be specifically named individuals.

#### You can:

- Create support cases
- Search the <u>AccuKnox Knowledge Base</u>
- Review product documentation

### Roles and Responsibilities

Role	Description	
Customer	· Communicate business impacts of technical	
	issues	
	· Provide logs, debug data, diagnostic files, etc.	
	· Respond timely to information or follow-up	
	requests	
	· Engage internal teams as needed	
	· Have internet access for meetings	



AccuKnox Solutions	· Understand business impact	
Engineer	· Provide technical product expertise	
	<ul> <li>Troubleshoot and resolve issues</li> </ul>	
	· Share timely status updates	
AccuKnox Technical	· Ensure high-level technical expertise in Support	
Support Manager	· Monitor critical issues	
AccuKnox Customer	· Understand customer requirements	
Success Manager	· Recommend matching AccuKnox solutions	

#### Product Documentation

- AccuKnox Help Center
- <u>Certification & Training</u>: On-demand and instructor-led sessions to enable your team

### **Email Support and Procedures**

- Email: support@accuknox.com
- Or raise a support ticket via: AccuKnox Support Portal

#### Note:

- o First-time users must sign up via Jira
- o Try Incognito Mode if you face access issues
- o Support responds within <24 working hours

# Support Workflow

• Once a ticket is created, users can track the status via ticket ID

# **Priority Levels**

Technical Priority	Description	
P1 - Critical	Product is completely non-functional; critical	
	business impact	
P2 - High	Product is severely degraded; severe business impact	



P3 - Medium	General errors; business still functional
P4 - Informational	Assistance or basic info; minimal/no business impact

Related article: Technical Support Case Priorities — visit the Knowledge Base for examples.

### Case Information Required

Please have the following information ready when submitting a case:

- 1. Contact Name and Organization
- 2. Business Impact and project context
- 3. Affected Product
- 4. Priority Level
- 5. Relevant screenshots, logs, diagnostic files
- 6. Was it working before? When did it break? Any changes?
- 7. Error messages (if any)
- 8. Frequency and timing of the issue

Technical Support may ask for further info or coordinate with your technical team to isolate known issues.

# Video Conferencing Options

- AccuKnox may initiate Zoom or Google Meet sessions.
- Sessions are scheduled for 30 minutes with a predefined agenda.
- If you're >5 minutes late or absent, the session may be rescheduled.
- Live troubleshooting will follow the session.

#### Case Resolution

A case is considered resolved when one of the following is provided:

- Official product behavior documentation
- A verified workaround
- A software update/patch
- A fix in documentation



#### Case Closure

A case is closed when:

- Customer confirms the resolution, or
- There's no response for a reasonable period

In rare cases (e.g., customer unresponsiveness or unprofessional behavior), AccuKnox may close the case independently.

Closed cases may be reopened within 3 days.

#### Resources

- On-Prem Deployment Guide
- Help Portal

### **FAQs**

1. Can we engage on a messaging stream for continuous support?

Yes, we can create a **temporary Slack channel** for real-time communication.

2. What are the system requirements for On-Prem deployment?

Node s	vCPU s	RAM (GB)	Disk (GB)
4	8	32	256
5	4	16	128

3. Is a completely air-gapped On-Prem environment supported?



Yes, AccuKnox fully supports air-gapped environments.

### 4. How do upgrades work and how frequently are updates released?

- Software updates are released monthly
- Latest package is shared with installation instructions
- AccuKnox Engineering/DevSecOps teams are available to assist if required

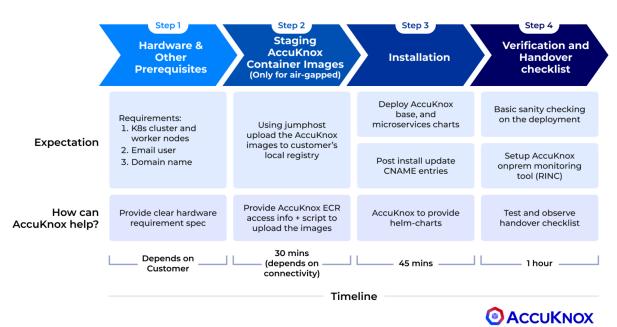
**Release Notes and FAQs** 

# **AccuKnox OnPrem Deployment Guide**

### Onboarding Steps for AccuKnox

The onboarding process for AccuKnox's on-prem security solution consists of four key steps that the user must complete. Let's go through each step in a thorough, step-by-step manner:

### **OnPrem Installation User Journey**





# **Step 1: Hardware & Prerequisites**

- Verify hardware, email user, and domain configurations.
- Ensure your environment meets all requirements.
- Time estimate: Varies, allocate sufficient time for review and adjustments.

# Step 2: Staging AccuKnox Container Images (For

airgapped environments only)

- Stage AccuKnox container images in the airgapped setup.
- Reconfirm hardware, email user, and domain requirements.
- Time estimate: ~1 hour.

# **Step 3: Installation**

- Install the AccuKnox system within your environment.
- Ensure all prerequisites remain satisfied.
- Time estimate: ~45 minutes.

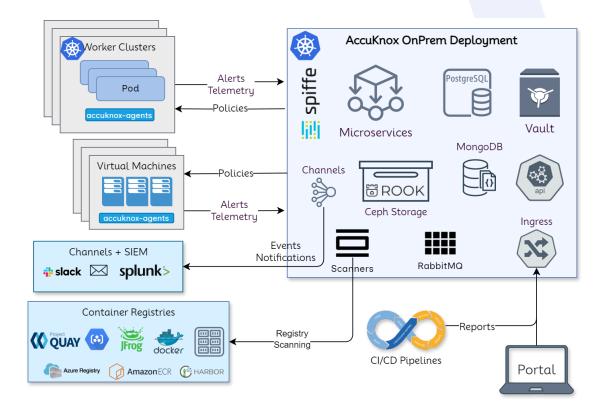
# **Step 4: Verification/Validation**

- Confirm all previous steps were completed successfully.
- Validate hardware, email user, and domain configurations.
- Time estimate: ~1 hour.

AccuKnox onprem deployment is based on Kubernetes native architecture.

High-Level Architecture Overview





AccuKnox onprem deployment is based on Kubernetes native architecture.

# AccuKnox OnPrem k8s components

#### **Microservices**

Microservices implement the API logic and provide the corresponding service endpoints. AccuKnox uses Golang-based microservices for handling streaming data (such as alerts and telemetry) and Python-based microservices for other control-plane services.

#### **Databases**

PostgreSQL is used as a relational database and MongoDB is used for storing JSON events such as alerts and telemetry. Ceph storage is used to keep periodic scanned reports and the Ceph storage is deployed and managed using the Rook storage operator.

#### **Secrets Management**

Within the on-prem setup, there are several cases where sensitive data and credentials have to be stored. Hashicorp's Vault is used to store internal (such as DB username/password) and user secrets (such as registry tokens). The authorization is



managed purely using the k8s native model of service accounts. Every microservice has its service account and uses its service account token automounted by k8s to authenticate and subsequently authorize access to the secrets.

### Scaling

K8s native horizontal and vertical pod autoscaling is enabled for most microservices with upper limits for resource requirements.

#### **AccuKnox-Agents**

Agents need to be deployed in target k8s clusters and virtual machines that have to be secured at runtime and to get workload forensics. Agents use Linux native technologies such as eBPF for workload telemetry and LSMs (Linux Security Modules) for preventing attacks/unknown execution in the target workloads. The security policies are orchestrated from the AccuKnox onprem control plane. AccuKnox leverages SPIFFE/SPIRE for workload/node attestation and certificate provisioning. This ensures that the credentials are not hardcoded and automatically rotated. This also ensures that if the cluster/virtual machine has to be deboarded then the control lies with the AccuKnox control plane.

System Requirements

# Worker Node Requirements

Nodes	vCPUs	RAM (GB)	Disk (GB)	
6	4	16	256	

# Kubernetes Requirements

- Ingress Controller (load balancers)
  - For access to the application
- Persistent Volumes (PV), provisioner/controller (block device/disks)



- Used as data storage for SQL, MongoDB, scanned artifacts
- Other internal app usages

### • DNS CNAME provisioning

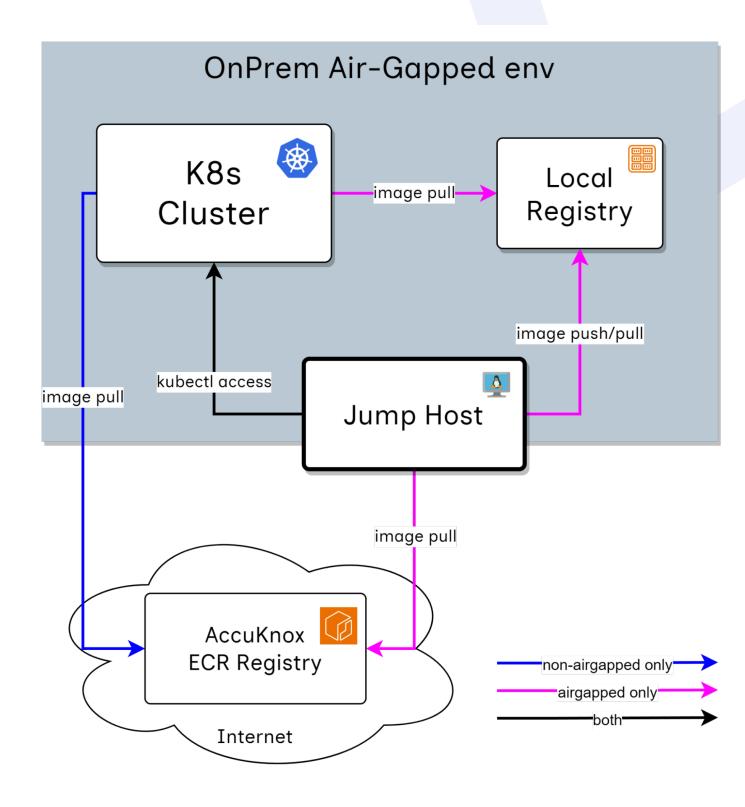
- Needed for application access & communication
- Certs would use this CNAME so that address changes won't impact the cert validation

### • Email account configuration

- Need email username, and password
- Used for user sign-in, password change, scan notification, sending reports

Jump Host





Jump Host Pre-requisites

Tool	Version	Install Command
jq	1.6	apt install jq
unzip	x.x	apt install unzip
yq	v4.40.x	VERSION=v4.40.5 && BINARY=yq_linux_amd64 && wget https://github.com/mikefarah/yq/releases/download/\${VERSIO N}/\${BINARY}.tar.gz -O -   tar xz && mv \${BINARY} /usr/bin/yq
helm	v3.x.x	curl -s https://raw.githubusercontent.com/helm/helm/main/scripts/g et-helm-3   bash
kubectl	Supported by your k8s cluster	-
aws	v2	curl "https://awscli.amazonaws.com/awscli-exe-linux-x86_64.zip" -o "awscliv2.zip" && unzip awscliv2.zip && sudo ./aws/installbin-dir /usr/local/bininstall-dir /usr/local/aws-cliupdate
docker	v20.xx	apt install docker.io



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### **Installation Steps**

- Onprem Deployment Installation Document (this document)
- Helm charts archive
- Kubectl and Helm tools are pre-requisite tools for using these helm charts

### Use the following commands

tar xvf accuknox-helm-charts.tgz cd Helm-charts

# Use of Private/Local Container Registry (or air-gapped mode)

If you want to use your private/local registry as the exclusive source of images for the entire cluster, please install the accuknox-onprem-mgr component first.

Value	Description	Provider
registry.us ername	Registry User	Customer



registry.pa ssword	Registry Password	Customer		
registry.ad dress	The registry server address	Customer		
ecr.user	Credential to pull images from AccuKnox registry	AccuKnox		
ecr.passw ord	Credential to pull images from AccuKnox registry	AccuKnox		
cd airgapped-reg				
# configure aws cl aws configure	i with AccuKnox provided secrets			
# connect to docker Accuknox docker registry aws ecr get-login-passwordregion us-east-2   docker loginusername AWS password-stdin 956994857092.dkr.ecr.us-east-2.amazonaws.com				
# connect to airga docker login <regi< td=""><td></td><td></td></regi<>				
# upload images to private registry ./upload_images.sh <registry_address> ./upload_onboarding_images.sh <registry.address></registry.address></registry_address>				
# upload helm charts to private registry ./upload_helm.sh <registry.address></registry.address>				
# create a namespace MGR_NS="accuknox-onprem-mgr" CERT_MGR_NS="cert-manager" kubectl create ns \$MGR_NS kubectl create ns \$CERT_MGR_NS				



kubectl create secret docker-registry airgapped-reg --docker-server=<registry.address> --docker-username=<registry.username> --docker-password=<registry.password> -n \$MGR\_NS

kubectl create secret docker-registry airgapped-reg --docker-server=<registry.address> --docker-username=<registry.username> --docker-password=<registry.password> -n \$CERT\_MGR\_NS

# <registry\_address> can include port as well

./install-certmanager.sh <registry\_address>

./install-onprem-mgr.sh <registry\_address>

kubectl apply -k . kubectl apply -f onprem-mgr.yaml

# Update the override-values.yaml

[ONLY FOR air-gapped/private registry ENVIRONMENT]: Set global.onprem.airgapped to true in override-values.yaml file.

# Before you start

- set your domain name in the override values by changing by your domain
- set your ssl preferences in the override values by changing the ssl block
- If you wish to bring in your own MongoDB, PostgreSQL, NFS share or S3, disable global.postgres.airgapped and global.mongodb.enabled rookceph.enabled in override-values.yaml.

### If the environment is OpenShift then set:

```
global:
platform: "openshift"`
```

# If environment is airgapped or using private registry make ssl.certmanager.install:"false"

ssl: certmanager: install: false



#### Auto-generated self-signed certificate

We auto generate the needed self signed certificates for the client. To enabled this option, the ssl section the override values file should be set as follow:

ssl: selfsigned: true customcerts: false

### Certificate signed by a known authority

The client provides a certificate signed by a known signing authority To enable this option, the ssl section the override values file should be set as follow:

ssl: selfsigned: false customcerts: true

### Self-signed certificates (provided by the customer)

The client provides a self signed certificate. To enabled this option, the ssl section the override values file should be set as follow:

ssl: selfsigned: true customcerts: true

AccuKnox installation package will contain override-values.yaml file that contains installation-specific options to be configured.

- 1. override to your domain
- 2. set your ssl preferences in the override values by changing the ssl block.

# Install AccuKnox base dependencies

kubectl create namespace accuknox-chart helm upgrade --install -n accuknox-chart accuknox-base accuknox-base-chart --create-namespace -f override-values.yaml

#### **IMPORTANT**



Some resources deployed in the above step require some time to provision. If the user executes the next command without waiting for the proper provisioning of the previous command the installation may break and will need to start over.

Run the below script to make sure that the provisioning was done succesfully.

```
while true
do
status=$(kubectl get cephcluster -n accuknox-ceph rook-ceph
-o=jsonpath='{.status.phase}')
[[$(echo $status | grep -v Ready | wc -l) -eq 0]] && echo "You can proceed" && break
echo "wait for initialization"
sleep 1
done
```

### Install AccuKnox pre-chart

#### **IMPORTANT**

Contact your AccuKnox representative to acquire the credentials for ecr.user and ecr.password values.

Value	Description	Provider
email.user	Email user will send signup invites, reports, etc.	Customer
email.password	Email Password	Customer



email.host	The Email server address	Customer
email.from	The Email sender address (noreply@domain.com)	Customer
ecr.user	Credential to pull images from AccuKnox registry	AccuKnox
ecr.password	Credential to pull images from AccuKnox registry	AccuKnox
global.externalServices.p ostgres.user	Postgres username, if using an external DB	Customer
global.externalServices.p ostgres.password	Postgres password, if using an external DB	Customer
global.externalServices.p ostgres.host	Postgres host, if using an external DB	Customer
global.externalServices. mongo.user	Mongodb username, if using an external DB	Customer



global.externalServices. mongo.password	Mongodb password, if using an external DB	Customer
global.externalServices. mongo.host	Mongodb host, if using an external DB	Customer
global.externalServices.n fs.server	NFS server address	Customer
global.externalServices.s 3.host	S3 datastore host	Customer
global.externalServices.s 3.port	S3 datastore port	Customer
global.externalServices.s 3.accessKey	S3 access key	Customer
global.externalServices.s 3.secretKey	S3 secret access key	Customer
global.externalServices.s 3.bucket	S3 bucket name	Customer



helm upgrade --install -n accuknox-chart accuknox-pre pre-chart --create-namespace -f override-values.yaml --set global.email.from="" --set global.email.user="" --set global.email.password="" --set ecr.user="" --set ecr.user=""

#### Or, if using an external PostgreSQL or Mongo DB,

helm upgrade accuknox-pre pre-chart \

- --install \
- -namespace accuknox-chart \
- --create-namespace \
- -values override-values.yaml \
- --set global.email.user=""\
- --set global.email.password=""\
- --set global.email.host=""\
- --set ecr.user=""\
- --set ecr.password=""\
- --set global.externalServices.postgres.user=""\
- --set global.externalServices.postgres.password=""\
- --set global.externalServices.postgres.host=""\
- --set global.externalServices.mongo.user=""\
- --set global.externalServices.mongo.password=""\
- --set global.externalServices.mongo.host=""

#### Install AccuKnox microservices chart

Value	Description	Provider
email.us er	Email user will send signup invites, reports, etc.	Custom er
email.pa ssword	Email Password	Custom er



email.h ost	The Email server address	Custom er
		-

email.fr The Email sender address (e.g., Custom om noreply@domain.com) er

helm upgrade --install -n accuknox-chart accuknox-microservice accuknox-microservice-chart --set global.email.user="" --set global.email.from="" --set global.email.password="" --set global.email.host="" --create-namespace -f override-values.yaml

# **DNS Mapping**

Run the following script to generate the records you should add to your DNS zone.

./generate\_dns\_entries.sh

# Installing certificates

### Certificates signed by known authority

./install\_certs.sh <certificate\_path> <certificate\_key\_path> <ca\_path>

### Self-signed certificates (provided by customer)

Install nginx ingress (if any other self-managed Kubernetes)

1. Install the nginx ingress chart



#### cd airgapped-reg/addons

helm upgrade --install ingress-nginx ingress-nginx \
--repo https://kubernetes.github.io/ingress-nginx \
--namespace ingress-nginx --create-namespace \
--version 4.11.2 -f ingress-nginx.yaml

1. Update the domains in ingress.yaml and apply it

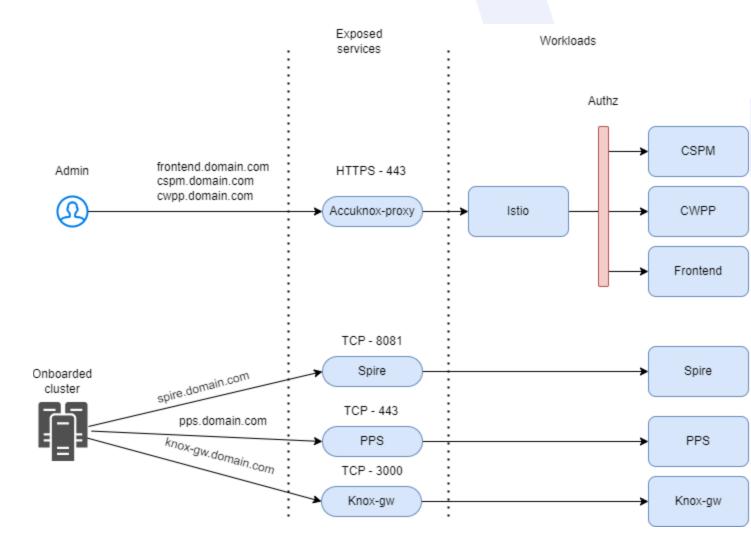
kubectl apply -f ingress.yaml

### Verification of installation

After successful installation, you should be able to access the following URLs:

- https://frontend.<your-domain.com>/ Access the **Sign-in page**.
- https://cspm.<your-domain.com>/admin/ Access the **CSPM Admin** page.
- https://cwpp.<your-domain.com>/cm/ Access the **CWPP Configuration Management page**.

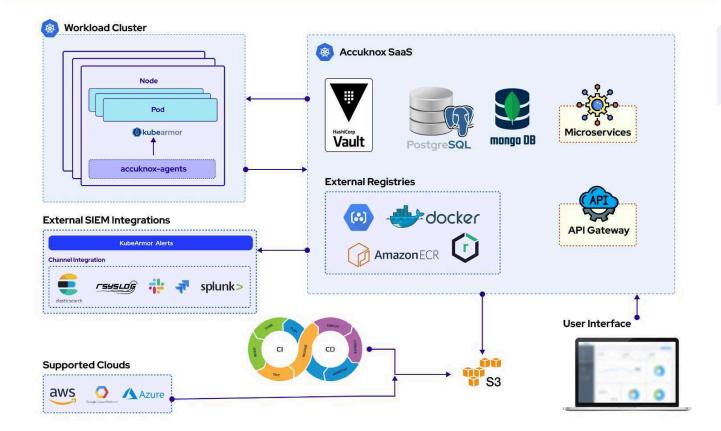




Runtime Security Prerequisites

In SaaS model of deployment the AccuKnox CNAPP will be hosted in our cloud environment and the agents deployed on the workloads will connect with the SaaS.

# ACCUKNOX Enterprise Architecture



# AccuKnox Agents

Deploymen	Deployment
ts	Type
KubeArmor	DaemonSet



Shared Informer Agent	Deployment
Feeder Service	Deployment
Policy Enforcemen t	Deployment
Discovery Engine Agent	Deployment

- It is assumed that the user has some basic familiarity with Kubernetes, kubectl and helm. It also assumes that you are familiar with the AccuKnox opensource tool workflow. If you're new to AccuKnox itself, refer first to opensource installation
- It is recommended to have the following configured before onboarding:
  - a. Kubectl
  - b. Helm

Pre-requisites

Minimum Resource required



Deploymen ts	Resource Usage	Ports	Connect ion Type	AccuKnox Endpoint
KubeArmor	CPU: 200 m, Memory: 200 Mi	-	-	-
Agents Operator	CPU: 50 m, Memory: 50 Mi	8081, 9090	Outboun d	*.accuknox.com:8081 -→ SPIRE Access  *.accuknox.com:9090 -→ SPIRE Health Check
Discovery Engine	CPU: 200 m, Memory: 200 Mi	-	-	-
Shared Informer Agent	CPU: 20 m, Memory: 50 Mi	3000	Outboun d	*.accuknox.com:3000 -→ knox-gateway
Feeder Service	CPU: 50 m, Memory: 100 Mi	3000	Outboun d	*.accuknox.com:3000 -→ knox-gateway
Policy Enforceme nt	CPU: 10 m, Memory: 20 Mi	443	Outboun d	*.accuknox.com:443 -→ Policy Provider Service

• These ports need to be allowed through firewall.

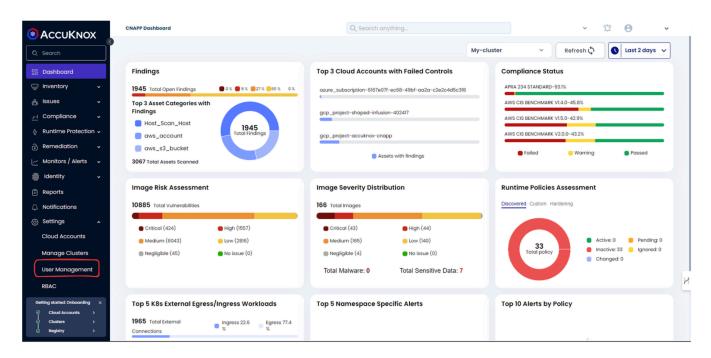


# **SSO Login Guide**

This guide covers the complete process from inviting a new user to logging in with SSO.

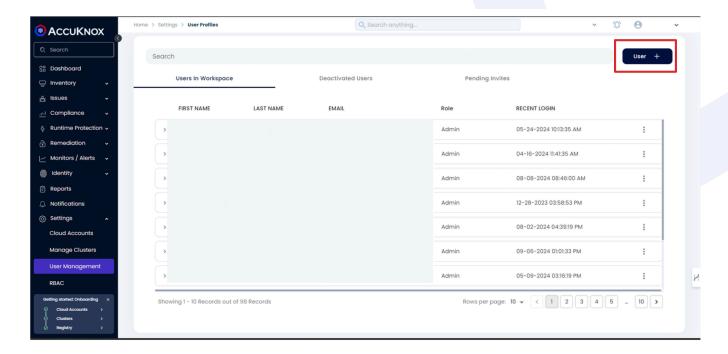
# 1. Inviting a New User

Log in to your AccuKnox dashboard.

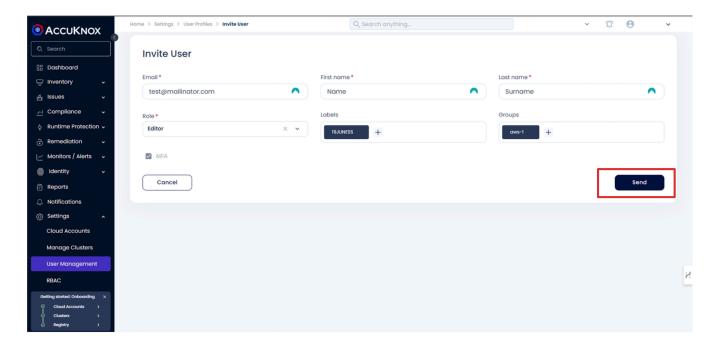


Navigate to "User Management" in the left sidebar menu. Click the "User +" button in the top right corner of the Users page.





In the "Invite User" form, fill out the following details and hit send.



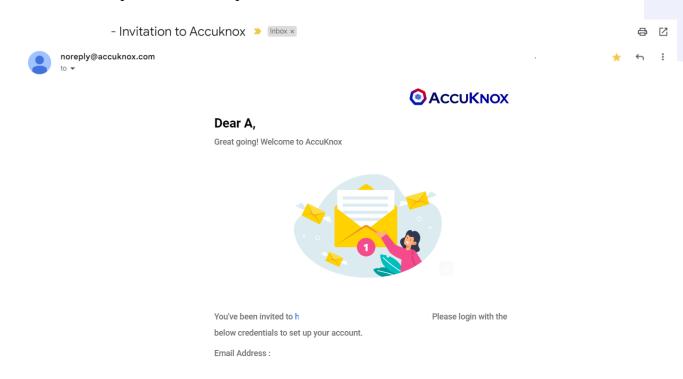
### **Note**

You can view pending invitations in the "Pending Invites" tab on the Users page. You can resend or revoke invitations from this tab. Viewing all permissions of a user is possible via the main tab.



# 2. User Receives Invitation

The invited user will receive containing a link to accept the invitation and set up their account if they haven't already done so.



# 3. User Login Options

Users can log in to AccuKnox using two methods:

### Option A: Traditional Login

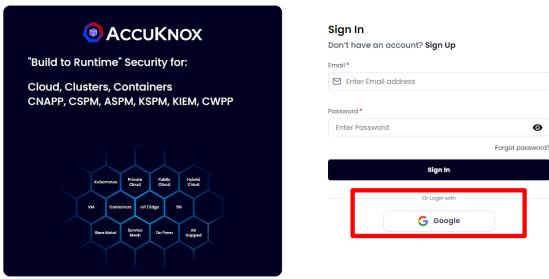
- 1. Go to the AccuKnox login page.
- 2. Enter the email address and password.
- 3. Click "Sign In".

#### Note



This requires you to use the MFA (multi-factor authentication) code if it was enabled during the invitation process. MFA is required for every sign-in attempt.

### Option B: Single Sign-On (SSO) with Google



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- 1. Go to the AccuKnox login page.
- 2. Look for "Or login with" at the bottom of the form.
- 3. Click on the "Google" button.
- 4. If not already signed in to Google, enter Google account credentials.
- 5. Grant any necessary permissions for AccuKnox.

### **Note**

If you are already signed in to Google, you will be automatically logged in to AccuKnox. No need for MFA in this case.

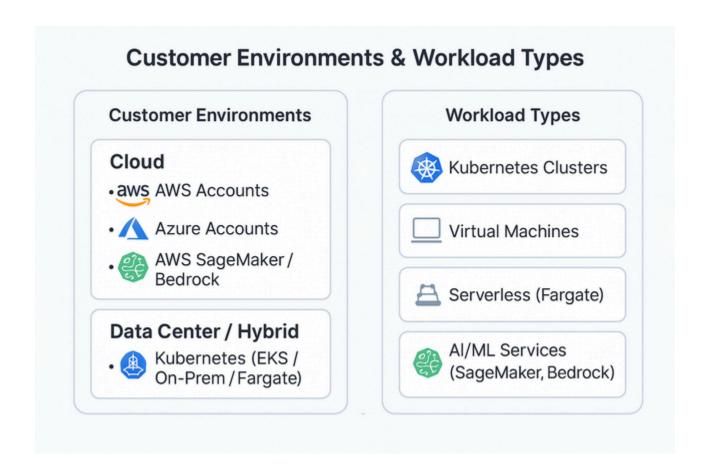
### **Notes**

- SSO is currently only supported for Google accounts.
- Users must be invited with their Gmail address to use Google SSO.



- For the best experience, use the same email address for invitation and login.
- If you encounter any issues, contact your AccuKnox administrator or support team.
- Emails with + modifiers (e.g., test+stable@gmail.com or example+solutions@gmail.com) are not supported for SSO. Please use a base email address.

# Onboarding Assets – High-Level Overview



# **Customer Environments**



### Cloud:

- AWS Accounts
- Azure Accounts
- AWS SageMaker / Bedrock

### **Data Center / Hybrid:**

- Kubernetes Clusters (EKS / On-Prem / Fargate)
- Virtual Machines (EC2 / On-Prem)

### **Workload Types:**

- K8s Clusters
- Virtual Machines
- Serverless (Fargate)
- AI/ML Services (SageMaker, Bedrock)

### **Security and Telemetry Flow:**

- Agentless scan initiated from SaaS
- CNAPP control plane processes telemetry
- Alerts and detections sent to SIEM

# **Cloud Onboarding Options**

- Fully Agentless Mode
- Account/Subscription Onboarding:
- CloudFormation (recommended)
- Terraform
- Manual
- AWS Organization Unit Onboarding:
- Using cross-account tenant roles



# Kubernetes – AWS EKS / On-Prem / Fargate

### Risk Assessment

- CIS Benchmarks
- Misconfigurations
- KIEM Policies
- Agentless methods:
- Remote scanning via kubeconfig
- Kubernetes job-based scanning

### Runtime Security & Hardening

- Helm-based installation
- In-cluster image scanning:
- Operator and job-based deployment via Helm

### Fargate Runtime

- Supported via sidecar model
- Deployable using Helm or Kubernetes manifests

# Virtual Machines – EC2 / On-Prem

- Misconfiguration scanning via cloud account onboarding (agentless)
- Risk assessment / STIGs scanning requires lightweight VM agent



# **Container Registry**

### SaaS-Based Scanning

- Registry onboarded via control plane
- Credentials: Username + API Token

### On-Prem Scanning

- Requires AccuKnox collector deployed on VM
- Local scanning of registries enabled

# AI/ML Workloads – SageMaker / Bedrock

- Fully agentless
- Selectable during cloud account onboarding:
- General Cloud Assets
- General Cloud + AI/ML Assets

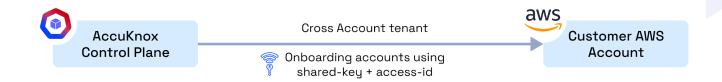
# **Deployment References**

 Separate detailed documentation provided for Helm charts, job configurations, and onboarding automation (CloudFormation, Terraform).



# **CSPM Pre-requisite for AWS**

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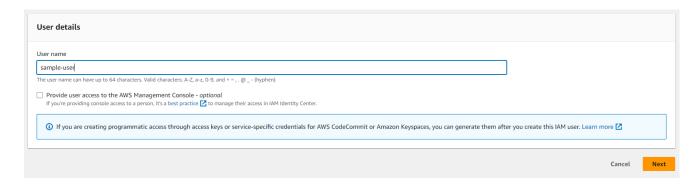


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Step 2: Give a username to identify the user

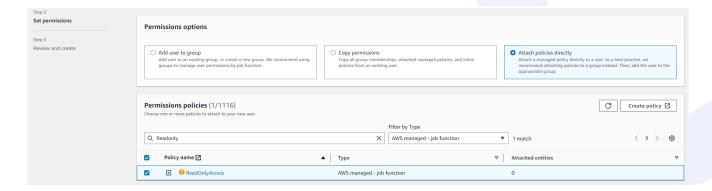


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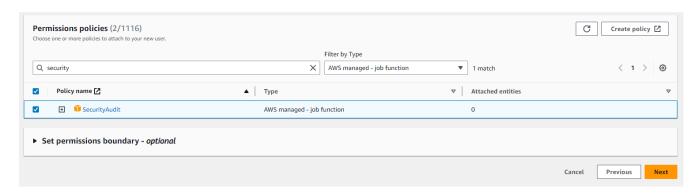
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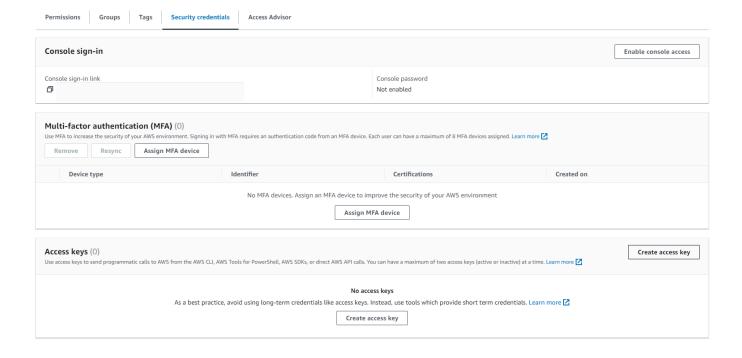




c. Search "SecurityAudit", Filter by Type: "AWS managed - job function" and select the policy



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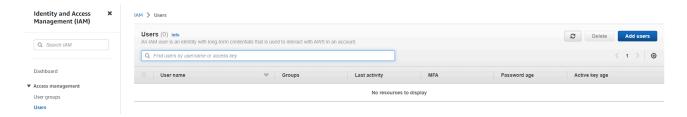
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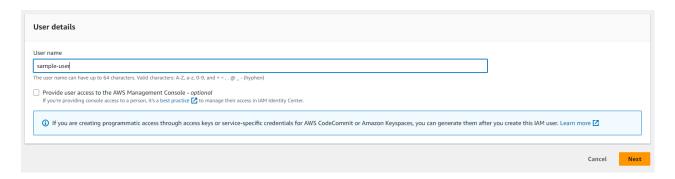
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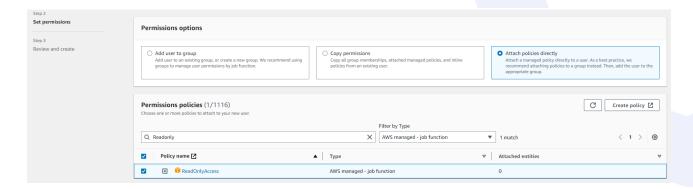


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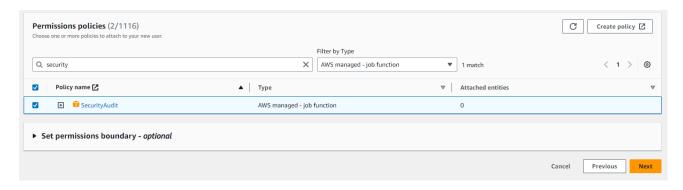
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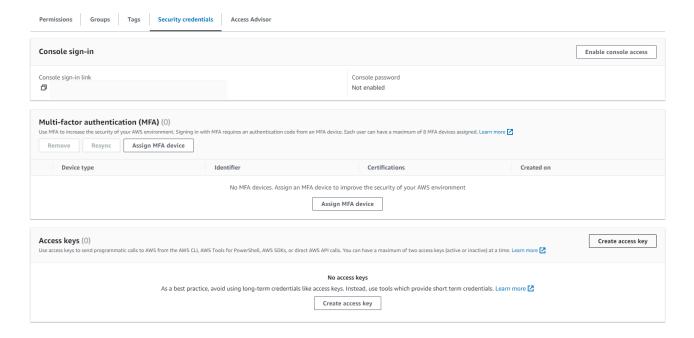




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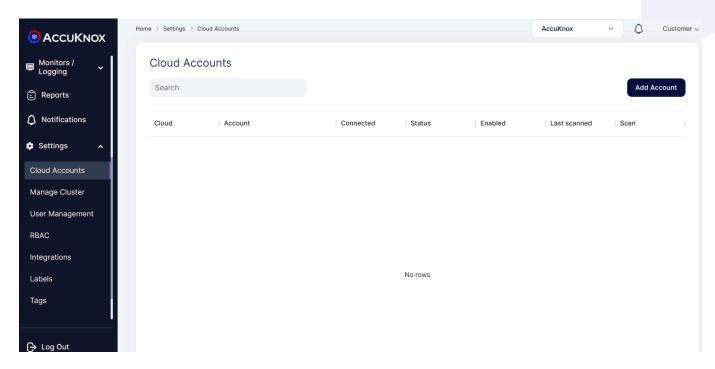




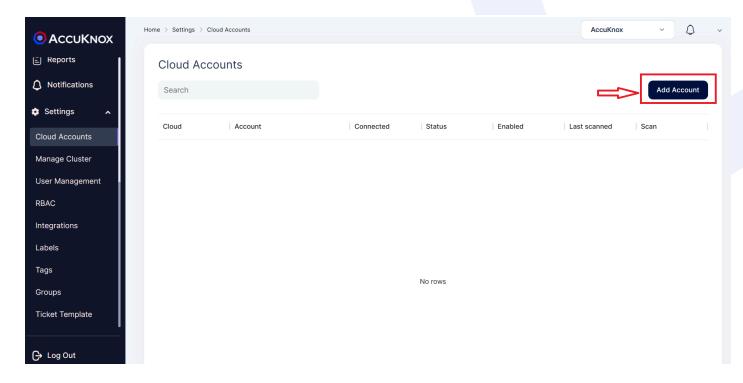
# **AWS Onboarding**

In this example we are onboarding AWS account using the Access Keys method.

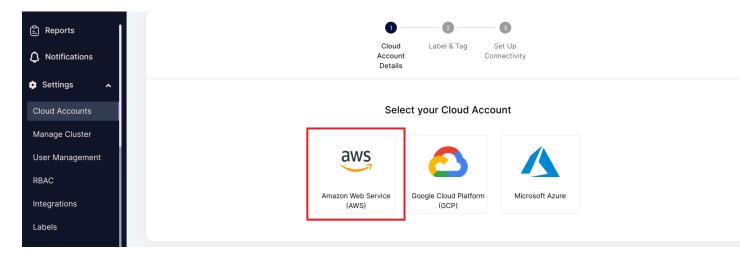
**Step 1:** To onboard Cloud Account Navigate to Settings+cloud Accounts



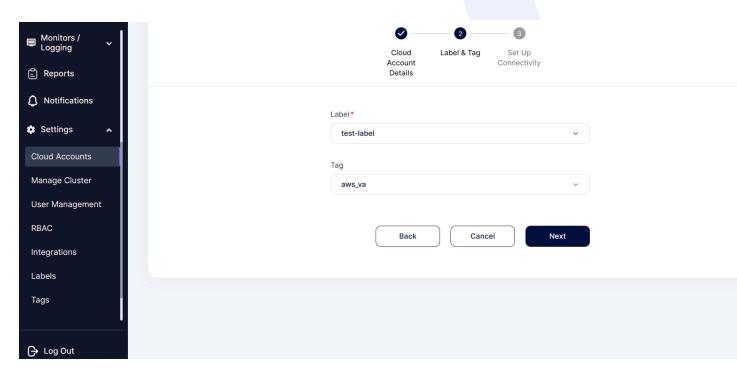
Step 2: In the Cloud Account Page select Add Account option



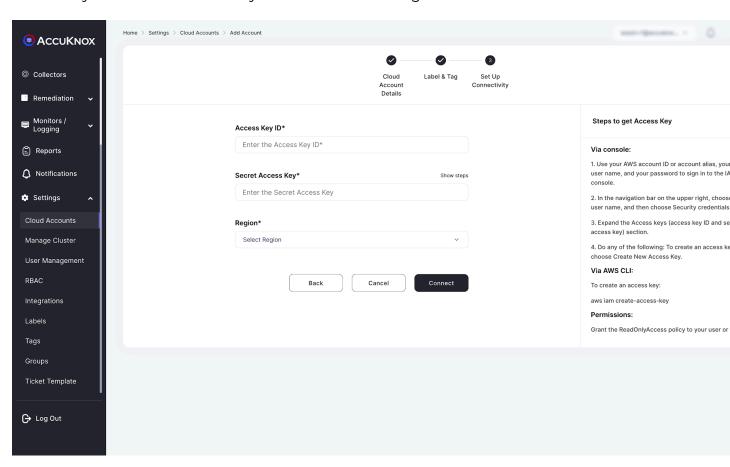
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**Step 4:** In the next Screen select the labels and Tags field from the dropdown Menu.

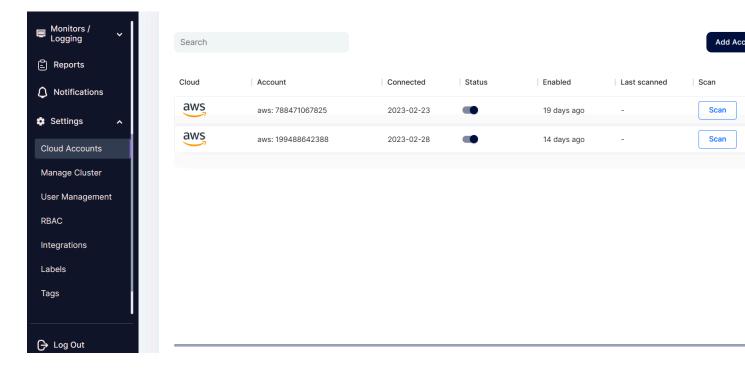


**Step 5:** After giving labels and Tag in the Next Screen Provide the AWS account's Access Key and Secret Access Key ID and Select the Region of the AWS account.





**Step 6:** AWS account is added to the AccuKnox using Access Key Method. We can see the onboarded cloud account by navigating to Settings-cloud Accounts option.



# Onboarding AWS Organization Accounts to AccuKnox

Managing security across multiple AWS accounts is complex. **AWS Organizations** simplifies this by grouping accounts under one structure. **AccuKnox** enhances this by enabling organization-level onboarding—removing the need to add accounts individually. This ensures centralized visibility, consistent policy enforcement, and automatic coverage for new accounts.

This guide explains how to onboard your **AWS Organization root account** to AccuKnox.

# **Prerequisites**



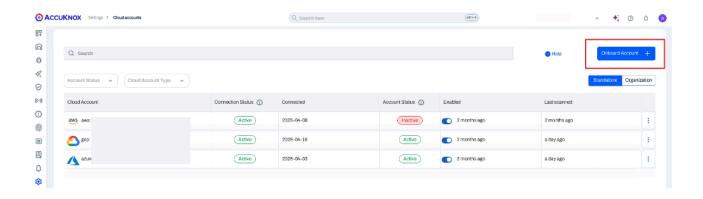
- You must have administrative access to your AWS Management Account and have permissions to deploy CloudFormation Stackset across the Organization.
- You need the AWS Organization ID of your root organization.

# Step-by-Step Onboarding Process

Follow these steps to connect your AWS Organization to AccuKnox:

### 1. Initiate Account Onboarding

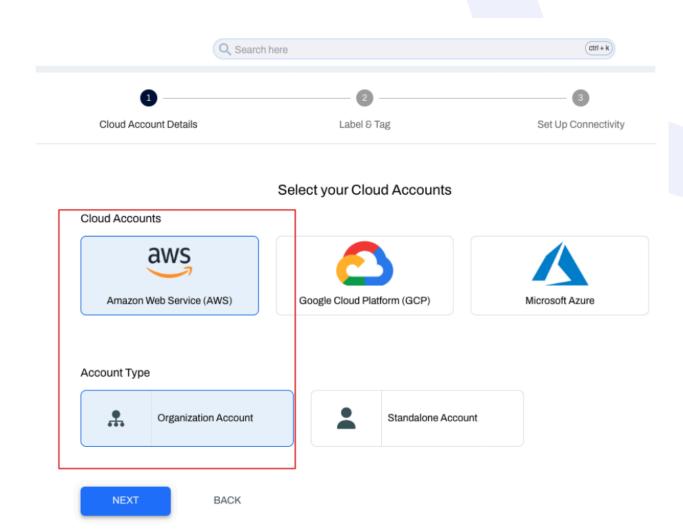
In the AccuKnox platform, navigate to **Cloud Security** → **Cloud Accounts** from the left-hand navigation menu. Select the **Organization** button, and then select **Onboard Account**.



### 2. Configure Organization Account Type and Labels

Select **Organization Account** as the account type.





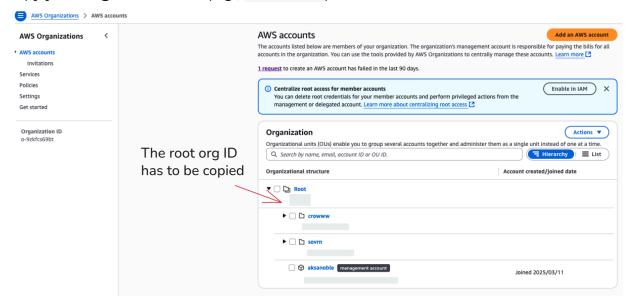
Next, select existing labels or create new ones to associate with all assets that will be discovered within this AWS Organization.

### 3. Enter AWS Organization Details

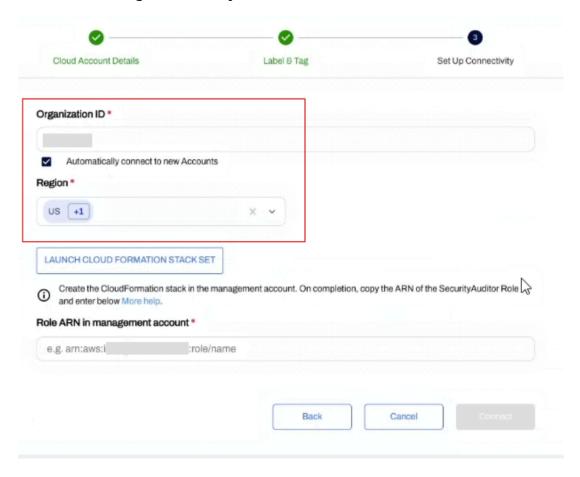
• Log in to the **AWS Console** → go to **AWS Organizations**.



Copy your Organization ID (e.g., r-xxxxxxxxxx).



- You must use the **root organization account**.
- In AccuKnox, paste the ID into the AWS Organization ID field.
- Select the AWS regions where your assets are located.



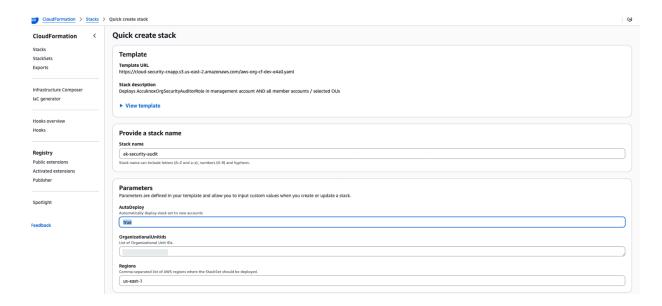


#### **Note**

At present, all assets discovered under this organization will inherit these selected labels. Granular labeling for individual assets will be an enhancement in future updates.

### 4. Enable Auto-Connect & Launch StackSet

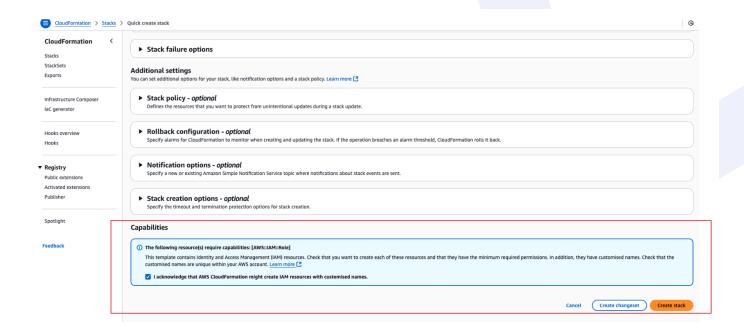
- Toggle Automatically connect to new accounts (optional).
- Click **Launch CloudFormation StackSet** to open the AWS Console.



### 5. Create the Stack in AWS

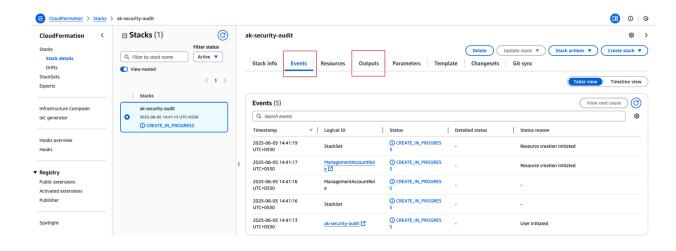
- Scroll down, check the box: "I acknowledge that AWS CloudFormation might create IAM resources..."
- Click Create stack.





### 6. Wait for StackSet Deployment

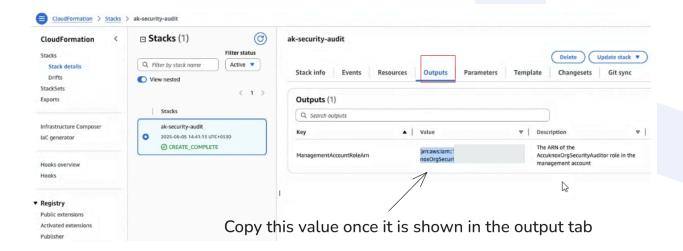
• Wait until the status shows CREATE\_COMPLETE.



### 7. Copy Role ARN

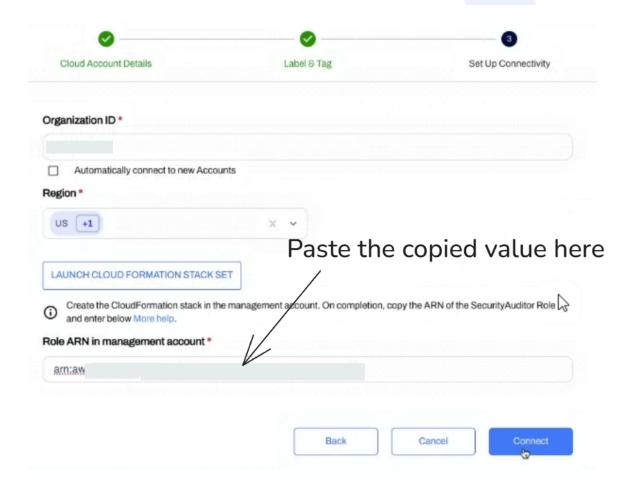
- Go to the Outputs tab of the StackSet.
- Copy the value of RoleArnInManagementAccount.





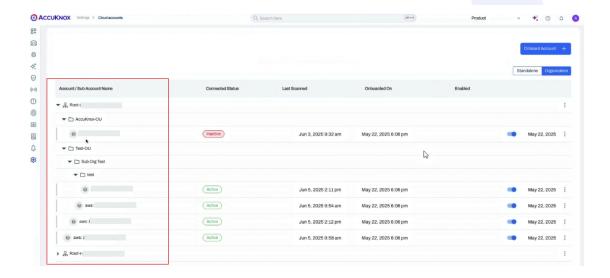
### 8. Connect in AccuKnox

- Paste the ARN in the Role ARN field.
- Click Connect.



### 9. Confirm Onboarding

- You'll be redirected to the **Cloud Accounts** page.
- Refresh the page to see your AWS Organization listed.



# **Post-Onboarding**

Once your AWS Organization is successfully onboarded:

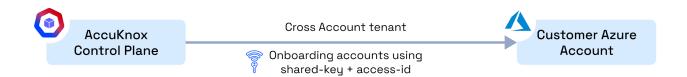
- **Asset Discovery:** AccuKnox will start an inventory discovery process across all member accounts in the selected regions.
- Security Scans: Automated security scans will be scheduled to assess your cloud resources for misconfigurations, vulnerabilities, and compliance violations.
- Dashboard Population: Data will begin to populate your AccuKnox dashboards, providing insights into your organization's security posture. This may take some time depending on the size and complexity of your AWS environment.

You have now successfully onboarded your **AWS Organization** to **AccuKnox**, enabling comprehensive, centralized cloud security management.

### **CSPM Pre-requisite for Azure**

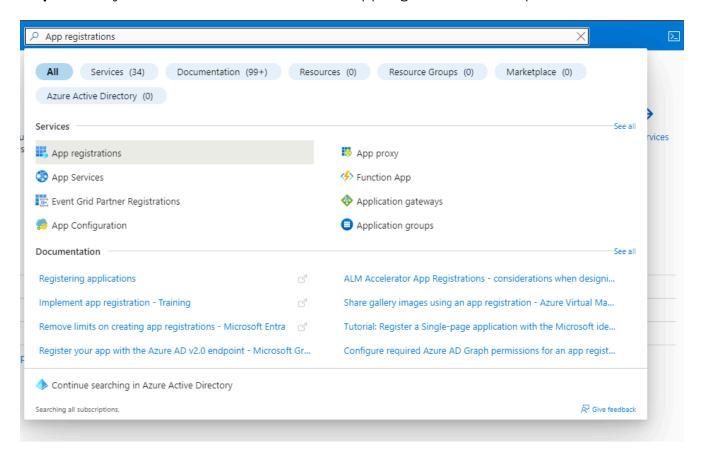
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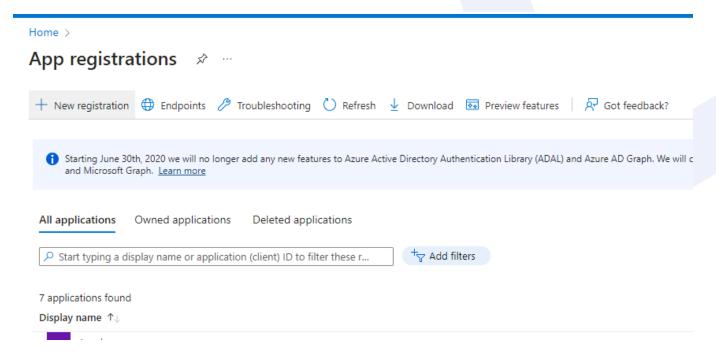


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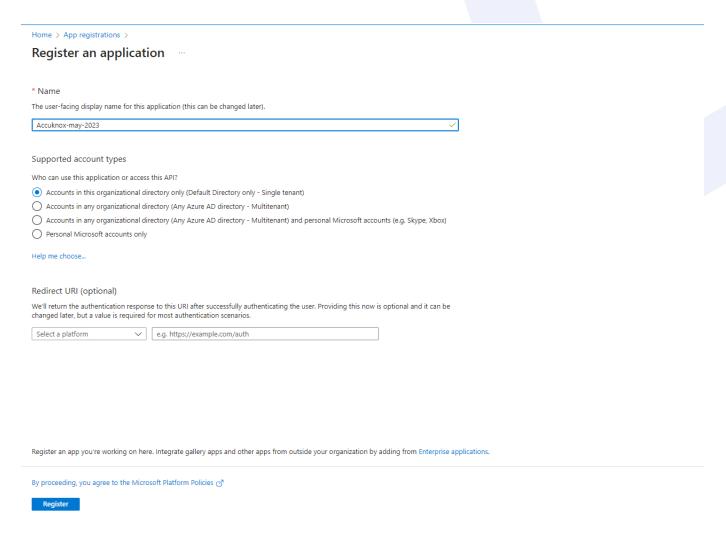
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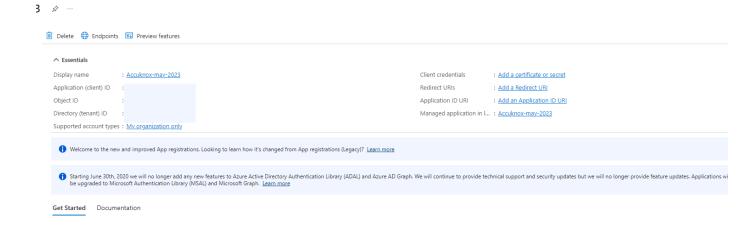
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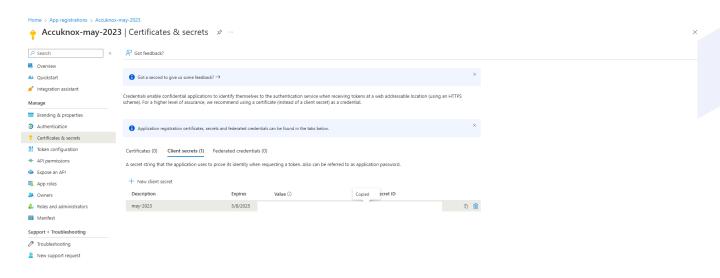


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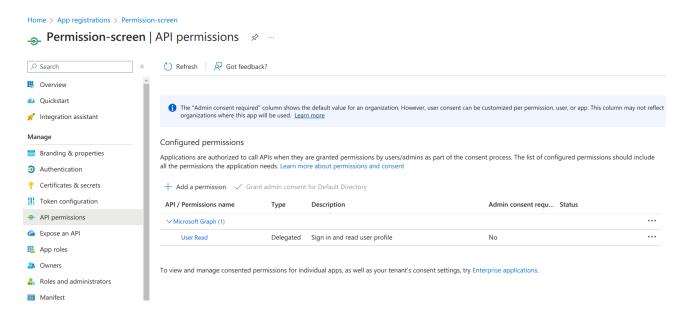




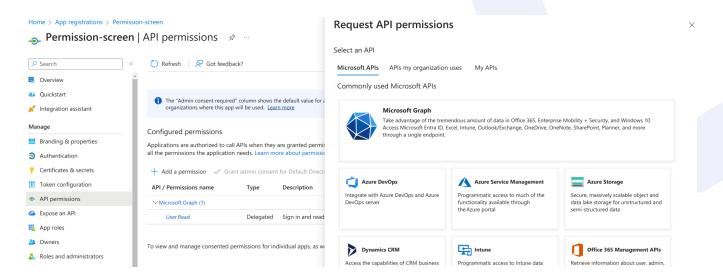
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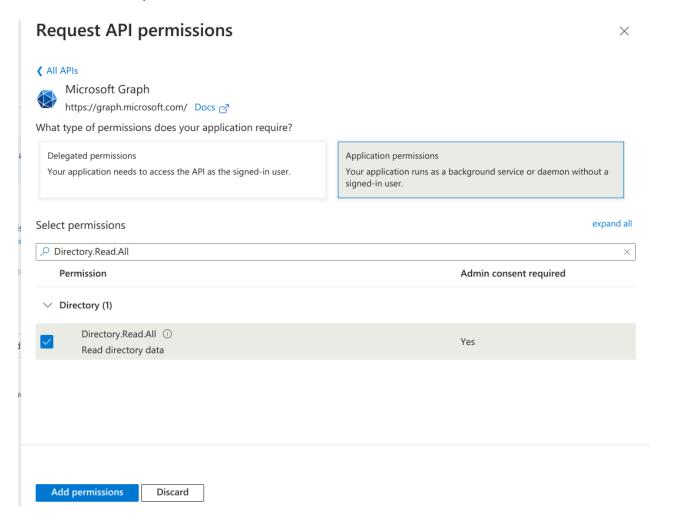
Step 6: Next, go to API permissions tab and click on 'Add permission'



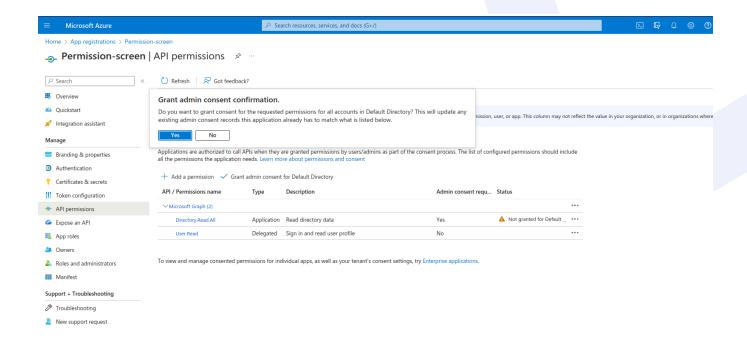
Step 7: On the screen that appears, click on 'Microsoft Graph'



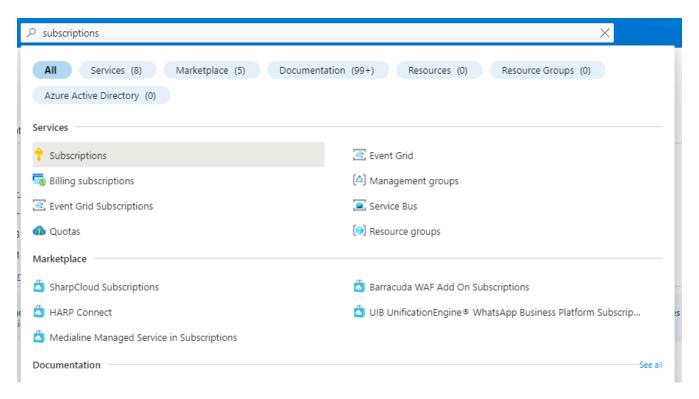
**Step 8:** Next, select Application Permissions and then search for Directory.Read.All and click on Add permissions



Step 9: Select 'Grant Admin Consent' for Default Directory and click on 'Yes'

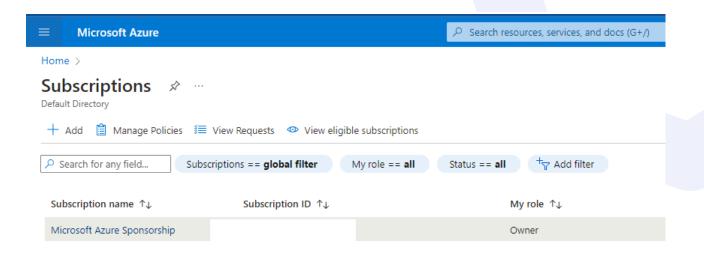


**Step 10:** Now we need to give Security read permissions to this registered Application , to do that go to subscriptions

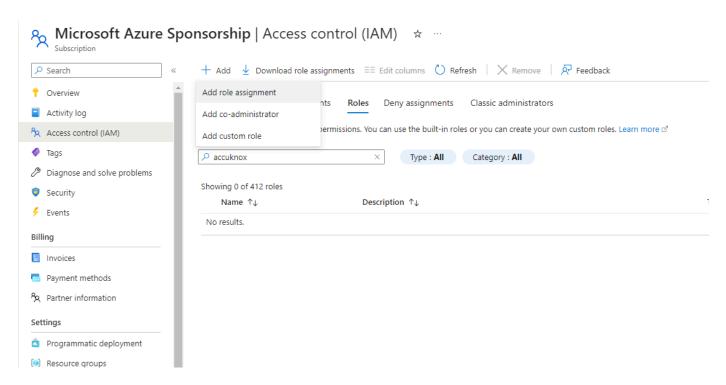


**Step 11:** First save the subscription ID and click on the subscription name , here it is "Microsoft Azure Sponsorship"

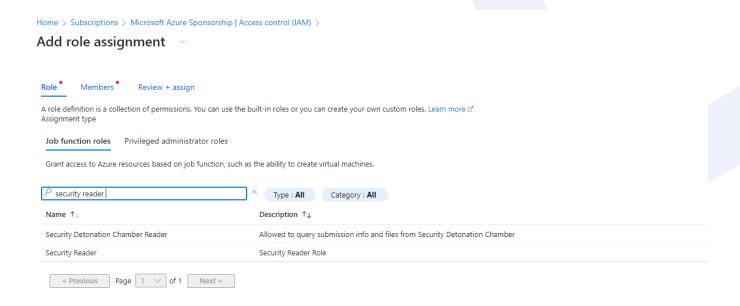




**Step 12:** Navigate to Access control(IAM) and go to Roles , here select Add and Add role assignment



Step 13: Search for "Security Reader" Job function Role, select it and press next



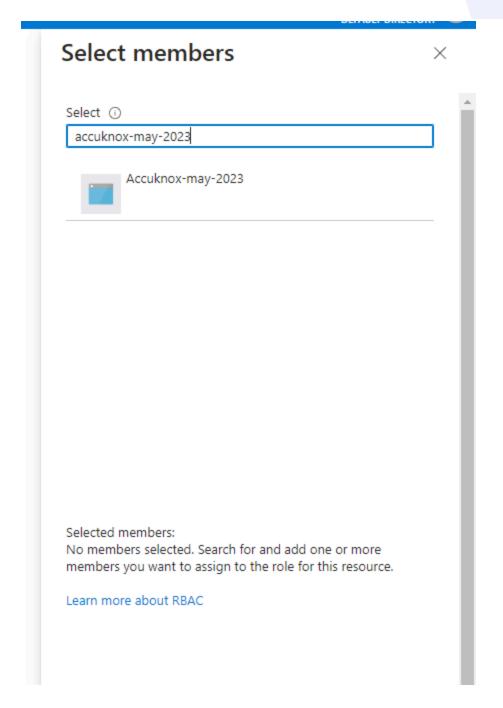
**Step 14:** In the member section click on Select *members* it will open a dropdown menu on the right hand side



### Add role assignment

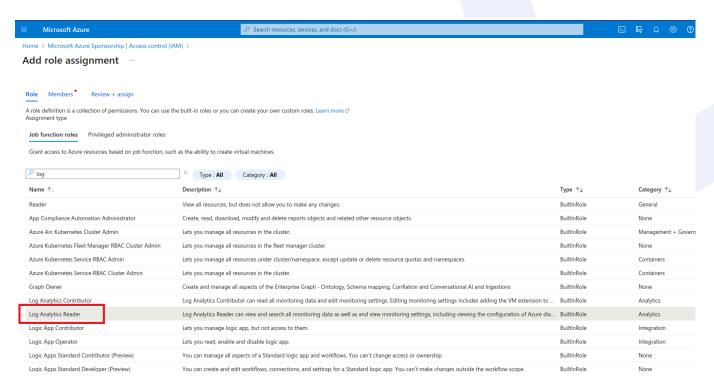
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**Step 15:** Here search for the Application that you registered in the beginning, select the application and click on *review and assign*.

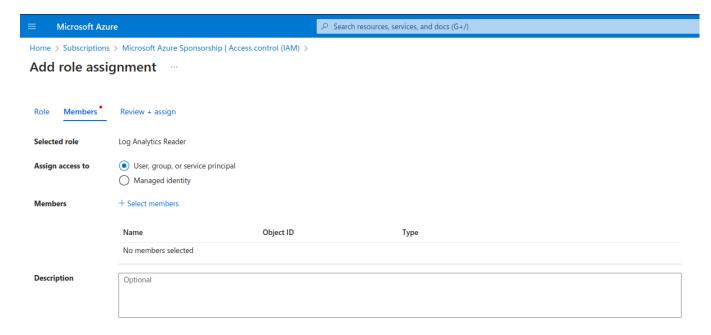


**Step 16:** Similarly, we have to add another role. This time, search for *Log Analytics Reader*. Select it and click *next* 





**Step 17:** Now, click on *Select members*, select the application that was created similar to the previous role. Finally, click on *Review and Assign*.



## **Azure Account onboarding**

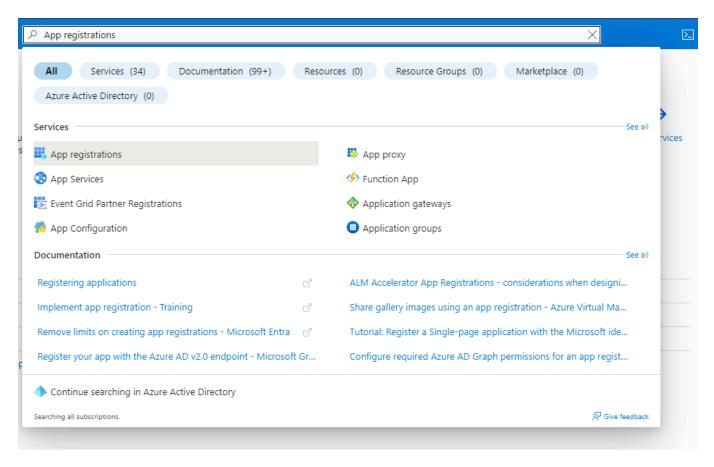


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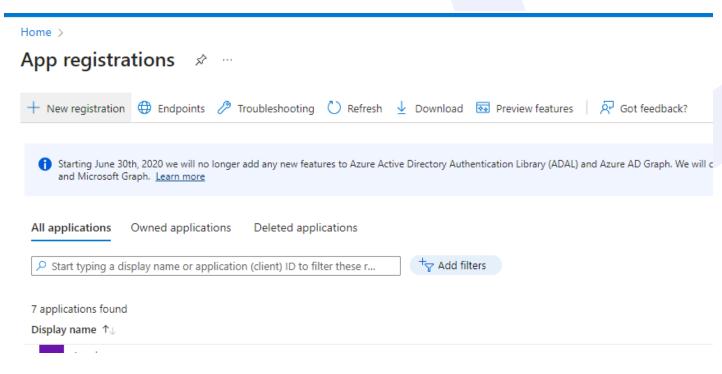
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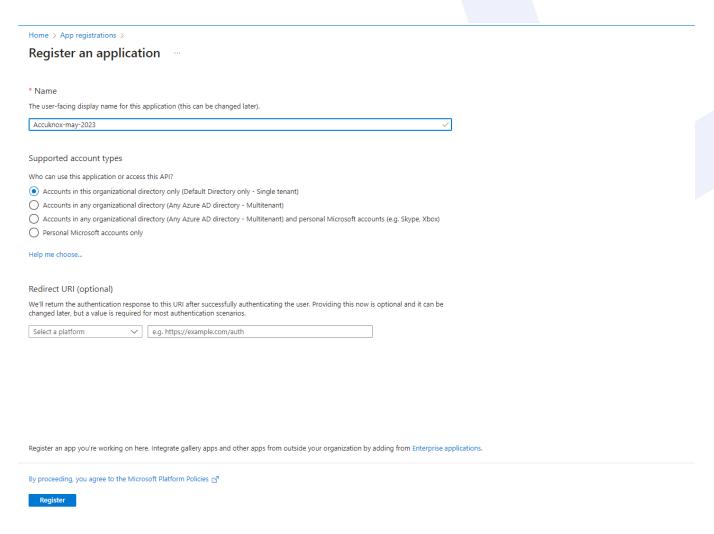
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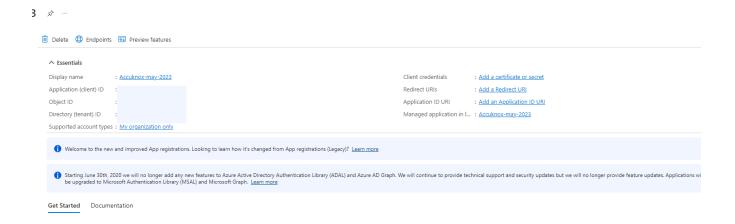
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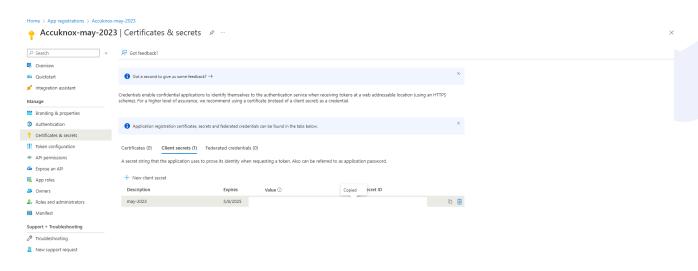


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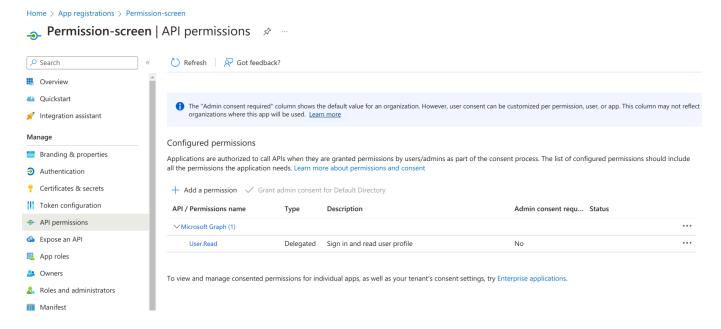




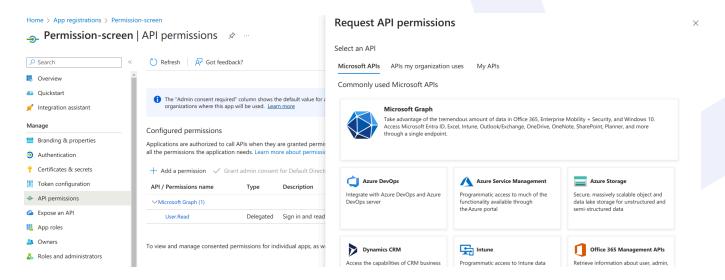
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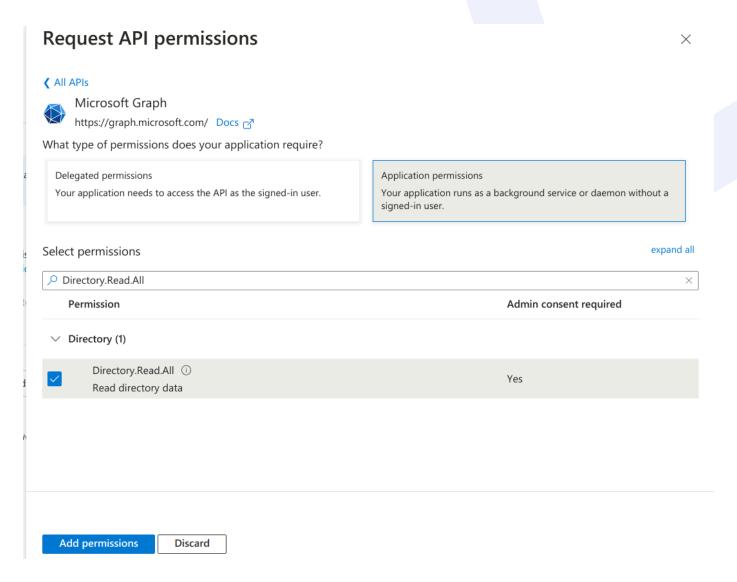
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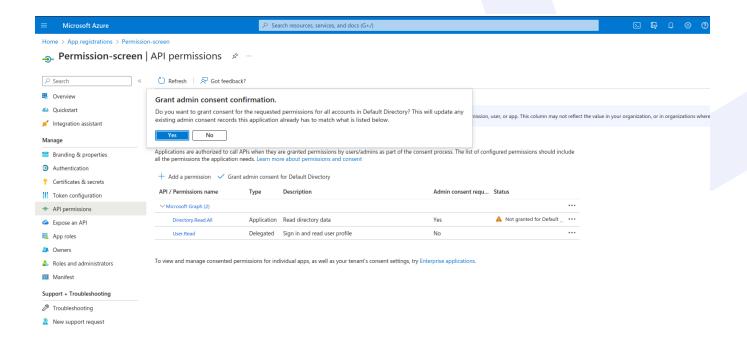
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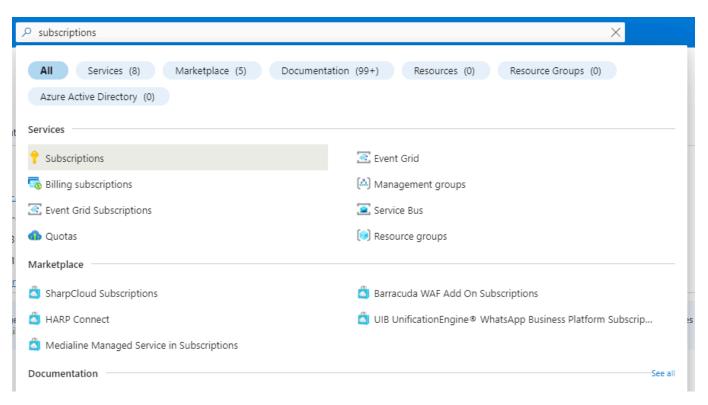
**Step 8:** Next, select Application Permissions and then search for Directory.Read.All and click on Add permissions



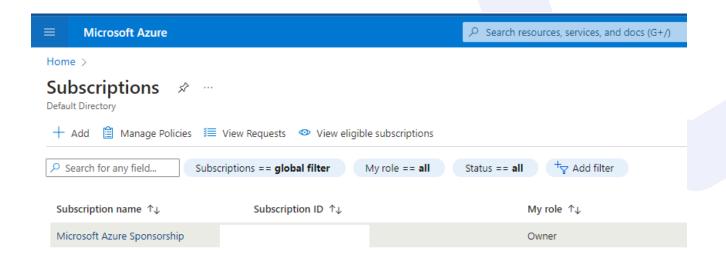
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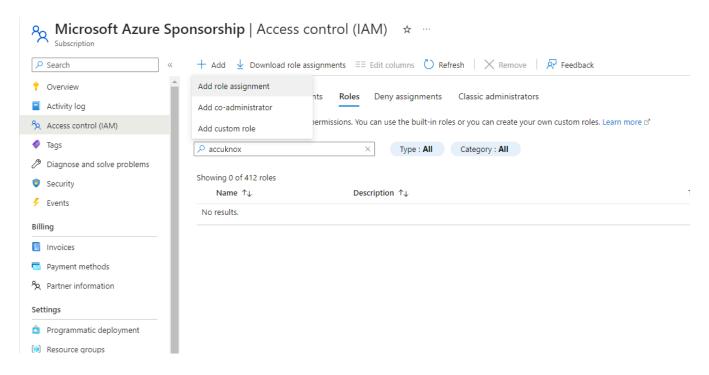
**Step 10:** Now we need to give Security read permissions to this registered Application , to do that go to subscriptions



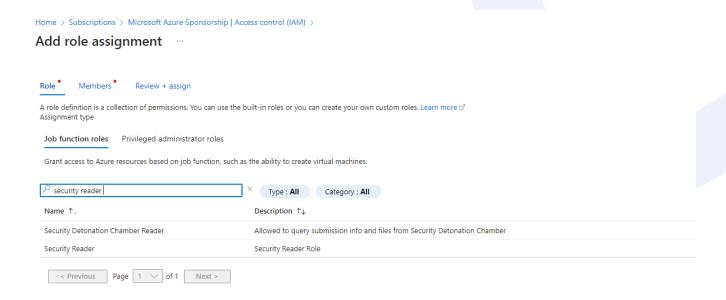
**Step 11:** First save the subscription ID and click on the subscription name, here it is "Microsoft Azure Sponsorship"



**Step 12:** Navigate to Access control(IAM) and go to Roles , here select Add and Add role assignment



Step 13: Search for "Security Reader" Job function Role, select it and press next



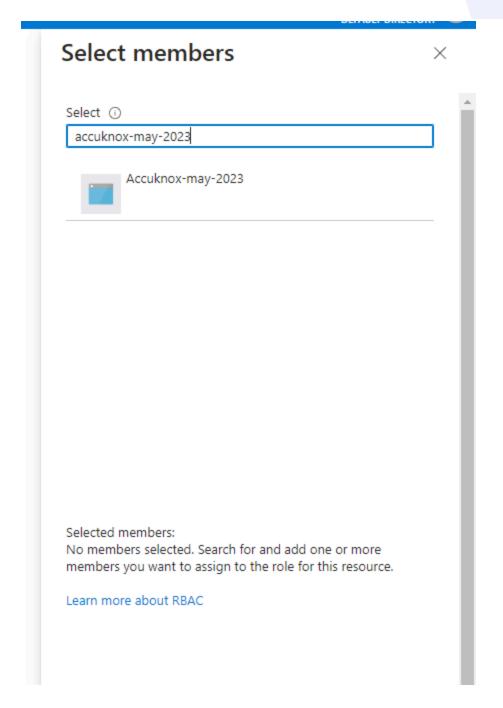
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#### Add role assignment

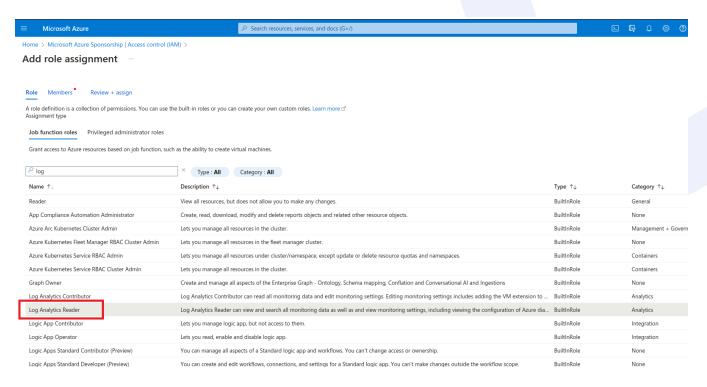
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**Step 15:** Here search for the Application that you registered in the beginning, select the application and click on *review and assign*.

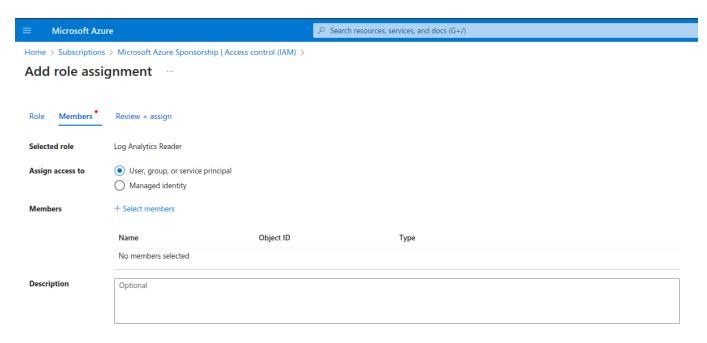


**Step 16:** Similarly, we have to add another role. This time, search for *Log Analytics Reader*. Select it and click *next* 





**Step 17:** Now, click on *Select members*, select the application that was created similar to the previous role. Finally, click on *Review and Assign*.

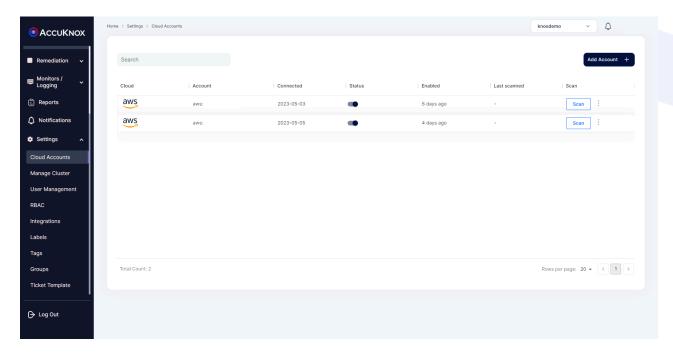


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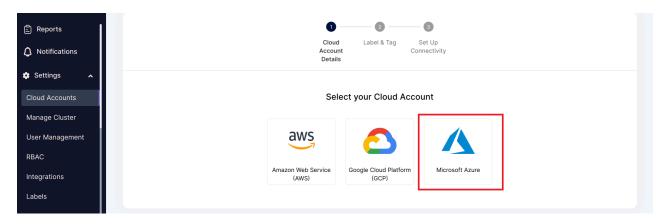


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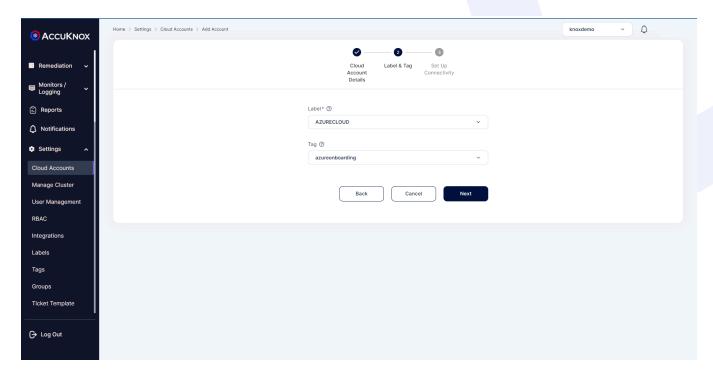
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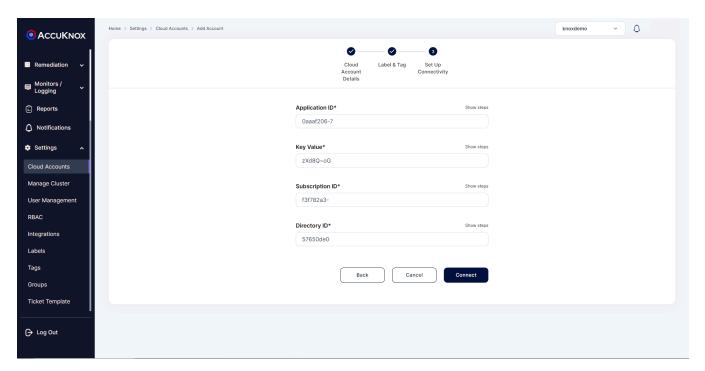
**Step 2:** Select Microsoft Azure as Cloud Account Type



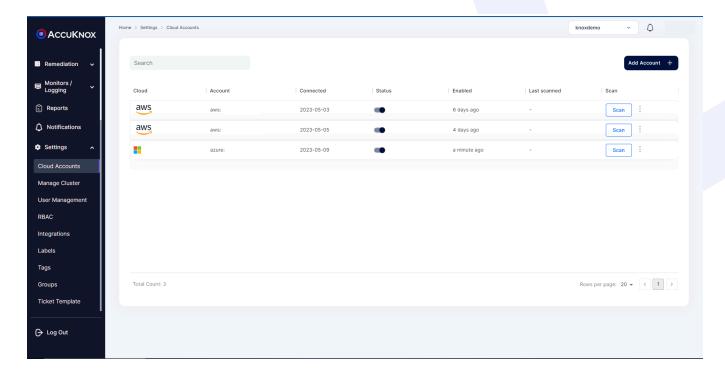
**Step 3:** Select or create label and Tags that will be associated with this Cloud Account



**Step 4:** Enter the details that we saved earlier during the steps for app registration and subscription id from subscriptions in azure portal and click on connect

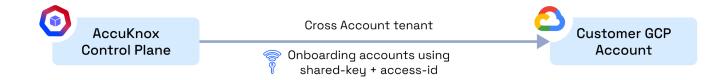


Step 5: After successfully connecting your cloud account will show up in the list



### **CSPM Pre-requisite for GCP**

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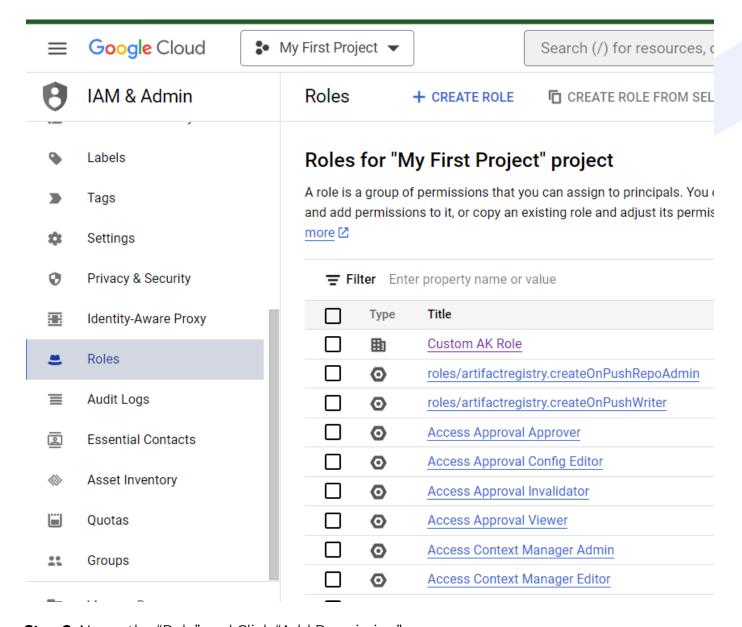
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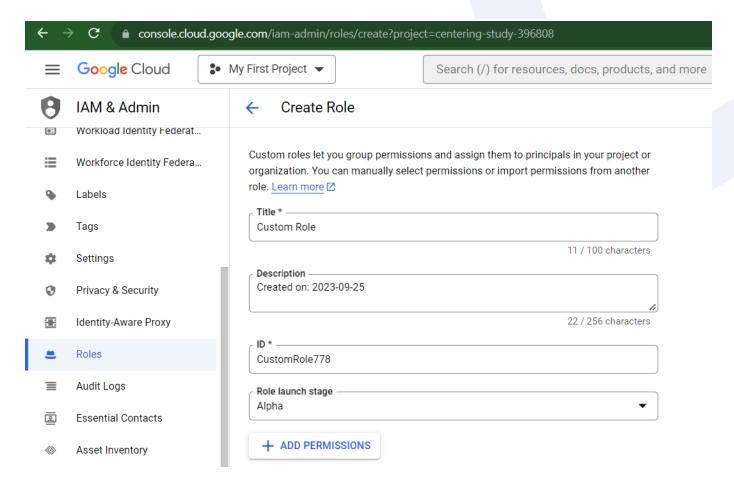
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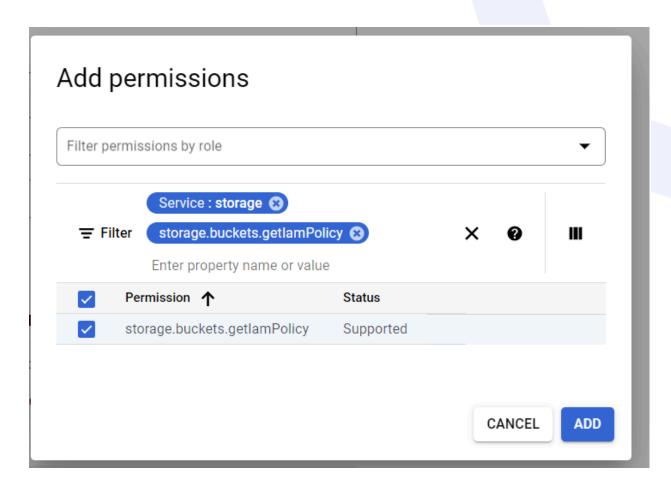
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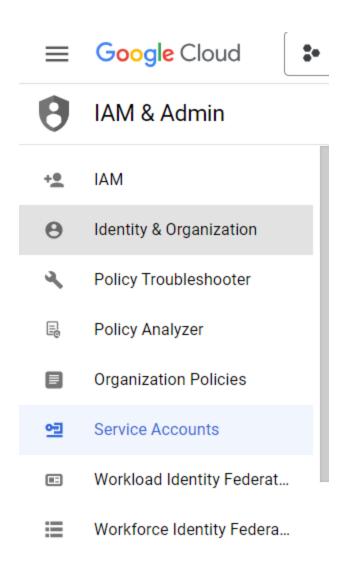
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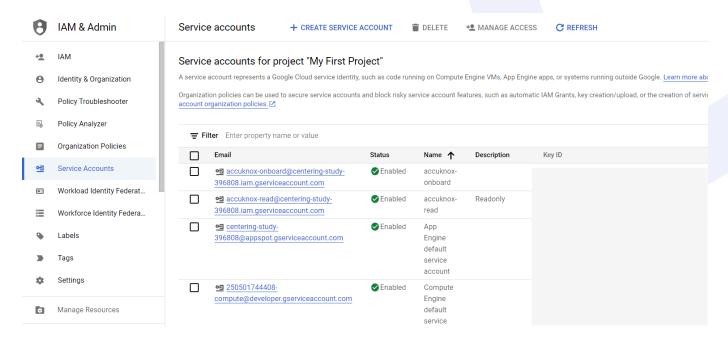
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**Step 5:** In the Navigation Panel, navigate to IAM Admin > Service Accounts.



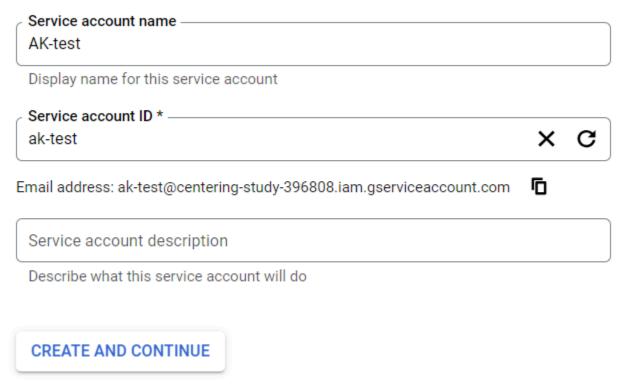
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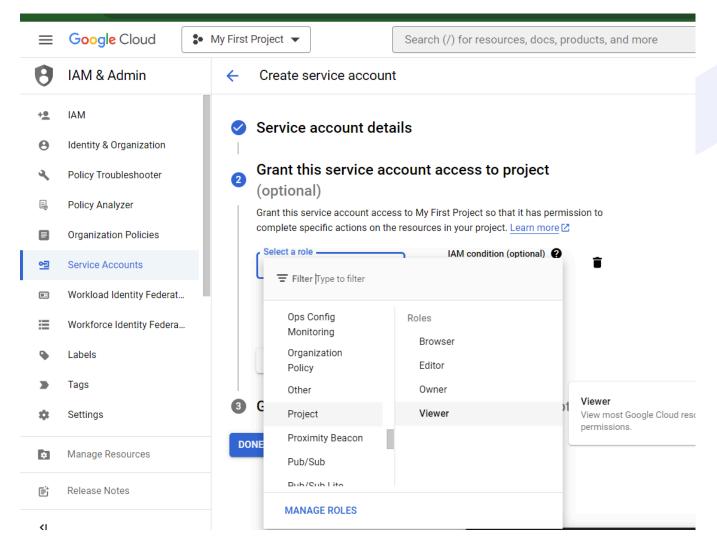
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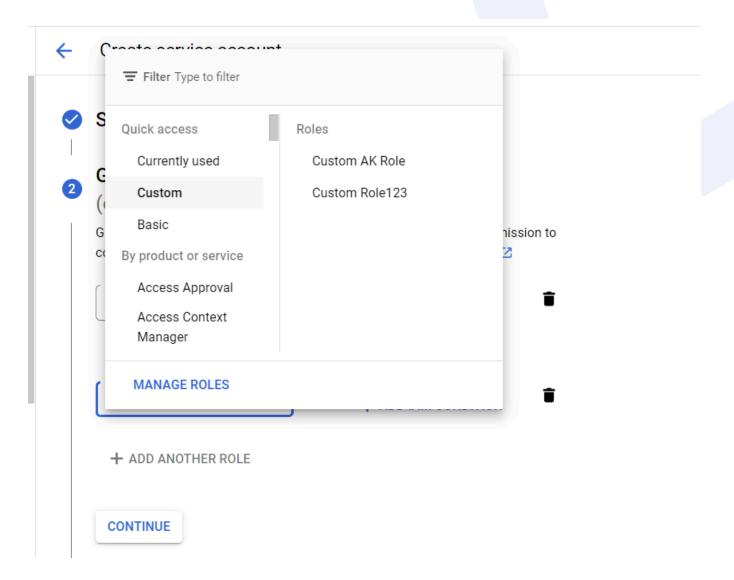




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View most Google Cloud resources.
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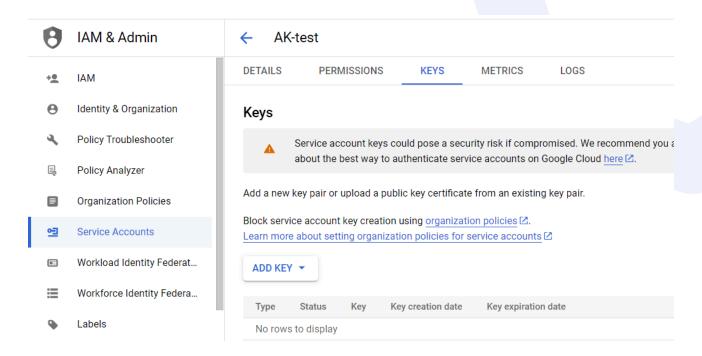
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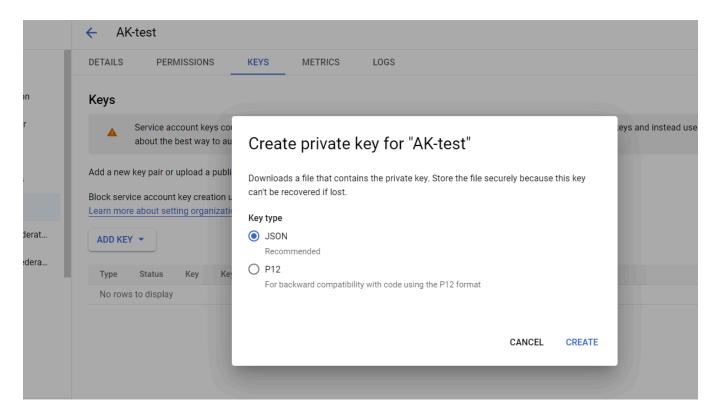
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**Step 12:** Go to the created Service Account, click on that Service Account navigate to the "Keys" section.





**Step 13:** Click the "Add key" button and "Create new key". Chosen Key type should be JSON format.



Step 14: Click the "Create" button it will automatically download the JSON key.

## **GCP Account onboarding**

Here, we will see the steps to onboard a GCP cloud account to the AccuKnox SaaS platform

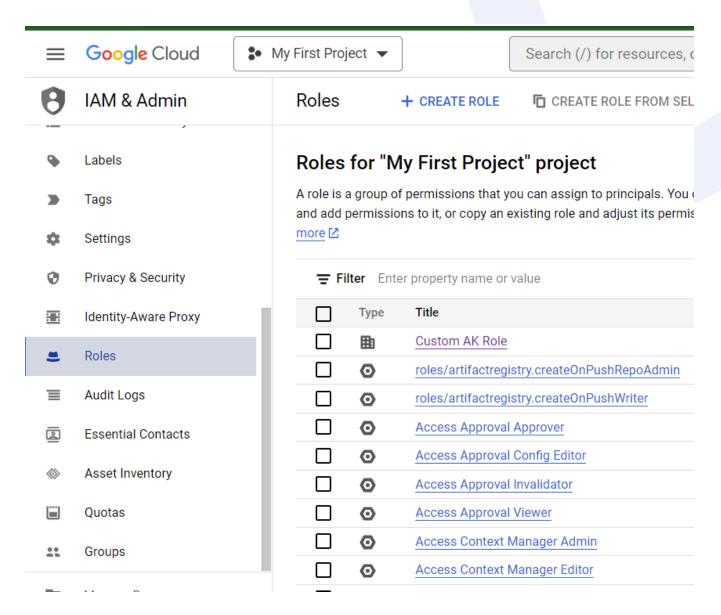
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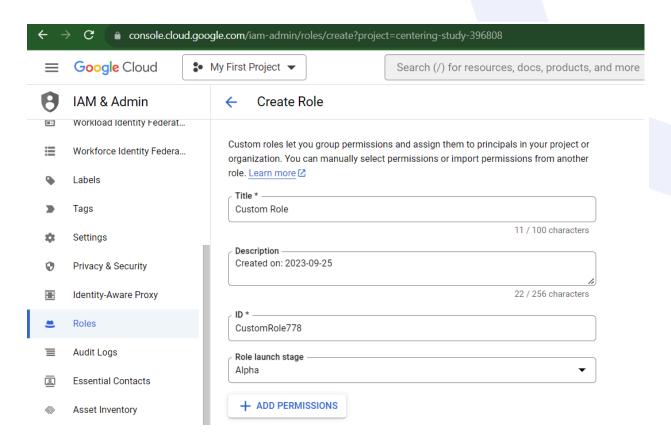
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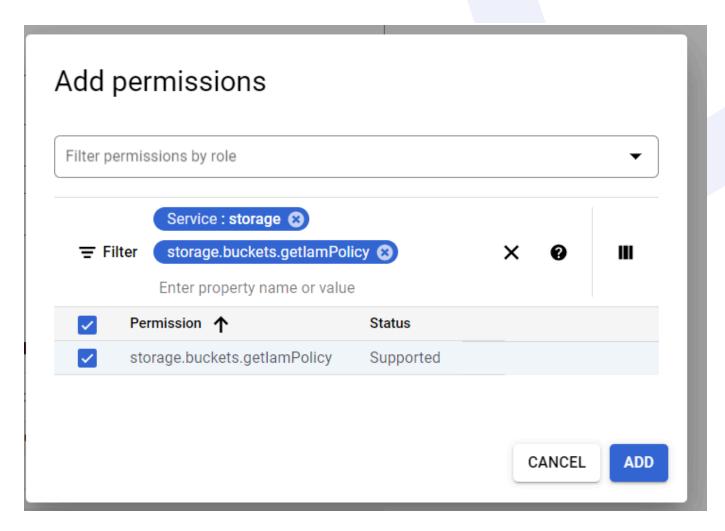
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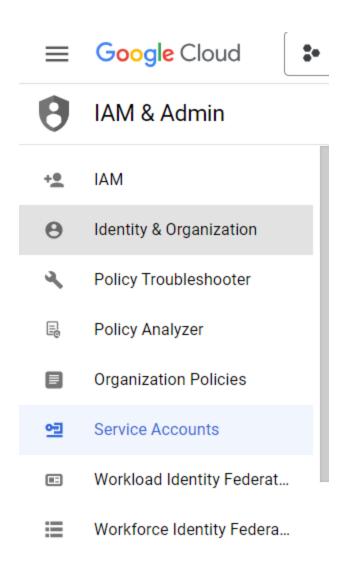
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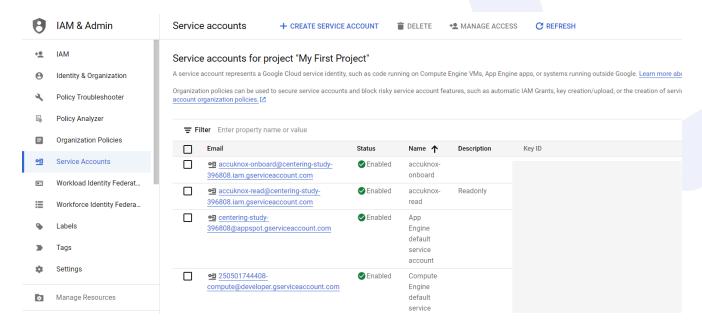
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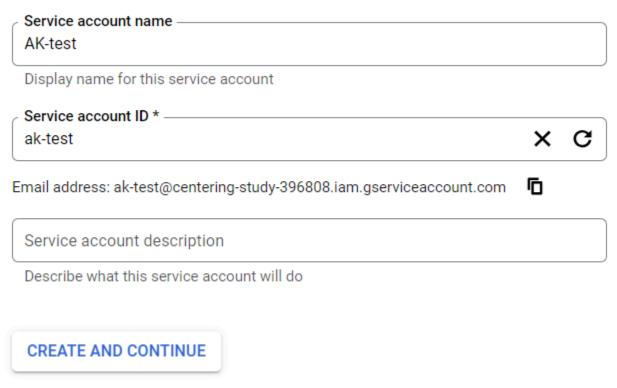
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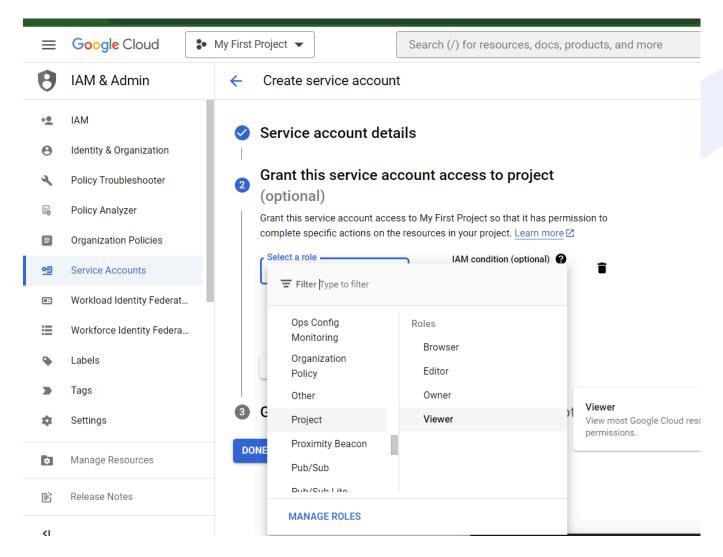
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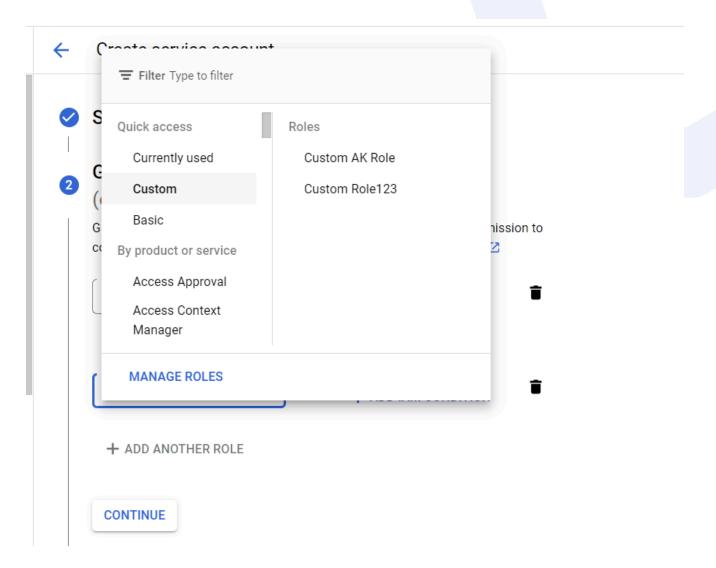




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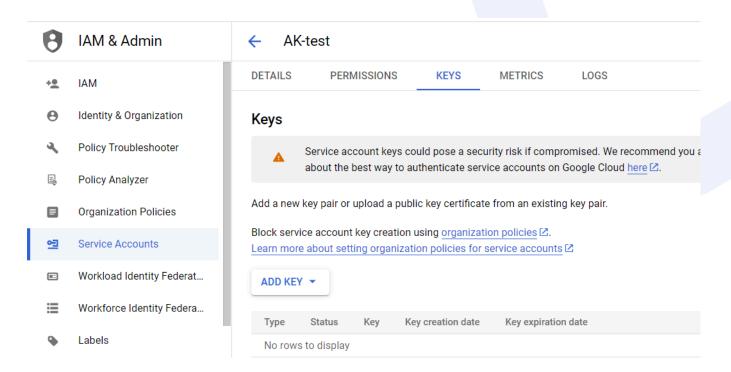
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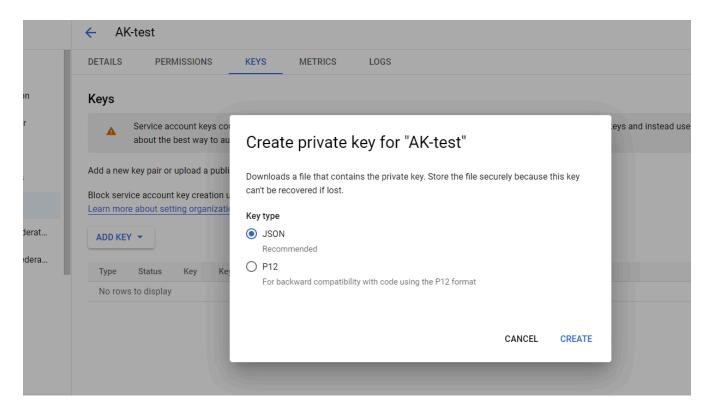
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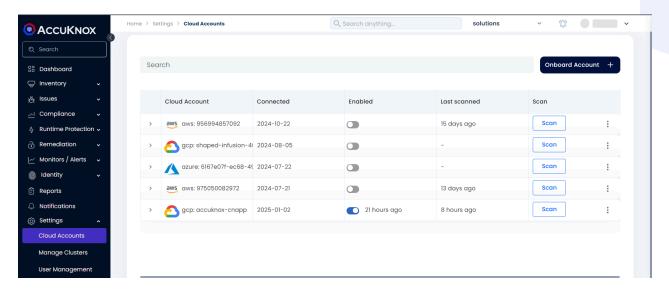
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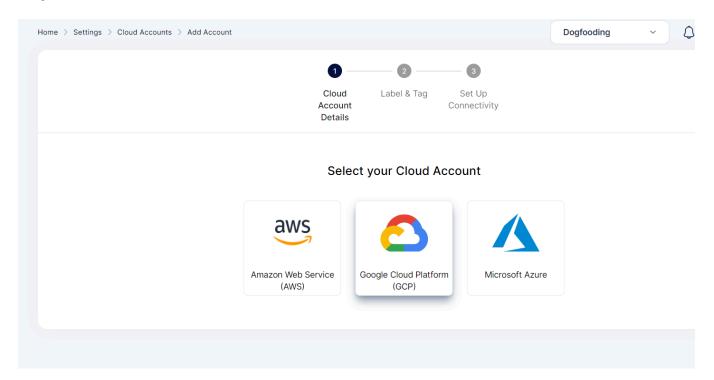
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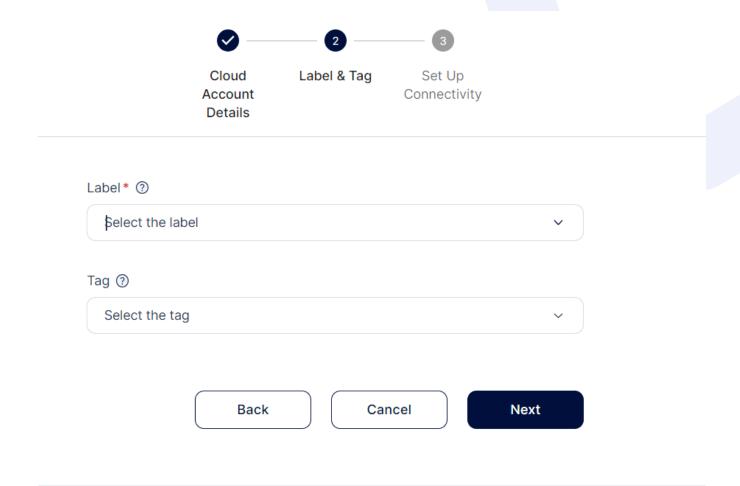
**Step 1:** Go to the AccuKnox SaaS. Navigate to the "Settings" → "Cloud Accounts" then "Add Account".



Step 2: Click the "GCP Platform"

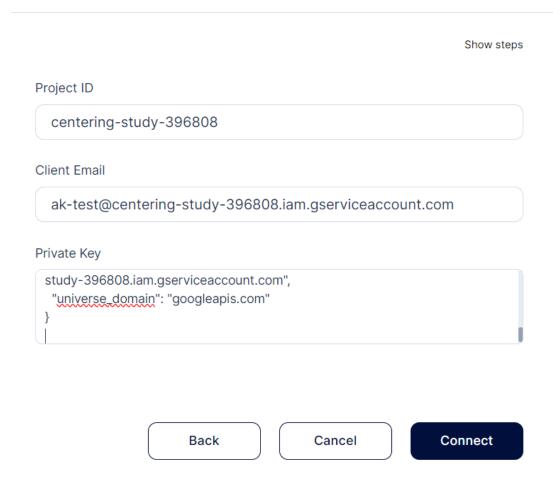


**Step 3:** Create New Label and Add the Label for identifying the assets inside this account and add a Tag optionally.

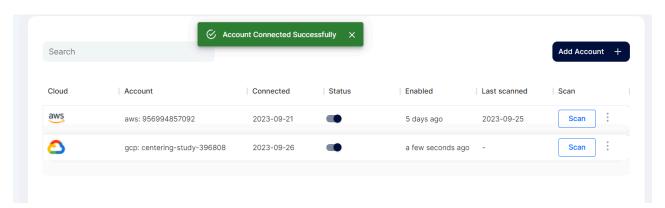


**Step 4:** Enter the "Project ID", "Client Email" (The Service Account mail ID) and "Private Key" from the downloaded File. Copy paste the entire downloaded file into the "Private Key" field . Then Click "Connect"





### The cloud account has been onboarded successfully

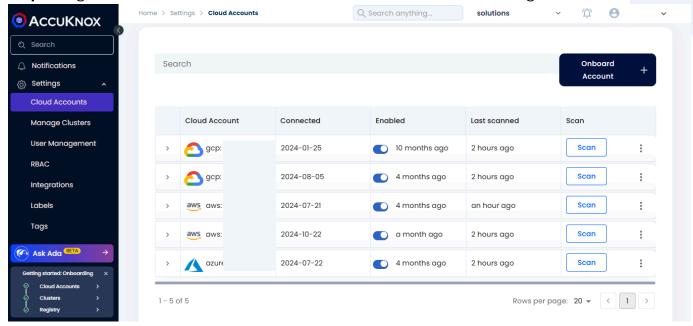




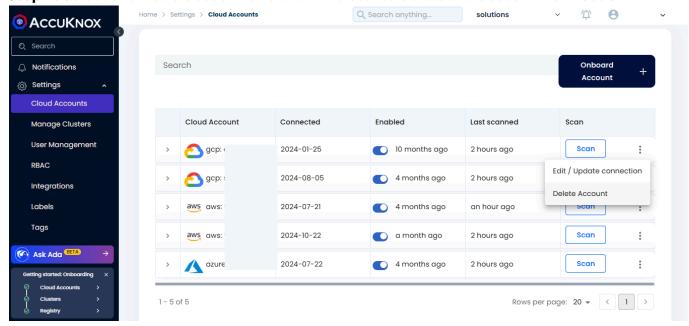
### **How to Deboard a Cloud Account**

This guide outlines the steps for offboarding a cloud account from AccuKnox SaaS.





Step 2: Select the cloud account and click "Delete" to delete the account from SaaS.



This will delete the cloud account from AccuKnox SaaS.



### **Kubernetes Security Onboarding**

## Features Supported for Kubernetes

- Supported on managed (EKS, AKS, OCI) and on-prem Kubernetes clusters
- Works on Kubernetes versions >= 1.18
- All features are modular and can be enabled independently
- Available via AccuKnox SaaS and On-Prem Control Plane with identical UX
- Runtime Security requires Linux kernel >= 4.15
- Only egress connectivity from K8s cluster to control plane is required

# K8s Runtime Visibility and Security

Deployment Mode: DaemonSet via Operator (default) or Kubernetes manifests

### **Helm Command:**

helm upgrade --install agents oci://public.ecr.aws/k9v9d5v2/agents-chart \
--version "v0.10.0" \
--set joinToken="[TOKEN]" \
--set spireHost="spire.demo.accuknox.com" \
--set ppsHost="pps.demo.accuknox.com" \
--set knoxGateway="knox-gw.demo.accuknox.com:3000" \
--set admissionController.enabled=false \
--set kyverno.enabled=false \
-n agents --create-namespace



#### **Features:**

- File, process, and network visibility
- MITRE-based policy enforcement (FIM, cryptojacking protection, etc.)
- Auto-discovery of ingress/egress and whitelisting policies

#### **Control Plane Access:**

PPS: Port 443SPIRE: Port 443

• Knox Gateway: Port 3000

### **K8s Misconfiguration Scanning**

Deployment Mode: Kubernetes cronjob

#### **Helm Command:**

helm upgrade --install k8s-risk-assessment-job oci://public.ecr.aws/k9v9d5v2/k8s-risk-assessment-job \
--set accuknox.tenantID="[TENANTID]" \
--set accuknox.authToken="[AUTHTOKEN]" \
--set accuknox.cronTab="30 9 \* \* \* \*" \
--set accuknox.clusterName="[CLUSTERNAME]" \
--set accuknox.URL="cspm.demo.accuknox.com" \
--set accuknox.label="[LABEL]" \
--version=v1.1.3

### **Features:**

- Detection of misconfigurations and insecure configurations
- Includes checks for root containers, privilege escalation, and 100+ other rules

#### **Control Plane Access:**

• HTTPS access to Artifact Endpoint



## K8s Identity & Entitlements Management

**Deployment Mode:** Kubernetes cronjob

#### **Helm Command:**

helm upgrade --install kiem-job oci://public.ecr.aws/k9v9d5v2/kiem-job \
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#### **Features:**

- Identifies overly permissive role bindings
- Graph-based identity view
- Detection of dangling service accounts and cross-namespace access

#### **Control Plane Access:**

HTTPS access to Artifact Endpoint

### **K8s CIS Benchmarking**

**Deployment Mode:** Kubernetes cronjob

### **Helm Command:**

helm upgrade --install cis-k8s-job oci://public.ecr.aws/k9v9d5v2/cis-k8s-job \
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--version v1.1.3
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### **Features:**

- Benchmarks support for:
- Kubernetes (generic)
- EKS
- AKS
- GKE
- OKE not currently supported

### **Control Plane Access:**

• HTTPS access to Artifact Endpoint

### **DISA STIGs Support**

**Deployment Mode:** Kubernetes cronjob

### **Helm Command:**

helm upgrade --install k8s-stig-job oci://public.ecr.aws/k9v9d5v2/k8s-stig-job \
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### **Features:**

• DISA Special Technical Implementation Guidelines (STIGs) compliance

#### **Control Plane Access:**

• HTTPS access to Artifact Endpoint



## In-Cluster Container Image Scanning

**Deployment Mode:** CronJob (per node job)

#### **Helm Command:**

helm install kubeshield kubeshield-chart \

- --set scan.tenantId="<TENANTID>"
- --set scan.artifactToken="<TOKEN>"
- --set scan.artifactEndpoint="https://cspm.demo.accuknox.com/api/v1/artifact/"
- --set scan.label="<LABEL>"

#### **Features:**

- Direct in-cluster image scanning (no registry access required)
- Scans cached images on nodes
- Reports sent to AccuKnox console for triage

### **Control Plane Access:**

• HTTPS access to Artifact Endpoint

### **Admission Controller Support**

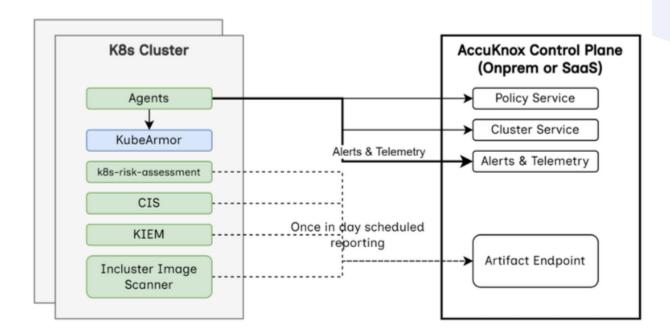
AccuKnox Admission Controller enforces:

- 1. Trusted registry enforcement for images
- 2. Deployment compliance with security best practices (no root, no host mounts, etc.)
- 3. Violations reported to AccuKnox Control Plane (visible under Monitors & Alerts)



### **Cluster Access to Control Plane**

Each feature requires outbound (egress) HTTPS access only. Refer to the access notes under each feature for exact service and port requirements.



### **Cluster Onboarding**

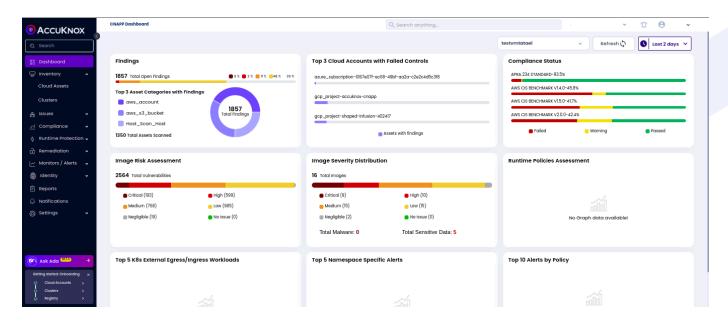
This is a detailed guide on how to onboard clusters to the AccuKnox SaaS platform. The guide covers the installation of KubeArmor and AccuKnox agents in the cluster to connect to the AccuKnox SaaS application.

Below shown image is from an k3s cluster running in a local machine with Kali Linux Operating System. We can onboard this cluster by following the steps shown below

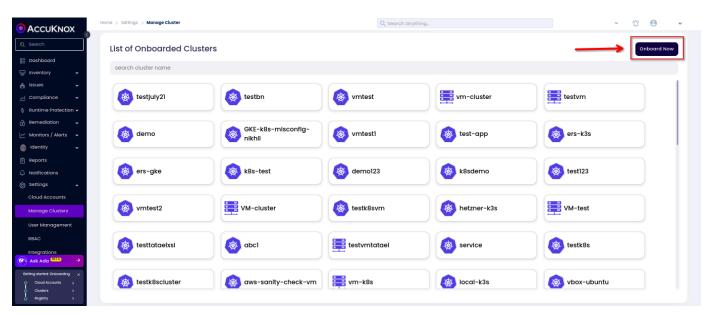
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redis-demo	1/1	Running	0	14s



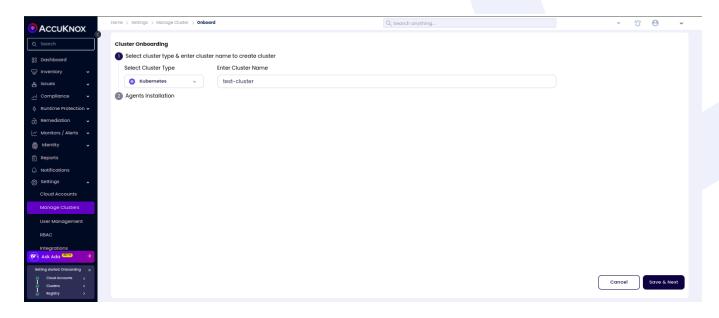
**Step 1**: As a first time user, the management console will show up the CNAPP dashboard without any data mentioned in widgets, since the cloud account and cluster onboarding is not done.



**Step 2**: Navigate to Manage Cluster from Settings Tab: From this page we can onboard the clusters running in various cloud platforms like GCP,AWS and Azure. We can onboard locally setup clusters using an cloud option. To onboard cluster select onboard now option



**Step 3**: In this screen, give any name to the cluster that you are going to onboard now.



**Step 4**: Installing KubeArmor and AccuKnox agents

We are going to install KubeArmor and AccuKnox-agents to connect to the AccuKnox SaaS application. For the agent installation selection click on the Runtime Visibility & Protection.

**Step 4.1** KubeArmor Installation

#### **KubeArmor**

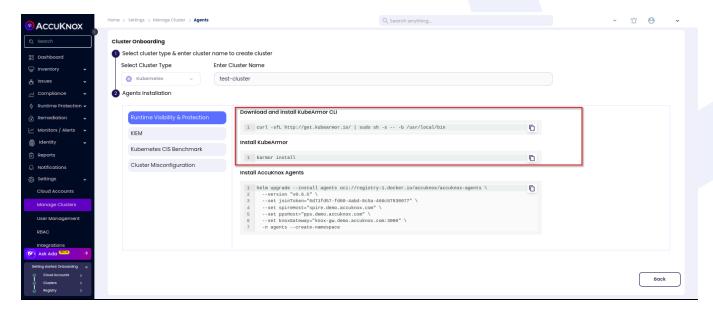
KubeArmor is a cloud-native runtime security enforcement system that restricts the behavior (such as process execution, file access, and networking operation) of containers and nodes at the system level.

With KubeArmor, a user can:

- Restrict file system access for certain processes
- Restrict what processes can be spawned within the pod
- Restrict the capabilities that can be used by the processes within the pod

KubeArmor differs from seccomp-based profiles, wherein KubeArmor allows to dynamically set the restrictions on the pod. With seccomp, the restrictions must be placed during the pod startup and cannot be changed later. KubeArmor leverages Linux Security Modules (LSMs) to enforce policies at runtime.





KubeArmor is installed using the following commands:

curl -sfL http://get.kubearmor.io/ | sudo sh -s -- -b /usr/local/bin && karmor install

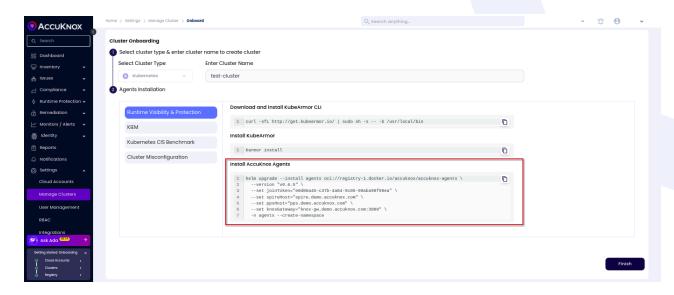
### Step 4.2: AccuKnox-Agents installation

After installing KubeArmor we are going to install AccuKnox Agents in the cluster.

### **AccuKnox Agents**

- 1. **KubeArmor**: KubeArmor is a cloud-native runtime security enforcement system that restricts the behavior (such as process execution, file access, and networking operation) of containers and nodes at the system level. KubeArmor dynamically set the restrictions on the pod. KubeArmor leverages Linux Security Modules (LSMs) to enforce policies at runtime.
- 2. **Feeder Service:** It collects the feeds from kubeArmor and relays to the app.
- 3. **Shared Informer Agent:** It collects information about the cluster like pods, nodes, namespaces etc.,
- 4. **Policy Discovery Engine:** It discovers the policies using the workload and cluster information that is relayed by a shared informer Agent.





AccuKnox Agents can be installed using the following command:

helm upgrade --install agents oci://registry-1.docker.io/accuknox/accuknox-agents

- --version "v0.6.5"
- --set joinToken="\*
- --set spireHost="spire.demo.accuknox.com"
- --set ppsHost="pps.demo.accuknox.com"
- --set knoxGateway="knox-gw.demo.accuknox.com:3000"
- -n agents --create-namespace

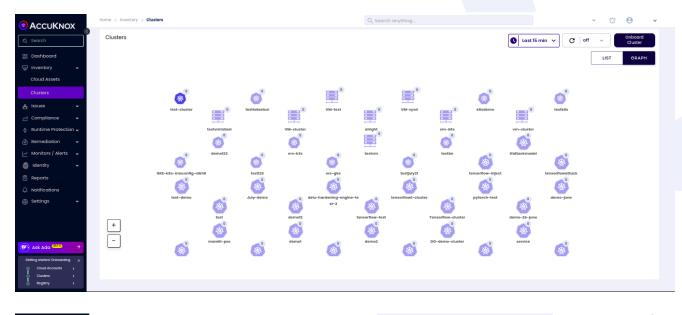
#### **Note**

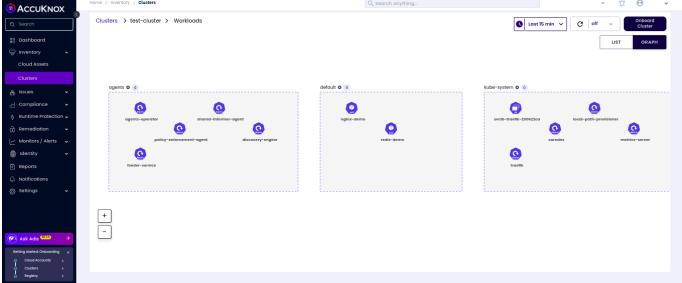
In the above command joinToken is specific to this example and it will vary based on the cluster

### **Step 5:** Onboarded Cluster

After installing all the AccuKnox agents the cluster is onboarded successfully into the SaaS application. We can see the workload details of the onboarded cluster by Navigating to Inventory+cloud Workloads option. There all the onboarded clusters will be listed out and all the inactive ones would be grayed out. By Double clicking on the active cluster user can get a more detailed view of the cluster.







### **Cluster Onboarding with Access Keys**

Streamlining cluster onboarding is made easy with access keys, allowing users to onboard multiple clusters using the same key. Additionally, users can set expiration times for these keys and specify the number of clusters each key can onboard. This process can be performed directly from the CLI if the access key is already created, offering enhanced flexibility and convenience

### **Pre-requisite:**

1. Kubernetes (managed/un-manager) cluster



- 2. AccuKnox CNAPP login access
- 3. One or more clusters to onboard
- 4. Access Key (See how to create)

### **Onboarding**

In the case of the Access key onboarding method, the User can directly onboard the VMs from the CLI, To Onboard a new cluster follow the below steps:

### Step1: Install KubeArmor

curl -sfL http://get.kubearmor.io/ | sudo sh -s -- -b /usr/local/bin karmor install

### Output:

kubearmor/kubearmor-client info checking GitHub for latest tag kubearmor/kubearmor-client info found version: 1.3.0 for v1.3.0/linux/amd64 kubearmor/kubearmor-client info installed /usr/local/bin/karmor kubearmor-client info karmor is installed in /usr/local/bin kubearmor/kubearmor-client info invoke /usr/local/bin/karmor or move karmor to your desired PATH

#### \$ karmor install

Installed helm release: kubearmor-operator

KubeArmorConfig created

This may take a couple of minutes

KubeArmor Snitch Deployed!

KubeArmor Daemonset Deployed!

Done Checking , ALL Services are running!

Execution Time : 58.615464051s

Verifying KubeArmor functionality (this may take upto a minute)...

Your Cluster is Armored Up!

### Step2: Install AccuKnox Agents



### **AccuKnox-Agents:**

The AccuKnox Agent is a K8s operator that installs the following agents:

- Feeder service: It collects KubeArmor feeds.
- Shared-informer-agent: This agent authenticates with your cluster and collects information regarding entities like nodes, pods, and namespaces.
- Policy-enforcement-agent: This agent authenticates with your cluster and enforces labels and policies.
- Discovery Engine: Discovery Engine discovers the security posture for your workloads and auto-discovers the policy set required to put the workload in least-permissive mode. The engine leverages the rich visibility provided by KubeArmor to auto-discover systems and network security postures.

The agent-operator also manages the agents' resource limits. The operator is in charge of spawning the agents based on the size of the cluster. If the cluster size changes, i.e., new nodes are added or existing nodes are deleted, then the operator scales up or down the resources accordingly.

AccuKnox Agents can be installed using the following command:

```
helm upgrade --install agents oci://registry-1.docker.io/accuknox/accuknox-agents \
--version "v0.5.11" \
--set spireHost="spire.demo.accuknox.com" \
--set ppsHost="pps.demo.accuknox.com" \
--set knoxGateway="knox-gw.demo.accuknox.com:3000" \
--set tokenURL="cwpp.demo.accuknox.com" \
--set clusterName="accuknoxcluster" \
--set accessKey="<token>" \
-n accuknox-agents --create-namespace
```

#### Note

In the commands above, substitute **--set clusterName** with the desired cluster name, and replace the <token> with the **Access Keys** generated from UI. Adjust the URLs if required

#### Note

Please check for the value of --version "v0.0.0" from the UI steps of cluster onboarding to make sure you are using the latest image tags

### Output



Release "agents" does not exist. Installing it now.

Pulled: registry-1.docker.io/accuknox/accuknox-agents:v0.5.11

Digest: sha256:6b7870020c0470741b7a89f47fd6f4e85882521721ce50407351d231508c6aaf

NAME: agents

LAST DEPLOYED: Thu Jan 2 19:05:38 2025

NAMESPACE: accuknox-agents

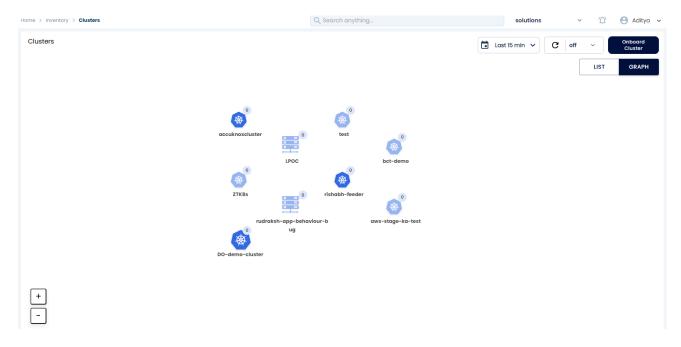
STATUS: deployed REVISION: 1

TEST SUITE: None

### To verify please use

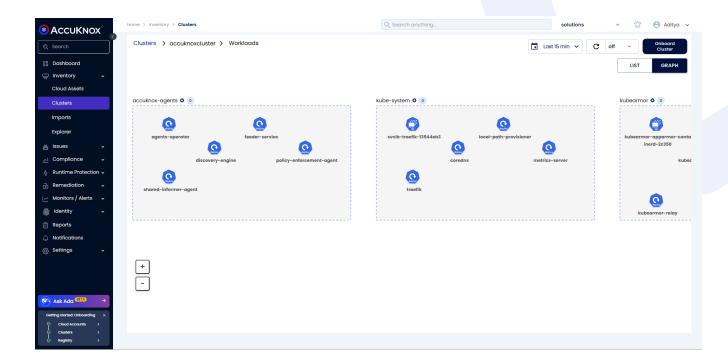
kubectl get po -n accuknox-agents

After installing all the AccuKnox agents, the cluster is onboarded successfully into the SaaS application. We can see the workload details of the onboarded cluster by Navigating to Inventory-> Clusters



### View the workloads





#### **Note**

You can repeat the same command with different **"clusterName"** to onboard multiple cluster using access keys

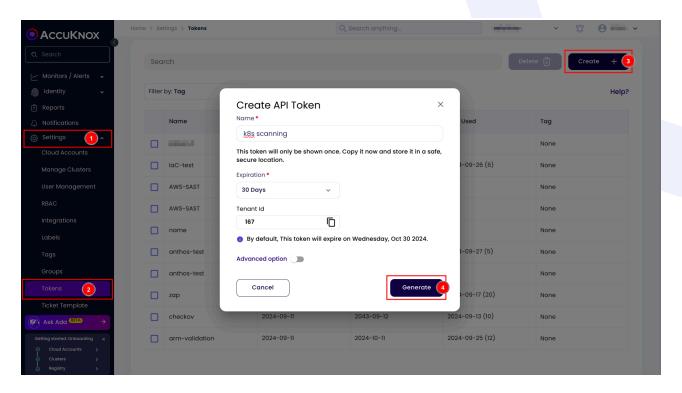
# Onboard Cluster for Misconfiguration Scanning

This guide outlines the steps for onboarding a cluster to AccuKnox SaaS for scanning cluster misconfigurations.

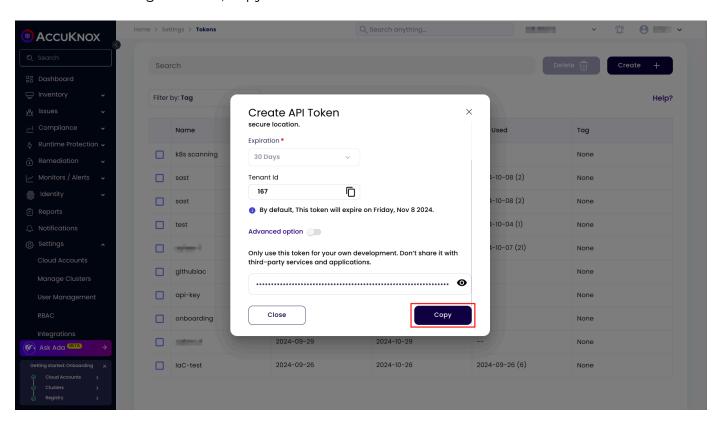
For onboarding a cluster and for scanning for misconfigurations you need to create a token first. For creating follow these steps:

Go to Settings > Tokens and click on the create button. Give your token a name and click on generate button.



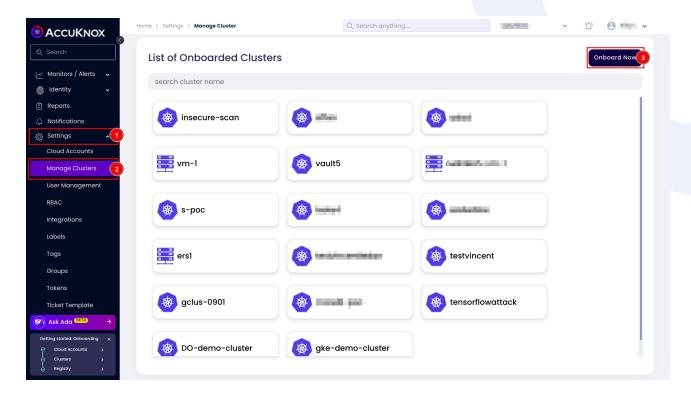


Once the token is generated, copy it and take a note of it.

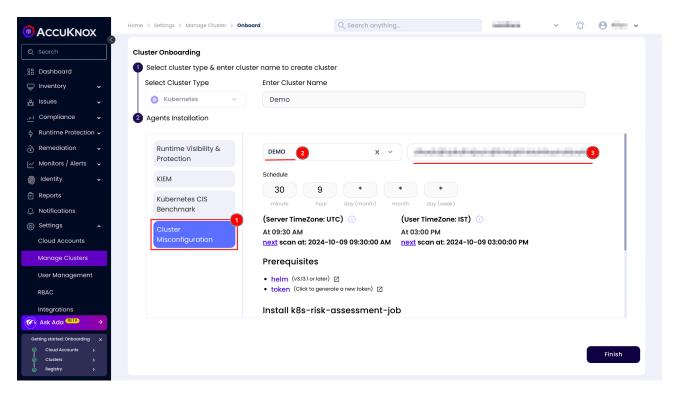


Now go to Settings > Manage Clusters, click on onboard now button or select an existing cluster.



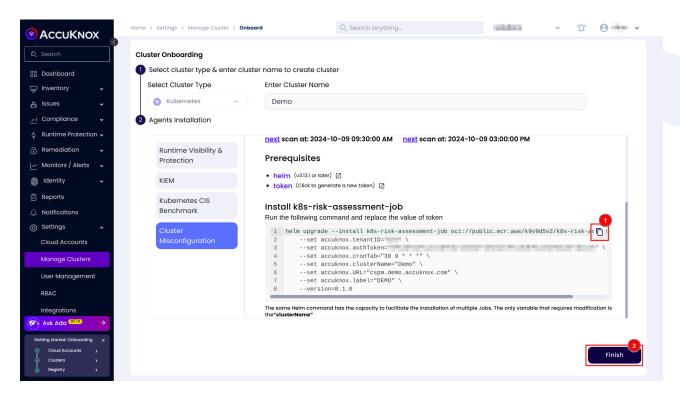


Give your cluster a name. Under the Agents Installation section select Cluster Misconfiguration. Select a label and paste your token.



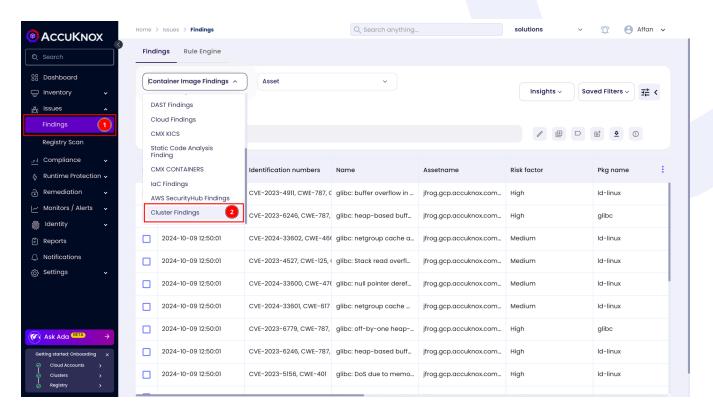


You can also change the schedule as per your requirement. Then next scan will happen based on the schedule. Scroll down and copy the helm command and run it inside a terminal. Then click on Finish button.

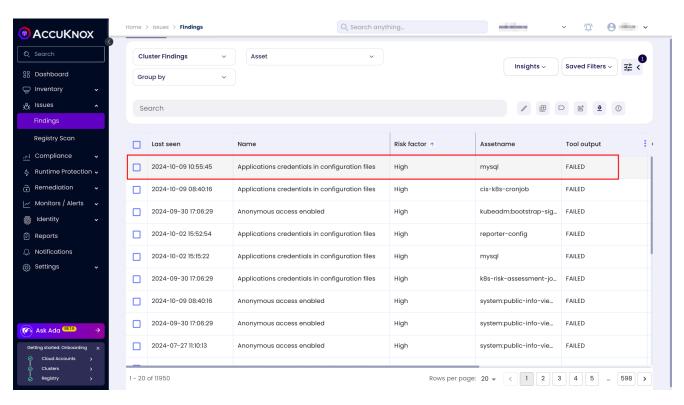


Once the scan is completed you can see the results on the findings page.

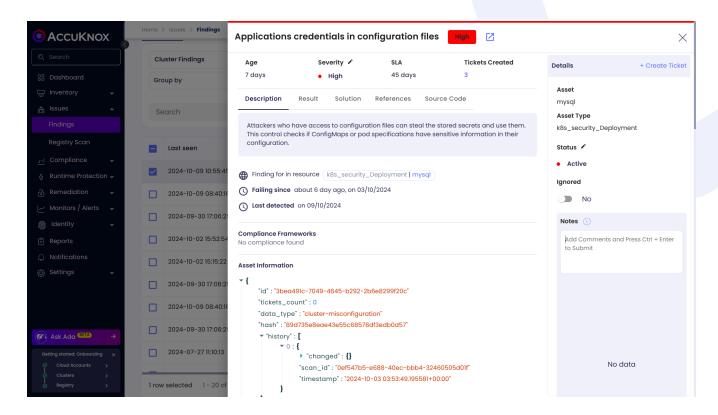
- 1. Go to the Issues > Findings page.
- 2. Select the Cluster Finding from the drop down.



Click on any of the findings to see more details.







### CIS Benchmarking Compliance Scan Onboarding

This guide details the steps to onboard a Kubernetes cluster to Accuknox SaaS for CIS Benchmarking compliance scanning, enabling you to monitor and improve cluster security in line with CIS standards.

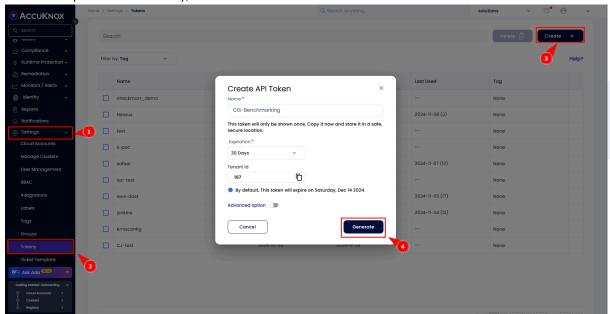
### **Step 1: Generate an Access Token**

To begin, create a token that will authenticate your cluster for scanning. Follow these steps:

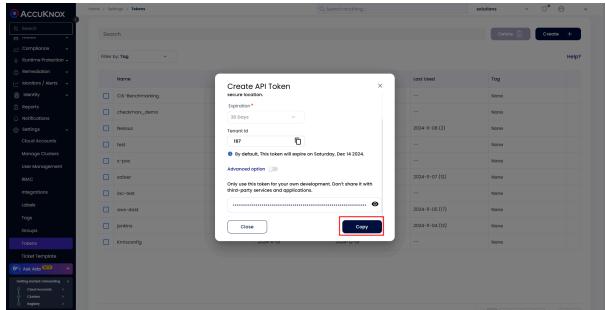
 Navigate to Settings > Tokens in the Accuknox platform and Click on the Create button, give your token a descriptive name (e.g.,



"CIS-Compliance-Token"), and click Generate.

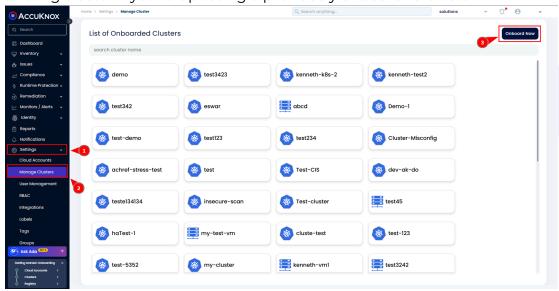


2. Once the token is generated, copy it and securely save it for later use.

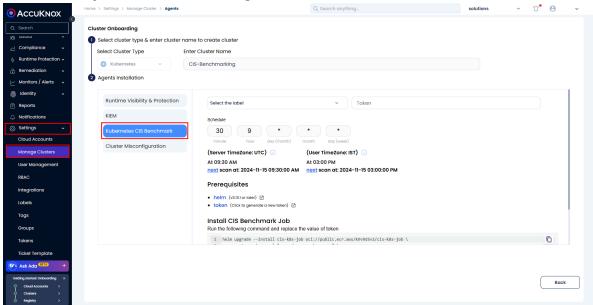


### **Step 2: Onboard Your Cluster**

1. Go to **Settings** > **Manage Clusters** and Click **Onboard Now** or select an existing cluster if you're updating a previously onboarded cluster.



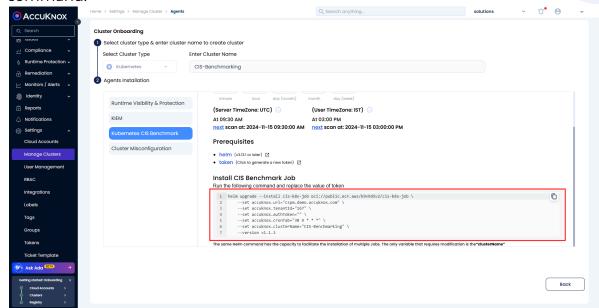
- 2. Enter a name for your cluster to identify it in Accuknox. From the scan type, choose **CIS Benchmarking.**
- 3. Select a label for easy identification and paste the token you generated in Step 1. Set a scan schedule based on your requirements. Accuknox will automatically run scans according to the selected schedule.





# Step 3: Deploy the Scanner Using Helm

1. Scroll down to the **Helm Command** section and copy the provided command.



- 2. Run this command in your terminal on a machine that has access to your Kubernetes cluster. The command will schedule the scan for CIS Benchmarking compliance.
- 3. Once the Helm installation is complete, return to the Accuknox platform and click **Finish**.

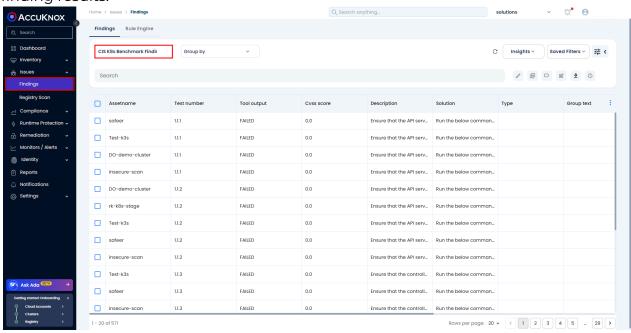
# Step 4: View Compliance Findings

After the initial scan is completed, you can view the compliance results:

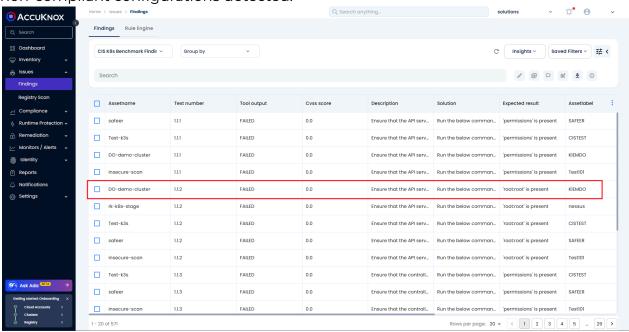
1. Go to **Issues** > **Findings** in Accuknox.



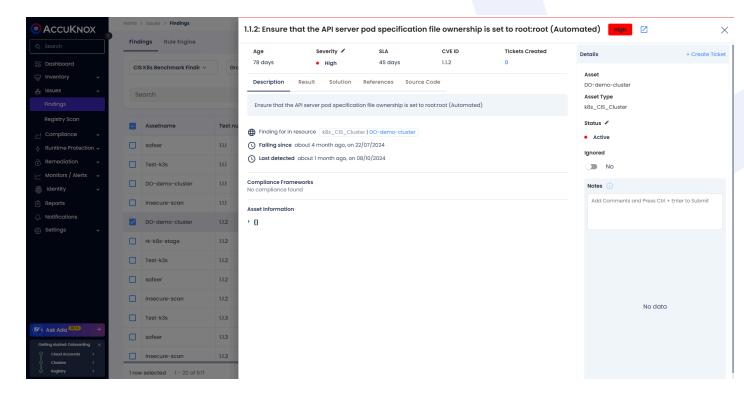
2. Use the **Findings** dropdown to filter and select CIS k8s Benchmarking finding results.



3. Each result will provide details on specific CIS controls and any non-compliant configurations detected.







This completes the onboarding process for CIS Benchmarking compliance scanning. You can review findings regularly to maintain and improve your cluster's CIS compliance.

### **Cluster Offboarding**

This guide outlines the steps for offboarding a cluster from AccuKnox SaaS. The process involves uninstalling the agents from the cluster and deleting the cluster from AccuKnox SaaS.

Below, you will find detailed instructions for agent uninstallation from your cluster CLI and deleting the cluster from AccuKnox SaaS. These steps apply to all clusters.

### **Agents Uninstallation**

Uninstall AccuKnox agents using the following commands:

helm uninstall agents -n agents && kubectl delete ns agents;



helm uninstall cis-k8s-job;

helm uninstall kiem-job;

helm uninstall k8s-risk-assessment-job

## Sample for Uninstalling Runtime Visibility & Protection agents

(Accuknox&kali)-[~]

\$\to\$ helm uninstall agents -n agents && kubectl delete ns agents

WARNING: Kubernetes configuration file is group-readable. This is insecure. Location: /etc/rancher/k3s/k3s.yaml

WARNING: Kubernetes configuration file is world-readable. This is insecure. Location: /etc/rancher/k3s/k3s.yaml

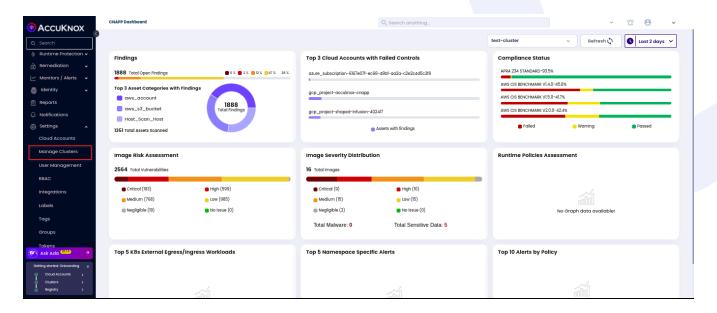
release "agents" uninstalled

namespace "agents" deleted

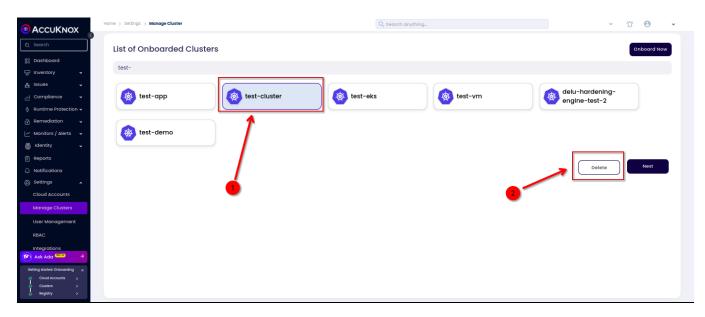
### **Cluster Deletion**

**Step 1**: Login to AccuKnox SaaS and Go to Manage Cluster under Settings





**Step 2**: Select the cluster and click Delete to delete the cluster from SaaS.



This will delete the cluster from AccuKnox SaaS.

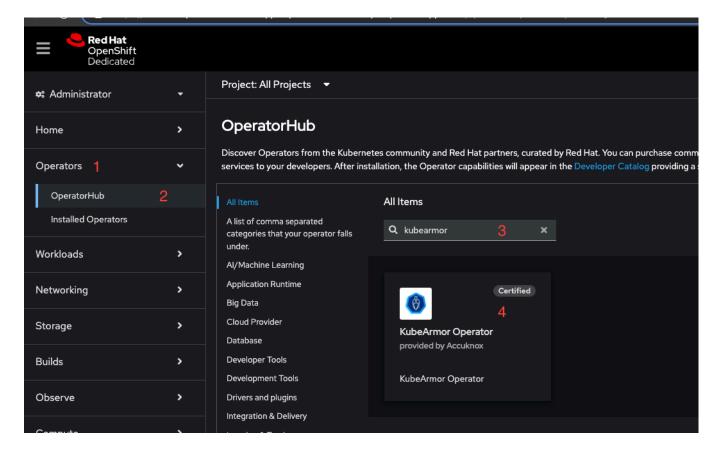
### Runtime Security Deployment for Openshift



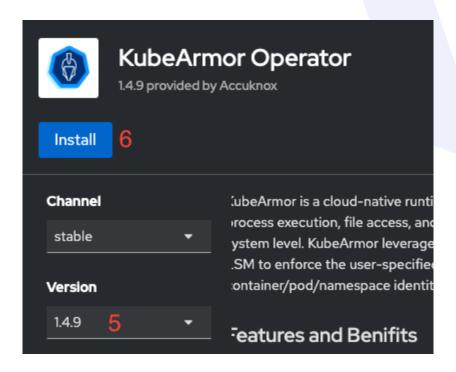
### **Operator Installation**

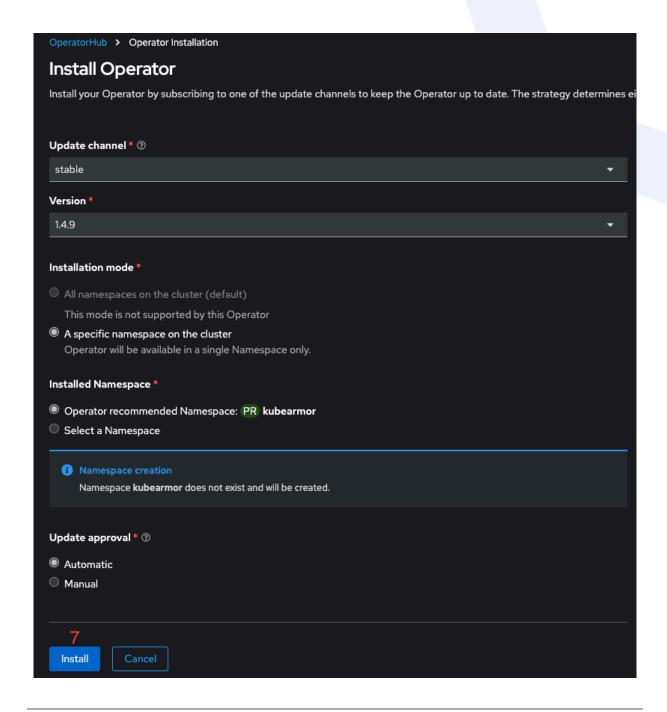
In the OpenShift console, install KubeArmor operator by following the instructions below:

- Under operators (1) select Operator Hub (2).
- Search for the word "kubearmor" (3) and select "KubeArmor Operator" (4).
- Install KubeArmor version "1.4.9" with default configurations (5, 6, 7).









### ElasticSearch Integration

To integrate KubeArmor with Elasticsearch, the following inputs are required:



- **Username/Password**: If the Elasticsearch server requires authentication.
- CA Certificate: If Elasticsearch security is enabled.
- URL of Elasticsearch: Including protocol and port.

### Steps to Install

### **Username/Password Installation**

If the server does not require authentication, you can skip this step. To use username/password authentication with Elasticsearch, a Kubernetes secret called elastic-secret needs to be created in the kubearmor namespace.

Run the following command, replacing <elastic-user> and <elastic-password> with appropriate values:

kubectl create secret generic elastic-secret -n kubearmor --from-literal username=<elastic-user> --from-literal password=<elastic-password>

#### **CA Certificate Installation**

To use HTTPS communication between the agents and Elasticsearch, a Kubernetes secret called elastic-ca needs to be created in the kubearmor namespace.

- Acquire the CA certificate used by Elasticsearch. If acquiring the certificate is not possible, set the allowInsecureTLS flag to true in the next steps.
- Save the certificate in a file and run the following command:

kubectl create secret generic elastic-ca -n kubearmor --from-file ca.crt=<cacert file name>

### **KubeArmor Instance Installation**

Once the steps in the previous chapter are completed, proceed with the agent installation from the OpenShift console.



### Steps to Install

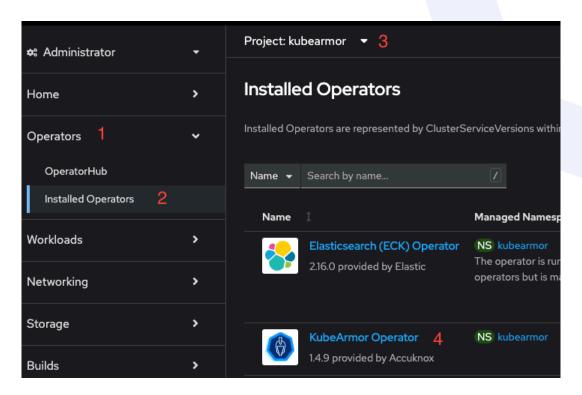
1. Install the required SCC using the following command:

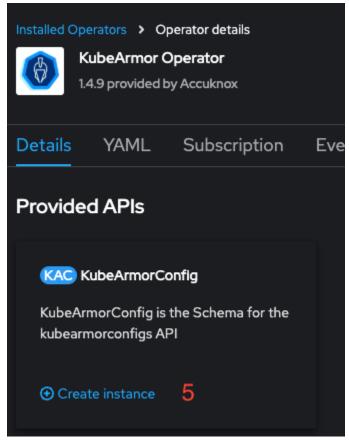
#### oc create -f

https://raw.githubusercontent.com/kubearmor/KubeArmor/main/pkg/KubeArmorOperator/config/rbac/kubearmor-scc.yaml

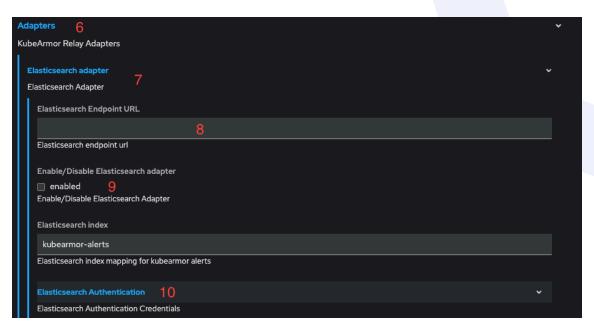
- 1. In the OpenShift console:
- 2. Under Operators (1), go to Installed Operators (2).
- 3. Select kubearmor (3) as the project.
- 4. Click on the KubeArmor Operator (4).
- 5. Create a KubeArmorConfig Instance (5).
- 6. In the form view:
- 7. Select Adapters (6) -> Elasticsearch Adapter (7).
- 8. Perform the following steps:
  - Enter the Elasticsearch URL in the field (8).
  - Enable Elasticsearch adapter by checking the checkbox (9).
  - Click on **Elasticsearch Authentication** (10) and:
  - Set the CA secret field (11) to elastic-ca.
  - To enable insecure TLS communication (if no certificate is available), check the allowInsecureTLS checkbox (11-b) and leave the field (11) empty.
- 9. Create the instance. The KubeArmorConfig Instance controls the installation of the agents in the entire cluster, and only one instance should be created per cluster.

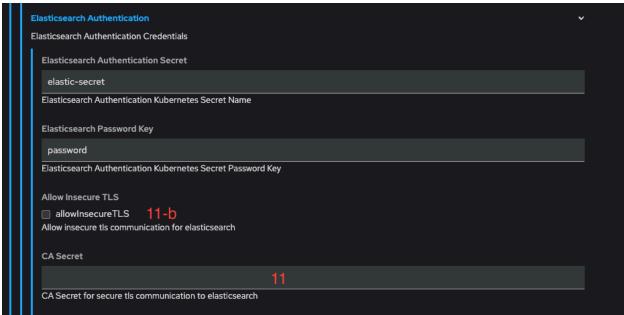












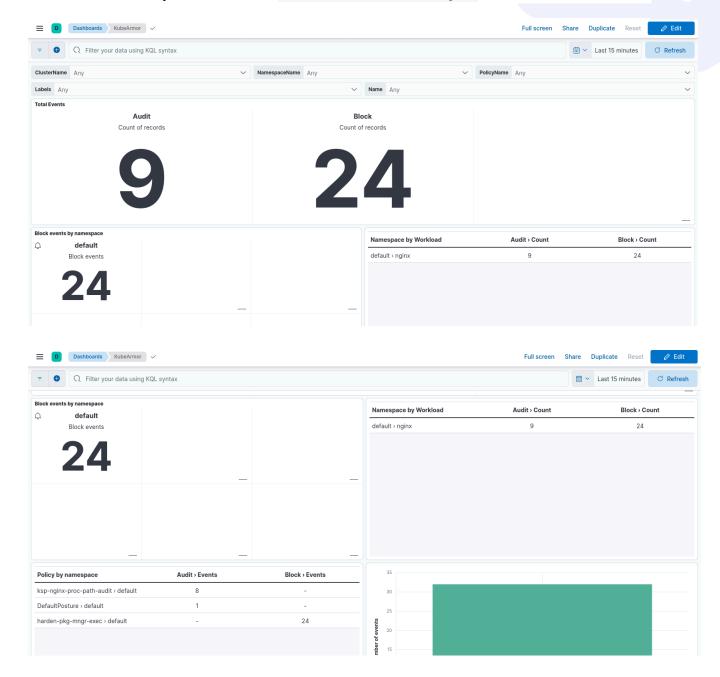
# Kibana Dashboard Setup

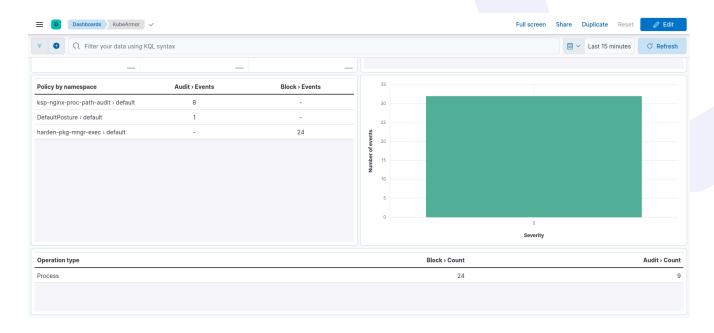
Steps to Install



Along with this document, a file called kubearmor-dashboard.ndjson has been shared. Follow these steps to import the dashboard:

- 1. Under the Management tab, select Stack Management.
- 2. Navigate to Saved Objects under Kibana.
- 3. Click Import and select kubearmor-dashboard.ndjson.





# Onboarding and Deboarding VMs with Docker

### Docker

Docker v19.0.3 and Docker Compose v1.27.0+ are required. Follow the latest Install Docker Engine for downloading. Ensure you also add your user to the docker user group: Linux post-installation steps for Docker Engine.

Linux Kernel v5.8+ with BPF LSM support is needed. See how to enable BPF LSM.

If the environment does not support Linux v5.8+ or BPF LSM and instead uses AppArmor, host enforcement will still work out of the box. However, to protect containers, new containers must be created with special options. Refer to the "Support for Non-Orchestrated Containers" documentation for more details.

Resource Requirements



Node Type	vCPU	Memory	Disk
Control Plane Node	2	4 GB	24 GB
Worker Node	2	2 GB	12 GB

### Network Requirements

Connectivity between control plane node and worker nodes is a must. They should either be:

- Part of the same private network (recommended & secure)
- Control plane has a public IP (not recommended)

Ports required on the control plane VM:

	Component	Туре	Ports	Endpoint	Purpose
_	Knox-Gateway	Outbound to SaaS	3000	knox-gw. <env>.a ccuknox.com:30 00</env>	For Knox-Gat service



PPS	Outbound to SaaS	443	pps. <env>.accuk nox.com</env>	For PPS (Polic Provisioning
Spire-Server	Outbound to SaaS	8081, 9090	spire. <env>.accu knox.com</env>	For Spire-Ser communicat
KubeArmor Relay Server	Inbound in Control Plane	32768	-	For KubeArm server on con
Shared Informer Agent	Inbound in Control Plane	32769	-	For Shared In agent on con
Policy Enforcement Agent (PEA)	Inbound in Control Plane	32770	-	For Policy En Agent on cor
Hardening Module	Inbound in Control Plane	32771	-	For Discovery Hardening M
VM Worker Nodes	Outbound from worker node to Control Plane	32768-32 771	-	For VM worke to connect to control plane

By default, the network created by onboarding commands reserves the subnet 172.20.32.0/27. If you want to change it for your environment, you can use the --network-cidr flag.



You can check the connectivity between nodes using curl. Upon a successful connection, the message returned by curl will be:

\$ curl <control-plane-addr>:32770 curl: (1) Received HTTP/0.9 when not allowed

# **Onboarding**

Navigate to the onboarding page (Settings → Manage Cluster → Onboard Now) and choose the "VM" option on the instructions page. Then, provide a name for your cluster. You will be presented with instructions to download accuknox-cli and onboard your cluster.

The following agents are installed:

- 1. Feeder-service which collects KubeArmor feeds.
- 2. **Shared-informer-agent** authenticates with your VMs and collects information regarding entities like hosts, containers, and namespaces.
- 3. **Policy-enforcement-agent** authenticates with your VMs and enforces labels and policies.

### Install knoxctl/accuknox-cli

curl -sfL https://knoxctl.accuknox.com/install.sh | sudo sh -s -- -b /usr/bin

### Onboarding Control Plane

The command may look something like this:

\$ knoxctl onboard vm Control Plane-node \

- --version "v0.2.10"
- --join-token="843ef458-cecc-4fb9-b5c7-9f1bf7c34567"
- --spire-host="spire.dev.accuknox.com" \
- --pps-host="pps.dev.accuknox.com" \
- --knox-gateway="knox-gw.dev.accuknox.com:3000"



The above command will emit the command to onboard worker nodes. You may also use the --Control Plane-node-addr flag to specify the address that other nodes will use to connect with your cluster.

By default, the network created by onboarding commands reserves the subnet 172.20.32.0/27 for the accuknox-net Docker network. If you want to change it for your environment, you can use the --network-cidr flag.

### Onboarding Worker Nodes

The second command will be for onboarding worker nodes. It may look something like this:

knoxctl onboard vm node --Control Plane-node-addr=<control-plane-addr>

#### Example:

\$ knoxctl onboard vm node --Control Plane-node-addr=192.168.56.106
Pulling kubearmor-init ... done
Pulling kubearmor ... done
Pulling kubearmor-vm-adapter ... done
Creating network "accuknox-config\_accuknox-net" with the default driver
Creating kubearmor-init ... done
Creating kubearmor ... done
Creating kubearmor-vm-adapter ... done
onboard-vm-node.go:41: VM successfully joined with control-plane!

# **Troubleshooting**

If you encounter any issues while onboarding, use the commands below to debug:

docker logs spire-agent -f docker logs shared-informer-agent -f docker logs kubearmor-init -f docker logs kubearmor -f



# Deboarding

Deboard the cluster from SaaS first.

To deboard the worker-vm/Node:

knoxctl deboard vm node

To deboard the Control-Plane VM:

knoxctl deboard vm Control Plane-node

#### Sample Output:

\$ knoxctl deboard vm Control Plane-node [+] Running 10/10

✓ Container shared-informer-agent Removed	0.6s	
✓ Container feeder-service Removed	<b>0</b> .6s	
✓ Container policy-enforcement-agent Removed	0.8	}s
✓ Container wait-for-it Removed	0.0s	
✓ Container kubearmor-vm-adapter Removed	<b>5</b> .69	5
✓ Container kubearmor-relay-server Removed	1.5s	
✓ Container spire-agent Removed	<b>0.5</b> s	
✓ Container kubearmor Removed	10.4s	
✓ Container kubearmor-init Removed	<b>0</b> .0s	
✓ Network accuknox-config_accuknox-net Removed		0.3s

Please remove any remaining resources at /home/user/.accuknox-config Control plane node deboarded successfully.

After that cleanup the ~/.accuknox-config directory

sudo rm -rf ~/.accuknox-config

# Onboarding and Deboarding VMs with Systemd

# **Systemd**



**Systemd** is a core component of modern Linux systems responsible for managing services and processes. It ensures that essential services start automatically during boot, remain running, and restart if they fail. In simple terms, systemd acts like a **controller** that organizes and oversees everything needed to keep the system stable and functional.

Currently, **root/sudo** permissions are needed for onboarding systemd. This is because KubeArmor requires privileges to protect the host and systemd services, packages are currently installed on the root directory.

Only in case of the control plane node, a working RabbitMQ server is required. This can be installed using Docker.

```
# Latest RabbitMQ 3.13
docker run -it --rm --name rabbitmq -p 5672:5672 -p 15672:15672 rabbitmq:3.13-management
```

Alternatively, you can install RabbitMQ using a package manager:

- **Linux, BSD, UNIX**: Debian, Ubuntu | RHEL, CentOS Stream, Fedora | Generic binary build | Solaris
- Windows: Chocolatey package | Windows Installer | Binary build
- MacOS: Homebrew | Generic binary build
- Erlang/OTP for RabbitMQ

BTF support is needed. Any kernel version which has this should work. Check if BTF info is present with the script below:

```
if [! -e "/sys/kernel/btf/vmlinux"]; then
  echo "BTF info not present"
else
  echo "BTF info present"
fi
```

If the script returns "BTF info not present," BTF support is not available, and you should run the script below to build the required files on your system:

```
# Download KubeArmor
git clone https://github.com/kubearmor/KubeArmor/
cd KubeArmor/KubeArmor/packaging
./post-install.sh
```

#### Note



For detailed instructions specific to SystemD Based Non-BTF Environments, please refer to this guide.

#### **Container Protection Requirements** (Optional)

If container protection is needed, a Linux Kernel with **BPF LSM** is desired. Generally, it is present in v5.8+. Here's a guide on enabling BPF LSM: KubeArmor Getting Started FAQ.

If BPF LSM is not available, AppArmor should still work out of the box for host policy application. However, follow the guide Support for non orchestrated containers for each container.

### Resource Requirements

#### **Control Plane Node (Minimum)**

Resourc e	Require ment
CPU	2 vCPU
Memory	4 GB
Disk	1GB

Worker Node (Minimum)



Resourc e	Require ment
CPU	2 vCPU
Memory	2 GB
Disk	500 MB

# **Network Requirements**

Connectivity between control plane node and worker nodes is a must. They should either be:

- Part of the same private network **(recommended & secure)**
- Control plane has a public IP (not recommended)

Ports required on the control plane VM:

	Component	Туре	Ports	Endpoint	Purpose
_	Knox-Gateway	Outbound to SaaS	3000	knox-gw. <env>.a ccuknox.com:30 00</env>	For Knox-Gat service



PPS	Outbound to SaaS	443	pps. <env>.accuk nox.com</env>	For PPS (Polic Provisioning !
Spire-Server	Outbound to SaaS	8081, 9090	spire. <env>.accu knox.com</env>	For Spire-Ser communicat
KubeArmor Relay Server	Inbound in Control Plane	32768	-	For KubeArm server on con
Shared Informer Agent	Inbound in Control Plane	32769	-	For Shared In agent on con
Policy Enforcement Agent (PEA)	Inbound in Control Plane	32770	-	For Policy En Agent on cor
Hardening Module	Inbound in Control Plane	32771	-	For Discovery Hardening M
VM Worker Nodes	Outbound from worker node to Control Plane	32768-32 771	-	For VM worke to connect to control plane

Check the CWPP documentation for more details on the network requirements.



You can check the connectivity between nodes using curl. Upon a successful connection, the message returned by curl will be:

\$ curl <control-plane-addr>:32770 curl: (1) Received HTTP/0.9 when not allowed

# **Onboarding**

Navigate to the onboarding page (Settings → Manage Cluster → Onboard Now) and choose the "VM" option on the instructions page. Then, provide a name for your cluster. You will be presented with instructions to download accuknox-cli and onboard your cluster.

The following agents will be installed:

- 1. Feeder-service which collects KubeArmor feeds.
- 2. **Shared-informer-agent** authenticates with your VMs and collects information regarding entities like hosts, containers, and namespaces.
- 3. **Policy-enforcement-agent** authenticates with your VMs and enforces labels and policies.

### Install knoxctl/accuknox-cli

curl -sfL https://knoxctl.accuknox.com/install.sh | sudo sh -s -- -b /usr/bin

### Onboarding Control Plane

The command may look something like this:

\$ knoxctl onboard vm cp-node \

- --version "v0.2.10" \
- --join-token="843ef458-cecc-4fb9-b5c7-9f1bf7c34567" \
- --spire-host="spire.dev.accuknox.com" \
- --pps-host="pps.dev.accuknox.com" \
- --knox-gateway="knox-gw.dev.accuknox.com:3000"



#### Note

By default, if Docker is not found, systemd mode of installation would be used. If you want to explicitly onboard using systemd services, add the --vm-mode=systemd flag to the above command.

The above command will emit the command to onboard worker nodes. You may also use the --cp-node-addr flag to specify the address that other nodes will use to connect with your cluster.

# **Onboarding Worker Nodes**

The second command will be for onboarding worker nodes. It may look something like this:

knoxctl onboard vm node --cp-node-addr=<control-plane-addr>

#### Example:

\$ knoxctl onboard vm node --cp-node-addr=192.168.56.106

Pulling kubearmor-init ... done

Pulling kubearmor ... done

Pulling kubearmor-vm-adapter ... done

Creating network "accuknox-config\_accuknox-net" with the default driver

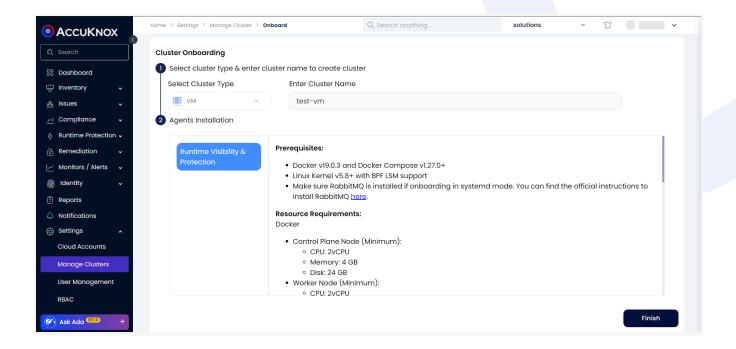
Creating kubearmor-init ... done

Creating kubearmor ... done

Creating kubearmor-vm-adapter ... done

onboard-vm-node.go:41: VM successfully joined with control-plane!





# **Troubleshooting**

If you encounter any issues while onboarding, use the commands below to debug:

sudo journalctl -xeu <service-name>.service

Replace <service-name> with one of the following:

- kubearmor: Logs show policy enforcement and monitor Kubernetes workloads; useful for debugging misconfigurations or runtime issues.
- kubearmor-relay-server: Bridges KubeArmor clients with external log systems; logs debug communication or relay errors.
- kubearmor-vm-adapter: Tracks policy enforcement in VMs; logs diagnose policy application on non-Kubernetes workloads.
- accuknox-policy-enforcement-agent: Enforces security policies; logs troubleshoot policy errors or conflicts.
- accuknox-shared-informer-agent: Shares Kubernetes resource data; logs debug metadata collection issues.
- accuknox-sumengine: Processes telemetry data; logs resolve performance or data processing errors.
- accuknox-discover-agent: Discovers potential policies; logs analyze policy suggestions.
- spire-agent: Manages workload identities; logs debug identity issuance and attestation issues.



 accuknox-hardening-agent: Automates system hardening; logs troubleshoot configuration and hardening conflicts.

# Deboarding

Deboard the cluster from SaaS first.

To deboard the worker-vm/Node:

knoxctl deboard vm node

To deboard the Control-Plane VM:

knoxctl deboard vm cp-node

#### Sample Output:

\$ knoxctl deboard vm cp-node

[+]	Running 10/10	·
./	Container chared	inform

✓ Container shared-informer-agent Removed	<b>0</b> .6s
✓ Container feeder-service Removed	0.6s
✓ Container policy-enforcement-agent Removed	<b>0</b> .8s
✓ Container wait-for-it Removed	<b>0</b> .0s
✓ Container kubearmor-vm-adapter Removed	<b>5</b> .6s
✓ Container kubearmor-relay-server Removed	1.5s
✓ Container spire-agent Removed	0.5s
✓ Container kubearmor Removed	10.4s
✓ Container kubearmor-init Removed	<b>0</b> .0s
✓ Network accuknox-config_accuknox-net Removed	<b>0</b> .3s

Please remove any remaining resources at /home/user/.accuknox-config Control plane node deboarded successfully.

After that cleanup the ~/.accuknox-config directory

sudo rm -rf ~/.accuknox-config

# SystemD Based Non-BTF Environments



# **Compiling system monitor**

Some Kernels don't have BTF information available which is required by KubeArmor's system monitor to work out of the box. Thus, the monitor has to be built either on the target machine or on a machine which matches the kernel version of the target machine.

There are two ways to do it, you can chose either one:

Compile system monitor using Docker (Recommended and reliable)

- 1. Dependencies:
  - Make sure you have docker installed
  - Make sure you have linux-headers installed for your package
- 2. Run the kubearmor-init container using the below command which will generate the file /tmp/system\_monitor.bpf.o.

```
sudo docker run --rm -d --name=kubearmor-init --privileged \
-v "/tmp:/opt/kubearmor/BPF:rw" \
-v "/lib/modules:/lib/modules:ro" \
-v "/sys/kernel/security:/sys/kernel/security:ro" \
-v "/sys/kernel/debug:/sys/kernel/debug:ro" \
-v "/media/root/etc/os-release:/media/root/etc/os-release:ro" \
-v "/usr/src:/usr/src" \
kubearmor/kubearmor-init:stable
```

Compile system monitor directly (Might not work for some versions)

Get the KubeArmor version from Release v1.4.3 - kubearmor/KubeArmor

Fetch and install KubeArmor by running

VER="1.4.3" # set according to the latest version



curl -sfLO

<a href="https://github.com/kubearmor/KubeArmor/releases/download/v\${VER}/kubearmor\_\${VER}\_linux-amd64.deb">https://github.com/kubearmor/KubeArmor/releases/download/v\${VER}/kubearmor\_\${VER}\_linux-amd64.deb</a>

sudo apt install ./kubearmor\_\${VER}\_linux-amd64.deb

The above will generate the system monitor file at /opt/kubearmor/BPF/system\_monitor.bpf.o. Copy it to some other path.

### Onboard the node

Once you've compiled the monitor, you can specify it while onboarding the control plane/node.

Install knoxctl - the accuknox CLI by running the below command

curl -sfL <https://knoxctl.accuknox.com/install.sh> | sudo sh -s -- -b /usr/local/bin

Onboard your node/control plane by running the respective command with the below additional flags

sudo knoxctl onboard vm cp-node \
... usual flags
--skip-btf-check=true \

--system-monitor-path=/tmp/system\_monitor.bpf.o

## VM Onboarding using Access Keys

### **Overview**

The access key method simplifies the onboarding of multiple VMs as control plane VMs. The process mirrors that of SystemD mode and Docker Container mode. Using



the access key, users can onboard a VM directly from the CLI without needing to access the AccuKnox SaaS interface.

Users can select either SystemD or Docker Container mode for onboarding, as the same access key works for both. Moreover, the access key provides enhanced flexibility, enabling the onboarding of multiple control plane VMs with a single key

Here we will follow the SystemD mode of onboarding

# **Pre-requisites**

- 1. Access Key
- 2. Resource requirements
- 3. Network requirements
- 4. BTF support is enabled in the VM
- 5. RabbitMQ should be installed

# **Onboarding**

In the case of the Access key onboarding method User can directly onboard the VMs from the CLL

#### **NOTE**

We don't need to follow AccuKnox UI for the access key method of the VM onboarding; we will be using a command to do the same from the CLI.

Install knoxctl/accuknox-cli

curl -sfL https://knoxctl.accuknox.com/install.sh | sudo sh -s -- -b /usr/bin

Onboarding Control Plane



The command may look something like this:

knoxctl onboard vm cp-node \

- --version v0.8.1\
- --spire-host=spire.demo.accuknox.com \
- --pps-host=pps.demo.accuknox.com \
- --knox-gateway=knox-gw.demo.accuknox.com:3000 \
- --vm-name="accuknox-vm" \
- --access-key-url="cwpp.demo.accuknox.com" \
- --access-key="access-token"

In the above command, You need to replace the --access-token value with the created access key, and substitute --vm-name with the desired vm name. After replacing the value the command will look like this:

By default, if Docker is not found, systemd mode of installation would be used. If you want to explicitly onboard using systemd services, add the --vm-mode=systemd flag to the above command.

### Output



```
Som loading agent = kubernor | Inage - docker.to/kubernor/kubernor-systemd:1.4.3_linux-and64
subernor revision 1.4.3_linux-and64 downloaded successfully

Downloading Agent - wn.datept | Inage - docker.to/acculonoy/kubernor-relay-server-systemd:0.1.4_linux-and64
or-adapter version 0.1.4_linux-and64 downloaded successfully

Downloading Agent - kubernor-relay-server | Inage - docker.to/acculonox/kubernor-relay-server-systemd:0.0.4_linux-and64
or-adapter version 0.1.4_linux-and64 downloaded successfully

Downloading Agent - solve-agent | Inage - docker.to/acculonox/successfully

Downloading Agent - acculonox-shared-informer-agent | Inage - docker.to/acculonox/acculonox-shared-informer-agent-systemd:0.7.3_linux-and64
acculono-shared-informer-agent version 0.7.3_linux-and64 downloaded successfully

Downloading Agent - acculonox-bared-informer-agent | Inage - docker.to/acculonox/acculonox-policy-enforcement-agent-systemd:0.6.4_linux-and64
acculono-shared-informer-agent version 0.6.4_linux-and64 downloaded successfully

Downloading Agent - acculonox-colicy-enforcement-agent | Inage - docker.to/acculonox/acculonox-policy-enforcement-agent-systemd:0.6.4_linux-and64
acculonox-policy-enforcement-agent version 0.6.4_linux-and64 downloaded successfully

Downloading Agent - acculonox-sumengine | Inage - docker.to/acculonox/acculonox-feeder-service-systemd:0.7.4_linux-and64
acculonox-sumengine-version 0.2.4_linux-and64 downloaded successfully

Downloading Agent - acculonox-sumengine | Inage - docker.to/acculonox/acculonox-sumengine-systemd:0.2.4_linux-and64
acculonox-sumengine-version 0.2.4_linux-and64 downloaded successfully

Downloading Agent - acculonox-sumengine-systemd:0.2.4_linux-and64 downloaded successfully

Downloading Agent - acculonox-sumengine-sys
```

The above command will emit the command to onboard worker nodes. You may also use the --cp-node-addr flag to specify the address that other nodes will use to connect with your cluster.

#### **NOTE**

The user needs to repeat the CLI onboarding command to onboard multiple control plane VMs using the access key

# **Onboarding Worker Nodes**



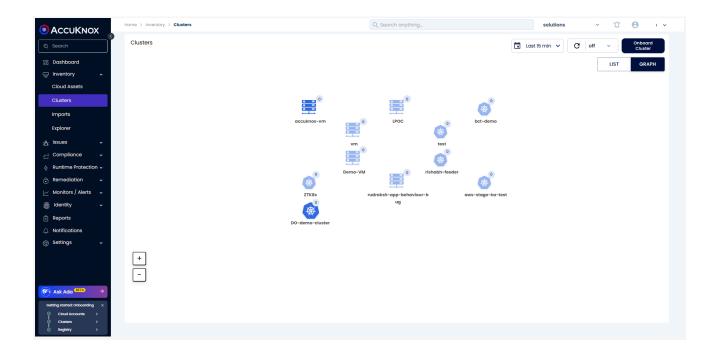
The second command will be for onboarding worker nodes. It may look something like this:

knoxctl onboard vm node --vm-mode="systemd" --version=v0.8.1 --cp-node-addr=<control-plane-addr>

#### Example:

\$ knoxctl onboard vm node --vm-mode="systemd" --version=v0.8.1
--cp-node-addr=192.168.56.106
Pulling kubearmor-init ... done
Pulling kubearmor ... done
Pulling kubearmor-vm-adapter ... done
Creating network "accuknox-config\_accuknox-net" with the default driver
Creating kubearmor-init ... done
Creating kubearmor ... done
Creating kubearmor-vm-adapter ... done

onboard-vm-node.go:41: VM successfully joined with control-plane!



# **Troubleshooting**

If you encounter any issues while onboarding, use the commands below to debug:

sudo journalctl -xeu <service-name>.service



Replace <service-name> with one of the following:

- kubearmor: Logs show policy enforcement and monitor Kubernetes workloads; useful for debugging misconfigurations or runtime issues.
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- spire-agent: Manages workload identities; logs debug identity issuance and attestation issues.
- accuknox-hardening-agent: Automates system hardening; logs troubleshoot configuration and hardening conflicts.

# **Deboarding**

Deboard the cluster from SaaS first.

To deboard the worker-vm/Node:

knoxctl deboard vm node

To deboard the Control-Plane VM:

knoxctl deboard vm cp-node

#### Sample Output:

\$ knoxctl deboard vm cp-node

[+] Running 10/10

Container shared-informer-agent Removed		0.65
✓ Container feeder-service Removed	0.6s	
✓ Container policy-enforcement-agent Removed		0.8s
✓ Container wait-for-it Removed	0.0s	
✓ Container kubearmor-vm-adapter Removed		5.6s
✓ Container kubearmor-relay-server Removed		1.5s
✓ Container spire-agent Removed	0.5s	



✓ Container kubearmor Removed 10.4s
✓ Container kubearmor-init Removed 0.0s

✓ Network accuknox-config\_accuknox-net Removed Please remove any remaining resources at /home/user/.accuknox-config Control plane node deboarded successfully. 0.3s

After that cleanup the ~/.accuknox-config directory

sudo rm -rf ~/.accuknox-config

### **In-Cluster Image Scanning with Helm**

AccuKnox offers an in-cluster container image scanning solution designed to periodically inspect container images deployed within your Kubernetes (K8s) environment. This automated scanning process detects known vulnerabilities, promoting compliance and enhancing your cluster's overall security. All scan results, including detailed vulnerability insights, are automatically sent to the AccuKnox Control Plane, where they can be viewed and managed through an intuitive user interface.



Follow these steps to deploy the in-cluster image scanner using Helm:

### 1. Create a Label

In the AccuKnox Control Plane, create a unique **Label**. This will be associated with the container image scan reports.

### 2. Generate a Token

From the AccuKnox Control Plane:

Generate an Artifact Token



Note down both the **Token** and your **Tenant ID**

### 3. Schedule and Deploy the Scanner via Helm

Use the following Helm command to install the scanner in your Kubernetes cluster:

helm install kubeshield oci://public.ecr.aws/k9v9d5v2/kubeshield-chart -n agents --create-namespace \
--set scan.tenantId="" \
--set scan.authToken="" \
--set scan.url="" \
--set scan.label="" \
--set scan.cronTab="30 9 \* \* \* \* " \

Replace the parameters (", and ``) with the appropriate values.

#### **Sample Output**

--version "v0.1.2"

Pulled: public.ecr.aws/k9v9d5v2/kubeshield-chart:v0.1.1

Digest: sha256:a4cla8948db7a24d8990b7lb53184f564960b2b39dbd6cbalcd6104cl2addd75

NAME: kubeshield

LAST DEPLOYED: Mon May 5 10:08:24 2025

NAMESPACE: agents STATUS: deployed

**REVISION: 1** 

**TEST SUITE: None** 



Variable Sample Description Value



tenantId	11	AccuKnox Tenant ID
authTok en	eyJhbGc	AccuKnox Token
url	cspm.acc uknox.co m	AccuKnox CSPM API Endpoint
label	kubeshiel d	AccuKnox Label
cronTab	30 9 * * *	Schedule in Cron

**Note:** Deploy the Scanner via Helm (One Time) If you don't want to schedule and just want to trigger scan for one time, remove this flag --set scan.cronTab



Once the scanner is deployed and completes a scan cycle, results will be visible in the **Findings** or **Registry Scan** sections within the AccuKnox Control Plane.

- Navigate to Issues -> Findings
- Switch to **Findings** tab
- Select Container Image Findings & do Group by based on Label Name
- You should be able to see the data for the Label used in above command



### Scan Status from Cluster

Check if kubeshield-controller-manager is running fine or not

kubectl get po -n kubeshield

NAME READY STATUS RESTARTS AGE

kubeshield-controller-manager-5dd5cbc6d4-8xg8k 1/1 Running 0 22s

STATUS should be **Running** 

### **Dockerhub Registry Onboarding**

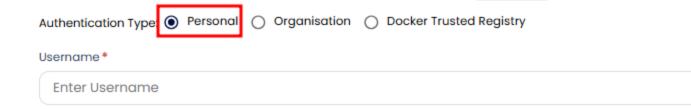
Docker Hub is a cloud-based repository for storing, sharing, and managing Docker container images. It's like a library for container images, where you can find and download pre-built images or upload your own.

# **Prerequisites**

### Personal Account

- Requires:
  - Username
  - Password
- Explanation: A personal account is used by individual users who own or manage their own Docker Hub repositories. These credentials authenticate access to the user's personal space in Docker Hub.

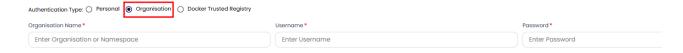




### Organization Account

- Requires:
  - Organization Name
  - Username
  - Password
- Explanation: An organization account is suitable for teams and enterprises managing shared Docker Hub repositories. It allows multiple users to collaborate under a unified organization while maintaining individual user roles and permissions.

Note: Users must have pull permissions to access images stored in the enterprise repositories.

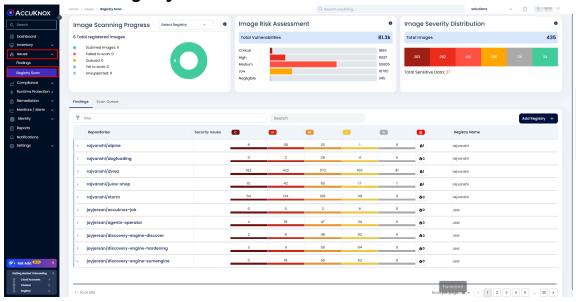


# Steps to Add a Registry

1. Navigate to the Registry Scan Section



• Go to Issues > Registry Scan.



### 2. Add a New Registry

• Click on Add Registry.



### 3. Provide Registry Details

- Registry Name: Enter a name for your registry.
- Label: Add a label to associate findings to a particular label.
- Description: Provide additional information about the registry.
- Registry Type: Select Docker Hub from the dropdown menu.





### 4. Authentication Type

- Choose an appropriate authentication type based on your Docker Hub configuration:
- Personal: Requires your Docker Hub Username and Password.





### 5. Configure Advanced Settings

#### **Image Updated Within Last**

Choose one of the following options:

- X Days: Scans only images updated within the last X days.
- All: Scans all images, regardless of the update time.

#### **Image Pulled Within Last**

Choose one of the following options:

- X Days: Scans only images pulled within the last X days.
- All: Scans all images, regardless of the pull time.





#### Name/Tag Pattern:

Specify patterns to include or exclude images for scanning. Use the - symbol to explicitly exclude patterns.

By default, images are excluded unless explicitly included through patterns.

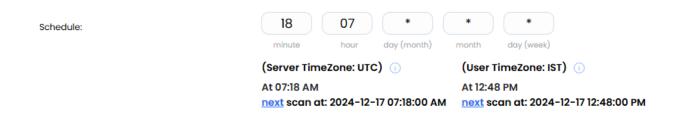
To exclude specific images, use the - symbol. For example: - To exclude cwpp/ubuntu:v1, use the pattern -\*:v1. - To include cwpp/ubuntu:latest, specify a pattern like \*:latest.

Note: Only images matching the pattern will be scanned. For instance, using \*:latest ensures only images with the latest tags are scanned.



#### **Schedule and Certificate**

Set the scan schedule using a CRON expression. For example: - CRON Expression: 18 minute 07 hour \* day (month) \* month \* day (week).



Toggle Trigger Scan on Save to directly initiate the scan for the first time without waiting for the scheduled time.

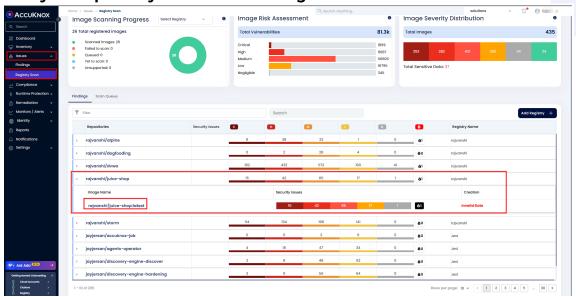
# **Viewing Registry Scan Details**



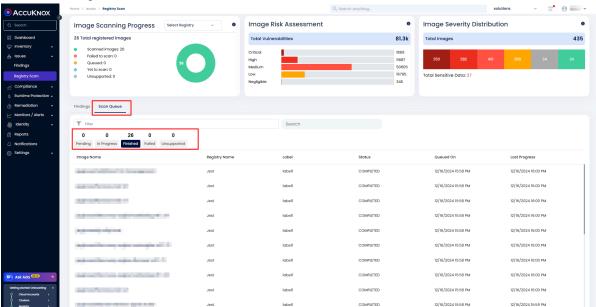
Once the configuration is complete, your registry is ready for scanning. Scans will occur based on the defined schedule and criteria. Ensure all advanced settings align with your organizational requirements for optimal results.

#### To view the scan results:

- 1. Navigate to Issues > Registry Scan.
- 2. Find your repository to view the findings.



3. Alternatively, select Scan Queue to check the scan status.





### **JFrog Container Registry Onboarding**

JFrog Container Registry is a secure, universal repository manager specifically optimized for storing and managing container images. Widely adopted by DevOps and software teams, it supports Docker and Helm images, offering seamless integration with CI/CD pipelines to enhance workflows and ensure image security and traceability.

JFrog Artifactory offers two primary deployment options:

- 1. **Cloud-Based**: Managed by JFrog, offering scalability and minimal maintenance for teams preferring a ready-to-use solution.
- 2. **Self-Hosted**: On-premise for strict security needs, giving organizations control over configurations, with support for deployment in isolated networks.

# Accuknox Support for JFrog Container Registry Scanning

AccuKnox provides robust security scanning for container images stored in the JFrog Container Registry, regardless of deployment type. Supporting both cloud-based and self-hosted JFrog instances.

- **Cloud-Based JFrog Scanning**: For the JFrog Container Registry deployed in the cloud, AccuKnox connects seamlessly to scan images and detect vulnerabilities in real time.
- **Self-Hosted JFrog Scanning**: AccuKnox also supports self-hosted JFrog Container Registry deployments, providing vulnerability scanning for images in private, on-premise environments.
  - Isolated Network Support: AccuKnox can connect to self-hosted JFrog instances in isolated or air-gapped networks. This enables secure scanning in environments with strict compliance or network restrictions, ensuring continuous monitoring without compromising security.



The following steps outline how to onboard your JFrog Container Registry into the AccuKnox platform for ongoing security scanning, giving you real-time insights into vulnerabilities and risks within your container images.

### Scanning an Isolated Registry

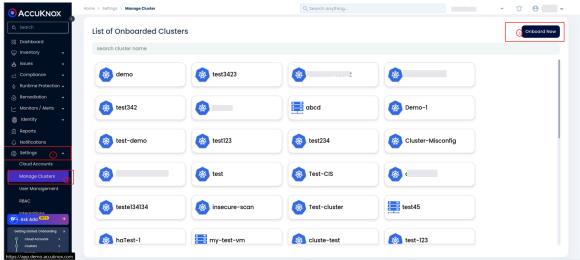
**Important**: If you're using a non-isolated JFrog Container Registry (cloud-based or non-isolated self-hosted), you can skip this section. This part applies **only** to **isolated JFrog instances**.

To get started with scanning a JFrog isolated container registry, ensure the following prerequisites are met:

- 1. Set up an **isolated JFrog container registry**.
- 2. Ensure you have access to a Kubernetes cluster where the **AccuKnox agents** can be onboarded.

Once your registry is set up, the next step is to onboard the AccuKnox agents to your Kubernetes cluster.

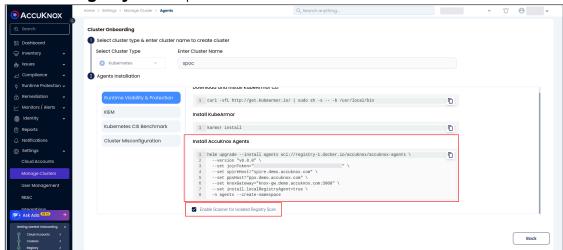
- 1. Navigate to **Settings** > **Manage Cluster** in the AccuKnox platform.
- 2. Click **Onboard Now** to begin the process.



3. Provide an appropriate name for your cluster in the form that appears. During the agent installation process, ensure that the **Scanner for** 



#### Isolated Registry Scan option is enabled.



4. Run the following Helm command to install the AccuKnox agents

helm upgrade --install agents oci://registry-1.docker.io/accuknox/accuknox-agents \

```
--version "v0.8.0" \
--set joinToken="<TOKEN>" \
--set spireHost="spire.demo.accuknox.com" \
--set ppsHost="pps.demo.accuknox.com" \
--set knoxGateway="knox-gw.demo.accuknox.com:3000" \
--set install.localRegistryAgent=true \
-n agents --create-namespace
```

1. Verify the installation of the agents by running the following command:

kubectl get pods -n agents

```
~ kubectl get pods -n agents
VAME
                                            READY
                                                     STATUS
                                                               RESTARTS
                                                                          AGE
agents-operator-7645bccd5c-t5tx2
                                            1/1
                                                     Running
                                                                           63s
                                                               0
feeder-service-5f7b45884c-sbppz
                                            1/1
                                                     Running
                                                                           43s
                                                               0
local-registry-agent-7cb7484f5b-nkd8w
                                            1/1
                                                     Running
                                                               0
                                                                           43s
oolicy-enforcement-agent-544d59cf8-mrpkf
                                            1/1
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rabbitmq-755c547b88-tfpkp
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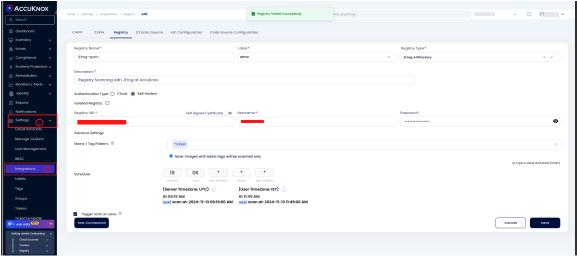
Once the agents are installed, navigate to the Cluster View in AccuKnox to ensure that your onboarded cluster is live and ready for scanning. This completes the onboarding process for scanning an isolated container registry in AccuKnox. The next step is to configure the registry scanning, as outlined in the previous sections.

## Configuring the **JFrog** Registry

For this example, we'll proceed with JFrog Self-hosted.

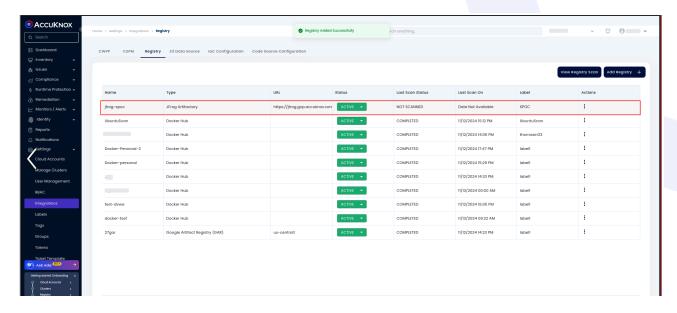
Next, configure the self-hosted registry to begin scanning. Choose between **JFrog Cloud** or **Self-hosted**.

- 1. Go to **Settings** -> **Integration** -> **Registry**.
- 2. Click on the **Add Registry** button
- 3. Fill out the required fields such as:
  - a. Name
  - b. Description
  - c. Registry Type
  - d. URL
  - e. Credentials
  - f. Cron Expression (for scheduled scans)
- 4. If your JFrog Container Registry is in an isolated mode, ensure that the **Isolated Registry** flag is enabled in the onboarding form
- 5. Test the connection. If the configuration is correct, you will receive a successful response.



6. Once the connection is verified, save the form and create the registry. After the registry is configured and connected, it will appear as **Active** in the registry list.





AccuKnox will begin scanning at the scheduled time specified during the configuration or If you've enabled the **Trigger scan on the save** option, the first scan will start immediately. Once the scan completes, navigate to the registry page to view the results.

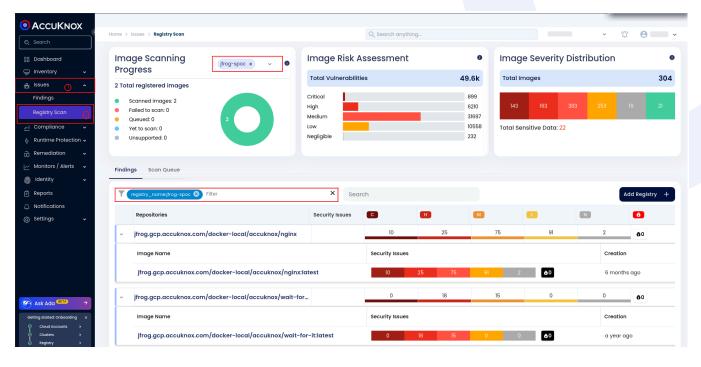
## Viewing Scan Details

After the scan is completed, you can explore detailed information about the registry:

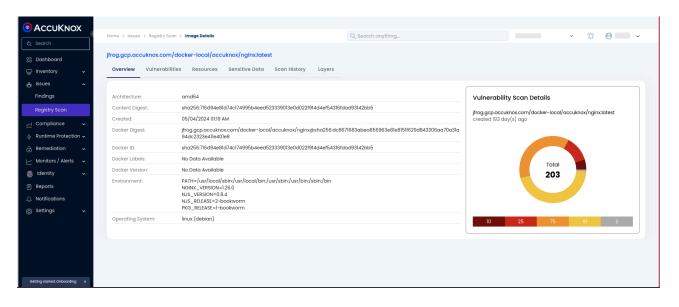
- 1. Go to Issues -> Findings -> Registry Scan.
- 2. Filter the results to view the onboarded registry.
- 3. Click on an image to see a detailed view of the metadata, vulnerabilities, and other scan details.

In the **JFrog Self-hosted Registry** that we onboarded to AccuKnox during this presentation, there is a specific package, **accuknox/nginx**. Below, you can see the associated vulnerabilities for this image, as highlighted in the following screenshots.





To get more detailed information about the vulnerabilities associated with the image, simply click on the container image in the AccuKnox dashboard. This will allow you to view the metadata, including any embedded secrets and a comprehensive list of the vulnerabilities identified in the image. You will also be able to explore the severity of these vulnerabilities, CVSS scores, and recommended remediation actions.



Integrating JFrog Container Registry with AccuKnox ensures continuous security scanning for container images, whether cloud-based or self-hosted. For isolated networks, AccuKnox provides secure, compliance-friendly scanning, helping you detect and address vulnerabilities efficiently.



# **CWPP Report Generation**

#### Understand the Regex to Select the Cluster Name and Namespace

The CWPP report generation utilizes regular expressions (regex) to specify and filter cluster names and namespaces. The syntax for regex follows a particular pattern to ensure accurate selection.

# Regex

**Regex Syntax Format**: Cluster Name Selection / Namespace Selection

Rules for Regular Expression

#### **Excluding**

• To exclude a specific cluster or namespace, prefix it with a hyphen (-).

#### NOTE

To exclude any cluster or namespace, it must be included in the selection first.

#### Select all

• Use an asterisk (\*) to select all clusters or namespaces.

#### **Delimiter**

• A forward slash (/) is used to delimit the cluster name selection from the namespace selection.

## Examples



- cluster1/ns1: Include only namespace ns1 from cluster cluster1.
- cluster1/\*: Include all namespaces from cluster cluster1.
- cluster1/ns\*: Include namespaces starting with ns from cluster cluster1.
- -cluster1/ns3: Exclude namespace ns3 from cluster cluster1.
- \*/ns1: Include namespace ns1 from all clusters.
- \*/\*: Include all namespaces from all clusters.

# **Reports Configuration**

Reports can be configured in two ways: On Demand and Scheduled.

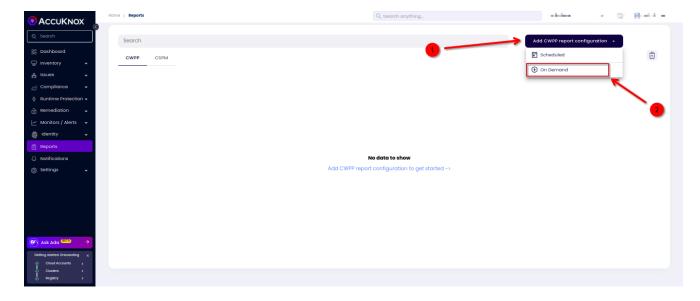
## 1. On Demand Report Configuration

In On Demand Report, you can generate the report for the clusters shortly after the configuration is completed.

To generate On Demand reports:

**Step 1:** Add CWPP Report Configuration

- Go to the Reports section in AccuKnox SaaS.
- Choose "On Demand" from the drop-down menu.

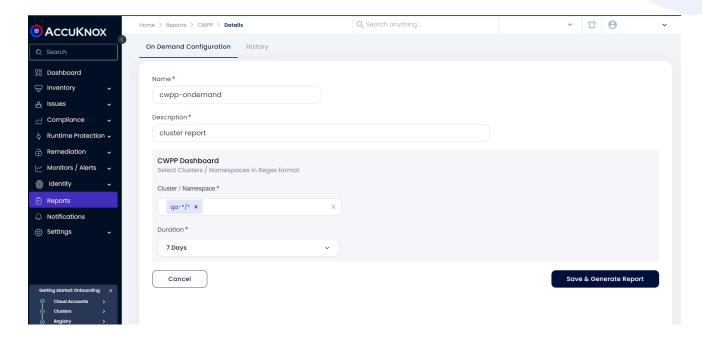




**Step 2**: In the Configuration user needs to provide the details about Name, Description and Cluster and NameSpace.

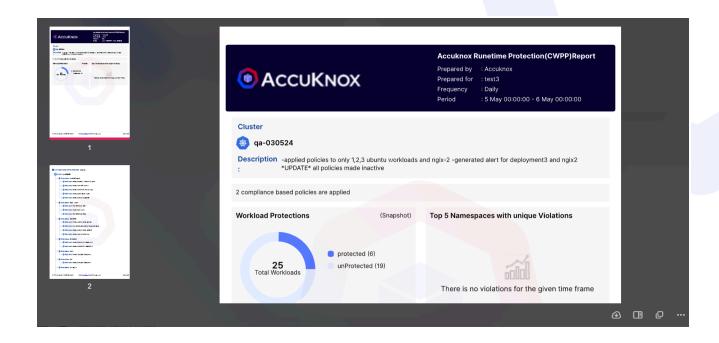
#### **NOTE**

The cluster field drop-down will show all the clusters that are active during the report generation.



By clicking Save and Generate Report it will generate the report in the PDF format as per the selected duration.

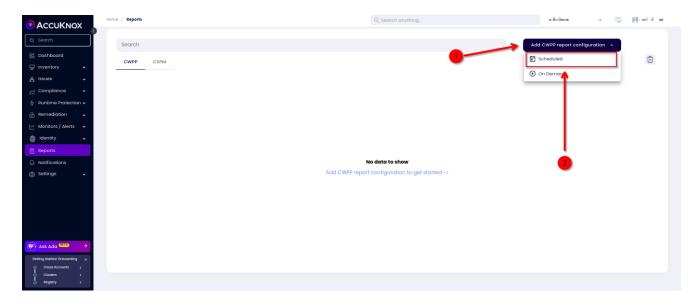




## 2. Scheduled Report Configuration

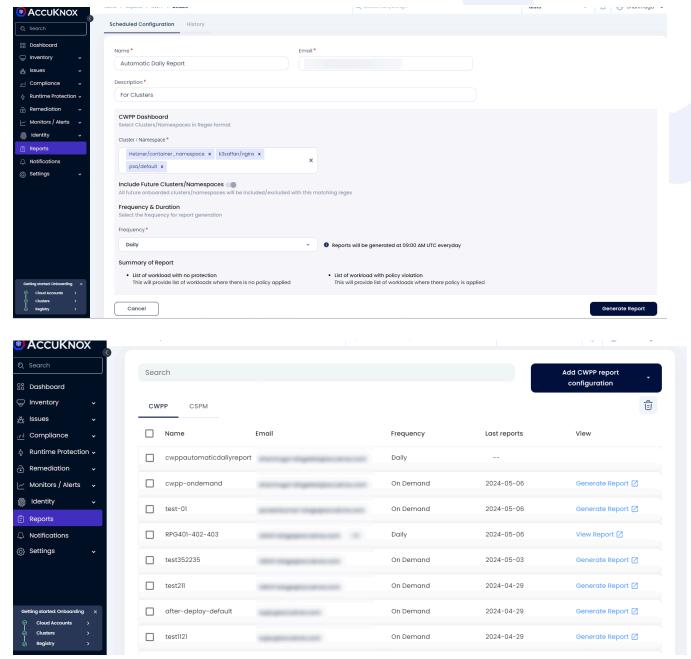
To get the report of the clusters automatically as per the frequency that choosen .i.e by weekly or by monthly or daily this is the go to way.

**Step 1**: To Add CWPP report configuration as Scheduled and choose the Scheduled option from the drop down.

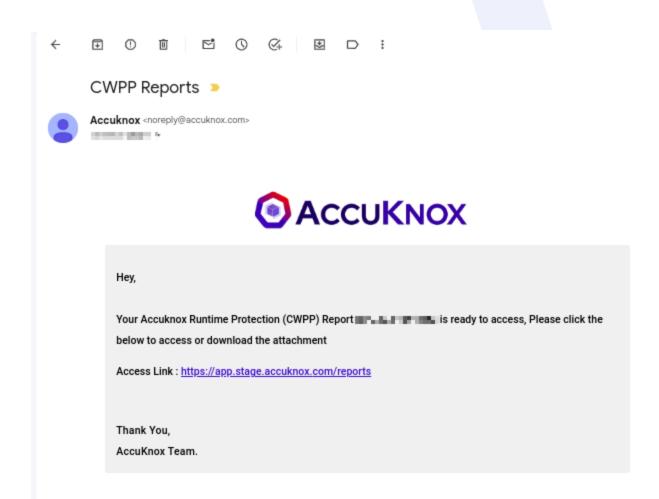


**Step 2**: In the Configuration user needs to provide the details about their Name, Email, Selecting the Cluster, Namespace in the regex format and Frequency of the report then click the Generate Report.





**Step 3**: After finishing the configuration the report would be scheduled to be sent to you in the email. Users can reconfigure the past configurations by clicking on them to edit the configuration.



#### **NOTE**

The report will be sent to the Email-ID daily at 09.00AM UTC.

# **How to Configure Custom Reports**

AccuKnox's latest feature update provides new custom reporting feature capabilities that can help users get the reports customized as per their requirements.

#### **NOTE**

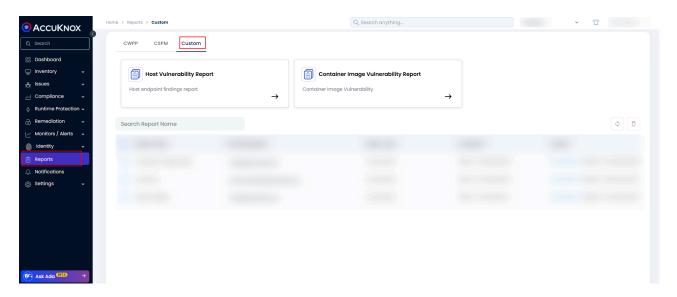


For this feature to be enabled the customers need to inform the Support team(support@accuknox.com) regarding their requirements for custom reporting. Then the AccuKnox Support team can configure the report template from the backend. After which the users can generate an on-demand report or configure a scheduled report.

To generate an on-demand or scheduled report, users must follow the steps below.

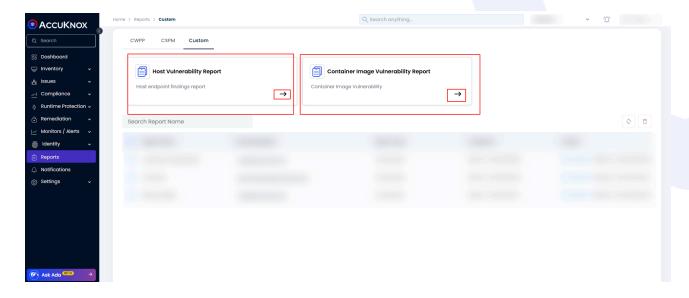
# On-demand custom Report generation

**Step 1:** Users will need to navigate to the Reports->Custom Reports Section.



**Step 2:** Now the users will need to select any one report which they want to configure from the customized reports that are shown in the UI.

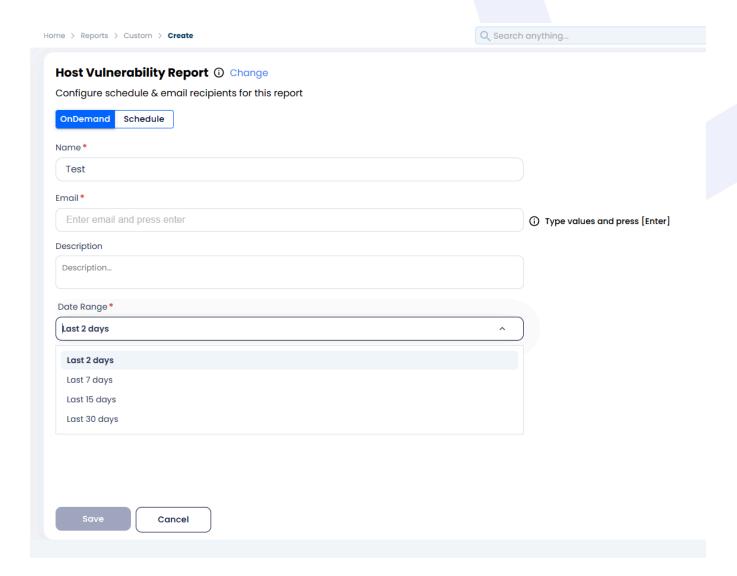




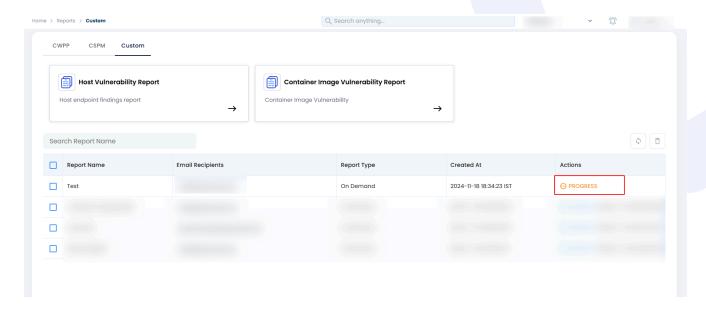
**Step 3:** Users can configure the report as a scheduled report or generate it as an on-demand one. Users can select any one option and fill out the necessary details. Like if it is an on-demand report the users will need to fill in the following fields

Like the report name, an email address where the report needs to be sent, and the duration for which the report needs to be generated from the drop-down list options shown in the UI. After filling out these options the save button will be enabled and users can save it.

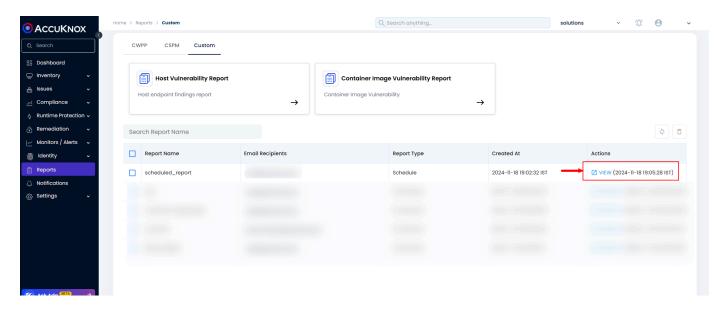




**Step 4:** Once the on-demand report is saved the users can see the report in the UI with the progress state mentioned



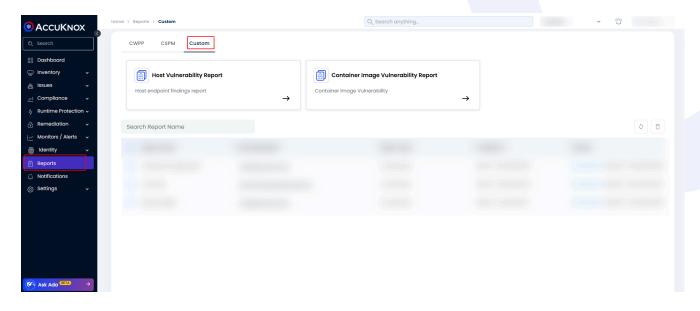
**Step 5:** After the report generation is completed you can see the Generate option in the UI as well as the report will be mailed to the email address. If the user wants to see the report in the UI they can click on the Generate report.



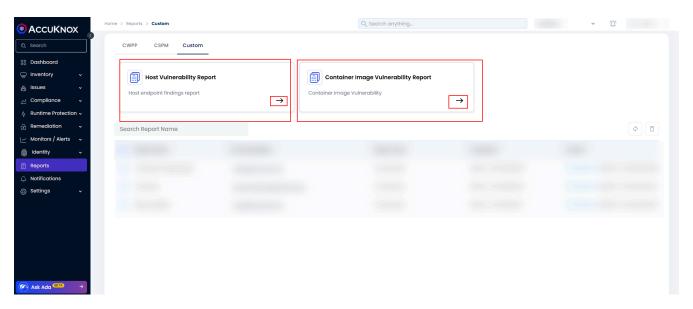
# **Scheduling Custom Report**

**Step 1:** Users will need to navigate to the Reports->Custom Reports Section.





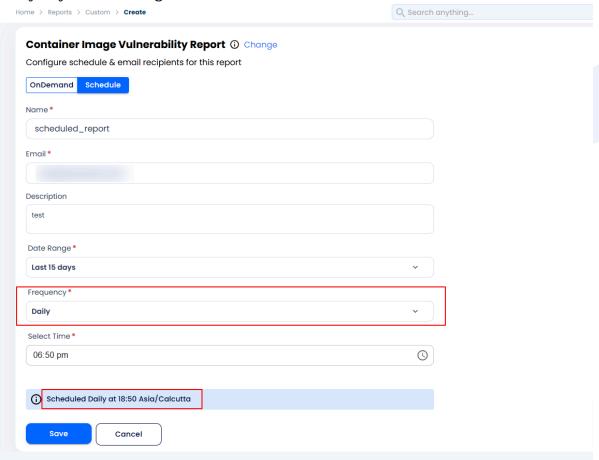
**Step 2:** Now the users will need to select any one report which they want to configure from the customized reports that are shown in the UI.



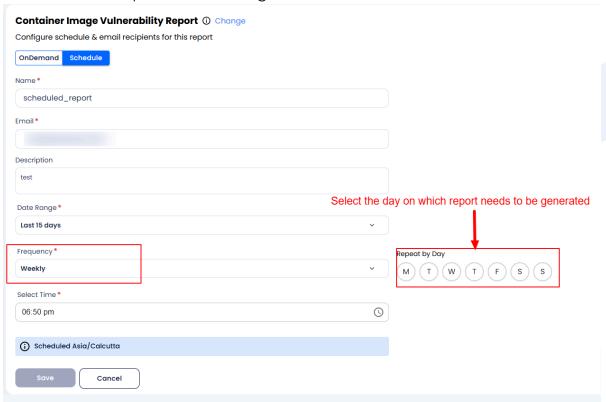
**Step 3:** Now the users will have the option to configure the report as a scheduled report or generate it as an on-demand one. Users can select any one option and fill out the necessary details. If the users want to schedule a custom report then they will have to fill out the following details like name, duration, and scheduling frequency. AccuKnox provides 3 scheduling frequency options.



1. Daily Report: users can select the frequency as daily to receive the report every day at the configured time.



2. Weekly: Users can also schedule the report weekly and select the day on a week when the report needs to be generated.

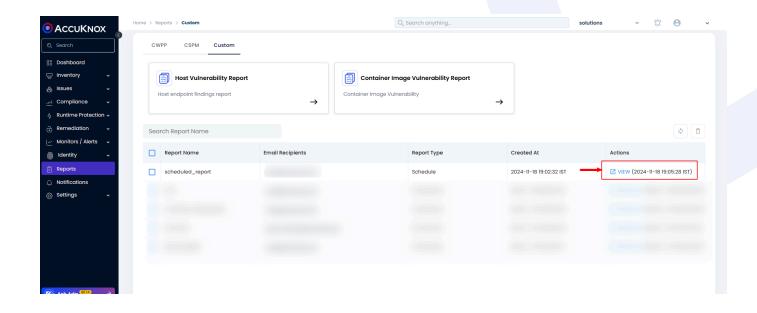


3. Monthly: Users can also configure the report duration as monthly where they will be getting the report on the 1st of every month. It will soon be

Container Image Vulnerability Report ① Change Configure schedule & email recipients for this report OnDemand Schedule Name\* scheduled\_report Email\* Description test Date Range\* Last 15 days Frequency \* Monthly Select Time \* 06:50 pm (1) (i) Scheduled Monthly on 1st at 18:50 Asia/Calcutta Save Cancel

configurable as the user-defined date as well.

**Step 4:** Once the report generation is completed you can see the View option in the UI as well as the report will be mailed to the email address. If the user wants to see the report in the UI they can click on the View.



## **RINC**

RINC (short for "Reporting IN Cluster") is a simple and lightweight reporting tool that provides insights into the status of a Kubernetes cluster, as well as other services running within it.

It includes built-in alerting capabilities, allowing users to define alerts using an expression language. RINC comes with a set of practical and sensible pre-configured alerts, which are included in the provided Helm charts. If you need to customize or extend these alerts, you can easily do so using our expression language, which is powered by the gval Go library.

RINC also supports email integration, allowing you to receive alerts via email.

# **Supported reports**

- Kubernetes deployment and statefulset status reports
- Long-running job reports
- Registry scan job status reports
- Supports reporting jobs where the module container has succeeded but the artifact-api container has failed.
- Kubernetes deployment and statefulset image tag reports



- RabbitMQ metrics reports
- CEPH metrics reports
- Pod status reports
- PV Utilization report
- Pod & Node resource utilization report
- Token expiry report
- Nodes' time-in-sync report
- Connectivity & Status checks for,
- Vault
- MongoDB
- Redis/KeyDB
- Neo4j
- Postgresql
- Prometheus
- Metabase
- AWS RDS
- Weaviate
- Onboarded registries status report
- Kueue workload status report
- Supports reporting jobs where the module container has succeeded but the artifact-api container has failed.

# Installation

We recommend installing RINC through our provided helm charts.

Note: RINC uses MongoDB as its data store and creates a new collection called "rinc" upon launch. It is recommended that you create a separate MongoDB user with R/W access to the "rinc" collection. See the section on Minimum Required Database Permissions.

#### VERSION=0.9.0

helm show values oci://public.ecr.aws/k9v9d5v2/accuknox-rinc --version "\$VERSION" > values.yaml

The file values.yaml is well-documented and includes all configurable options for RINC. Please go through it and adjust the values as needed to suit your preferences. See passing database/vault credentials to RINC.



By default, all reports are disabled and can be enabled by setting enable to true in the Helm chart values. For example, to enable the RabbitMQ report, set:

config: rabbitmq: enable: true

If you are using our Accuknox Helm charts, we provide an accuknox-values.yaml file with most of the values pre-configured.

helm pull oci://public.ecr.aws/k9v9d5v2/accuknox-rinc --version "\$VERSION" tar xvzf "accuknox-rinc-\$VERSION.tgz" less accuknox-rinc/accuknox-values.yaml

RINC supports reading secrets directly from Vault. If you are using Hashicorp's Vault, please refer to the section on vault.

After customizing the values to your preferences, run the Helm install command below to deploy RINC in your cluster:

NAMESPACE="accuknox-rinc"

helm upgrade rinc oci://public.ecr.aws/k9v9d5v2/accuknox-rinc \

- --install \
- --namespace "\$NAMESPACE" \
- --create-namespace \
- --version "\$VERSION" \
- --values values.yaml

To check if everything is healthy, run:

watch kubectl -n "\$NAMESPACE" get pod,job,cronjob,secret,configmap

If everything appears healthy and running, congratulations! RINC has been successfully installed on your cluster.



# **Passing Database Credentials**

Database credentials are used for connectivity checks. There are 3 ways to pass your database credentials to RINC,

## 1. Using Helm:

Set secretConfig.create to true in the helm values and fill the secrets below to let Helm create a Kubernetes Secret that is mounted into RINC.

```
secretConfig:
    create: true
    config:
    mongodb:
    ### ###

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### ###
```

## 2. Manually Creating a Secret:

Below is a template for the Secret manifest,

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Secret
metadata:
name: credentials
namespace: accuknox-rinc
type: Opaque
stringData:
 secret.yaml: |-
 # Please fill in the configuration below if you have set `vault.use` to
 # true above.
 vault:
  auth:
   # vault auth type
   # Possible values: "token", "kubernetes"
   # Token used to authenticate to vault. Required when auth type is set to
   # "token".
   token: ""
```



```
# Role name used to authenticate to vault. Required when auth type is set
 # to "kubernetes".
 role: ""
# Service-specify credentials.
# It is recommended to create a dedicated `rinc` user for each of the
# services.
mongodb:
username: ""
password: ""
email:
smtp:
 host: ""
 username: ""
 password: ""
 port: 587
rabbitmq:
 management:
 # basic auth username for the management api.
 username: ""
 # basic auth password for the management api.
  password: ""
ceph:
# ceph reporter uses ceph's dashboard API to scrape ceph status and
 # metrics.
 dashboardAPI:
 # username to authenticate with ceph dashboard API.
 # password to authenticate with ceph dashboard API.
  password: ""
connectivity:
 neo4j:
 # neo4j basic auth username
 username: ""
 # neo4j basic auth password
 password: ""
 postgres:
 # postgresql auth username.
 username: ""
 # postgresql auth password.
 password: ""
 rds:
 # aws access key id
 accessKeyId: ""
 # aws secret access key
 secretAccessKey: ""
tokenExpiry:
 # list of token whose expiry need to be checked.
# It is recommended to NOT specify the token value here as it will remain
 # static. If you are using Vault, you can specify the vault `path` as
 # documented in the `config` section. If you are NOT using Vault, you can
# use ExternalSecrets that will periodically sync the token value.
```



```
tokens: []
# - name: ""
# value: ""
cloudScan:
onboardedRegistries:
postgres:
# postgresql auth username.
username: ""
# postgresql auth password.
password: ""
```

kubectl apply -f credentials.yaml

This secret must then be referenced in the helm chart values.

```
# This section is for specifying an existing Kubernetes Secret that the Helm # chart should reference existingSecret:

# name of the existing Secret in the Kubernetes cluster name: "credentials"

# key within the Secret, which corresponds to the specific value to be used. key: "secret.yaml"
```

## 3. Reading credentials directly from Vault

RINC can read credentials directly from Vault. To configure RINC to connect to Vault, specify the connection details in the Helm values under secretConfig.config.vault and ensure that secretConfig.create is set to true. Helm will pass the Vault credentials to RINC via the created Kubernetes Secret, allowing RINC to use these credentials to connect to Vault and read the remaining credentials directly from it.

See the section on Vault for setting up the required Vault policies.

```
secretConfig:
    create: true
    config:
        # Please fill in the configuration below if you have set `vault.use` to
        # true above.
    vault:
        auth:
            # vault auth type
            #
            # Possible values: "token", "kubernetes"
            type: ""
            # Token used to authenticate to vault. Required when auth type is set to
```



```
# "token".
token: ""
# Role name used to authenticate to vault. Required when auth type is set
# to "kubernetes".
role: ""
```

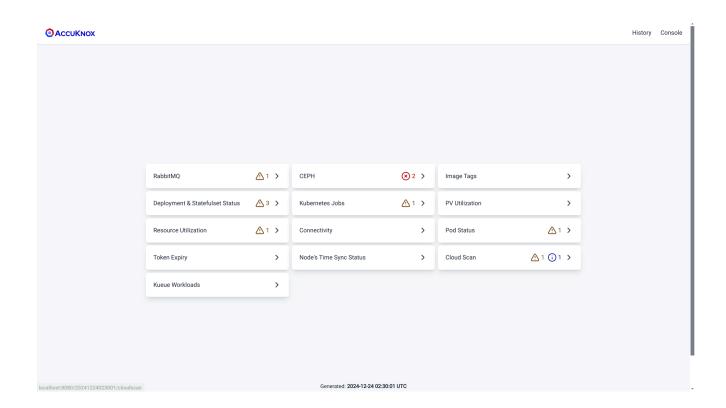
# Accessing RINC's web interface

By default, RINC is not exposed to the outside world. To access RINC's web interface, port-forward to the rinc-web service:

kubectl -n "\$NAMESPACE" port-forward svc/rinc-web 8080:80

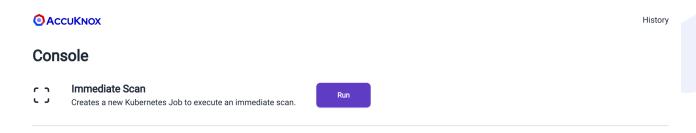
Now open <a href="http://localhost:8080">http://localhost:8080</a> in your browser.

### An overview of RINC's web interface



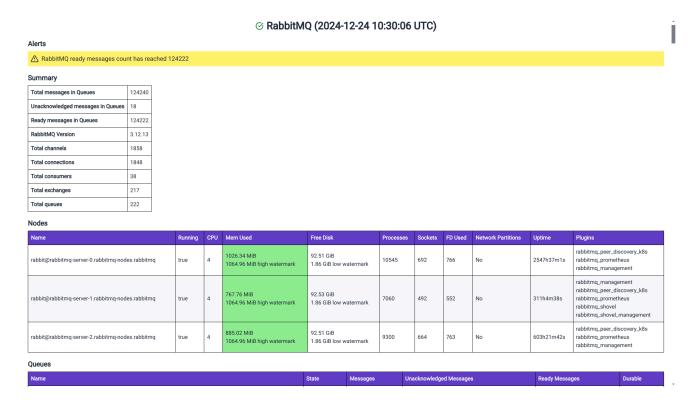


If you open RINC's web interface immediately after installation, the reporting cronjob might not have scheduled yet, so you may see an empty welcome screen instead of the dashboard. However, don't worry - you can go to the Console by clicking on the top-right section of the page and start an "on-demand scan".



This will immediately launch a Kubernetes Job to aggregate all the metrics and generate a report for you. The job will take some time depending on the size of your cluster and workloads. Once the job is completed, you will see a dashboard similar to the example above.

## An overview of the reports generated by RINC



Above is an example RabbitMQ report.



Every report begins with an **Alerts** section, displaying any fired alerts. The alerts are color-coded based on their severity:

- 1. **Red** Indicates a critical alert.
- 2. Yellow Indicates a warning.
- 3. **Info** Provides useful information.

Critical alerts typically require immediate action. Warning alerts, if not addressed in time, may impact operations. Info alerts provide useful details, such as the number of onboarded registries and nodes.

As a cluster operator, ensure there are no critical alerts.

Note: As described earlier, RINC supports email integration, allowing you to receive these alerts via email. Refer to the email section in the Helm chart to configure email integration.

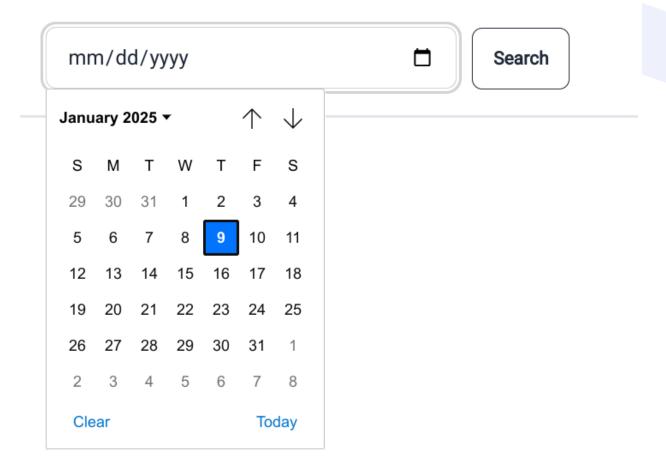
The rest of the report varies depending on the type of report and includes insights about the cluster/service.

## Fetching Old Reports

RINC retains old reports for the duration specified in config.maintenance.metricsRetention in the Helm values. To retrieve old reports, click on History at the top-right of the web interface to access the history page.



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#### History Page

On this page, select the desired date to fetch the reports and click Search.





History Search Results - All times are in UTC.

# **Advanced**

Minimum Required Database Permissions for RINC to Generate Reports



#### MongoDB:

RW access to the rinc collection

#### Postgresql:

SELECT access to the following within the cwpp schema (within the accuknox database) tables,

- 1. registry\_scan\_details
- 2. registries
- 3. image\_scan\_details
- 4. registry\_configuration
- 5. workspaces
- 6. clusters
- 7. node

The query below creates a user named rinc with SELECT access to the listed tables under the cwpp schema.

```
CREATE USER rinc WITH PASSWORD 'tryguessingthis';
GRANT CONNECT ON DATABASE accuknox TO rinc;
GRANT USAGE ON SCHEMA cwpp TO rinc;
GRANT SELECT ON
cwpp.registry_scan_details,
cwpp.registries,
cwpp.image_scan_details,
cwpp.registry_configuration,
cwpp.workspaces,
cwpp.clusters,
cwpp.nodes
TO rinc;
```

#### Neo4j:

Neo4j requires authentication to ping the database. It is recommended you created a separate database called "rinc" and a user, also called "rinc". This database is not going to be used and is only present to allow RINC to authenticate with neo4j in order to test the connectivity.

#### Vault Policy

If you are using Vault with Kubernetes auth, create a role and attach the necessary policy to allow reading your configured secrets.



#### Example, vault policy:

```
path "/accuknox/k8s/*" {
  capabilities = ["read"]
}

path "/accuknox/aws/*" {
  capabilities = ["read"]
}

path "/accuknox/artifacts/microservices/token" {
  capabilities = ["read"]
}
```

You also need to bind the role to the service accounts and namespace. RINC helm charts creates three service accounts. You can list them using,

kubectl -n "\$NAMESPACE" get serviceaccounts

You should associate the role with all three service account names.

Once the role is created, refer to it in the Vault section of the Helm chart.

# **CWPP Troubleshooting**

If the user faces any issue related to clusters, then they should provide the logs information of their clusters for troubleshooting purposes.

# Requirements

Getting Kubearmor Sysdump

Users can get the kubeArmor sysdump by using the following command:

karmor sysdump



## Getting logs from AccuKnox Agents

Along with KubeArmor Sysdump users will be required to send the logs of AccuKnox Agents running inside their cluster. To get the logs of each agent use the following commands:

```
kubectl logs -n accuknox-agents discovery-engine-xxxx-xxxx > discovery-engine-logs.txt kubectl logs -n accuknox-agents feeder-service-xxxx-xxx > feeder-service-logs.txt kubectl logs -n accuknox-agents policy-enforcement-agent-xxxx-xxx > PEA-logs.txt kubectl logs -n accuknox-agents shared-informer-agent-XXX-XXx > SIA-logs.txt
```

**Note:** In the above command replace the xxx-xxxx with your respective pod name that is running in accuknox-agents namespace.

The users will have to send this Karmor sysdump file and AccuKnox Agents logs to AccuKnox Solutions team for debugging the issue.

# Script To automate this process

- This script will save all the output Txt files in a single zip file
- karmor sysdump will run independently as it creates a separate zip file on it's own

#!/bin/bash

```
# Function to get the pod name for a given deployment
get_pod_name() {
    local namespace=$1
    local deployment=$2
    kubectl get po -n "$namespace" -o=name | grep "$deployment" | awk -F/ '{print $2}'
}

# Function to fetch logs for a given pod and save them to a file
fetch_and_save_logs() {
    local namespace=$1
    local pod=$2
    local output_file=$3
    kubectl logs -n "$namespace" "$pod" > "$output_file"
}

# Main script starts here
```



```
# Set your desired namespace here
namespace="accuknox-agents"
# Get the pod names and store them in variables
discovery_engine_pod=$(get_pod_name "$namespace" "discovery-engine")
feeder_service_pod=$(get_pod_name "$namespace" "feeder-service")
pea_pod=$(get_pod_name "$namespace" "policy-enforcement-agent")
sia_pod=$(get_pod_name "$namespace" "shared-informer-agent")
# Create a temporary directory to store the log files
temp_dir=$(mktemp -d 2>/dev/null || mktemp -d -t 'mytmpdir')
# Fetch and save the logs to separate files in the temporary directory
fetch_and_save_logs "$namespace" "$discovery_engine_pod"
"$temp_dir/discovery-engine-logs.txt"
fetch_and_save_logs "$namespace" "$feeder_service_pod" "$temp_dir/feeder-service-logs.txt"
fetch_and_save_logs "$namespace" "$pea_pod" "$temp_dir/PEA-logs.txt"
fetch_and_save_logs "$namespace" "$sia_pod" "$temp_dir/$IA-logs.txt"
# Create a ZIP archive of all the log files
zip_file="agents_logs_archive.zip"
zip -j "$zip_file" "$temp_dir"/*.txt
# Clean up the temporary directory
rm -rf "$temp_dir"
echo "Logs have been fetched and saved to the ZIP archive: $zip_file"
# Execute 'karmor sysdump'
karmor sysdump
echo "karmor sysdump executed."
```

Users can now send the zip files generated for troubleshooting.

**Note:** Need to install zip as a pre-requisite in linux before running the above script.

sudo apt install zip

## Output



# **CSPM Troubleshooting Guide**

This guide helps troubleshoot onboarding and scanning issues for the Accuknox CNAPP SaaS deployment across AWS, Azure, and GCP.

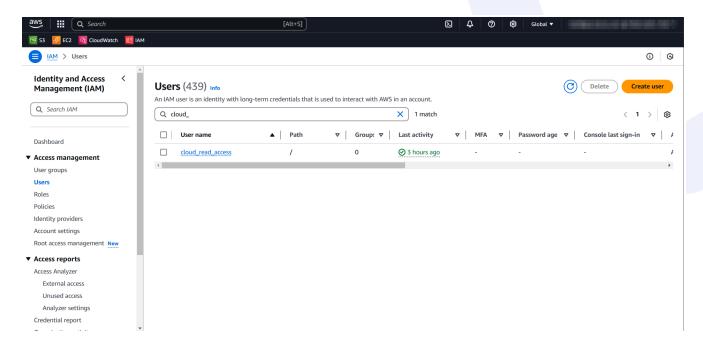
# **Step 1: Validate Prerequisites**

Ensure the required permissions are granted to the user or application for the respective cloud account.

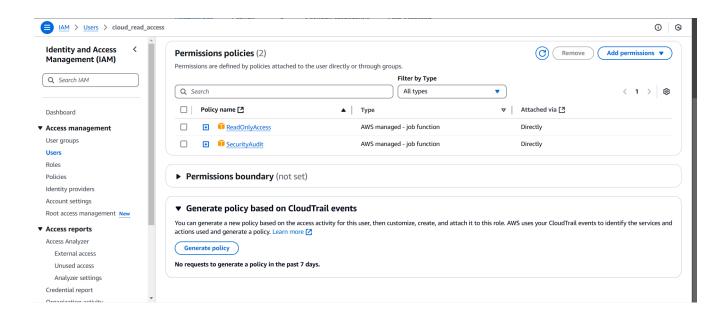
#### **AWS Permissions**

- 1. Login to AWS Console.
- 2. Navigate to IAM > Users.
- 3. Select the user created for AccuKnox onboarding.





- 1. Go to the **Permissions** tab:
  - Confirm the following policies are attached:
    - ReadOnlyAccess (AWS Managed Job Function)
    - SecurityAudit (AWS Managed Job Function)

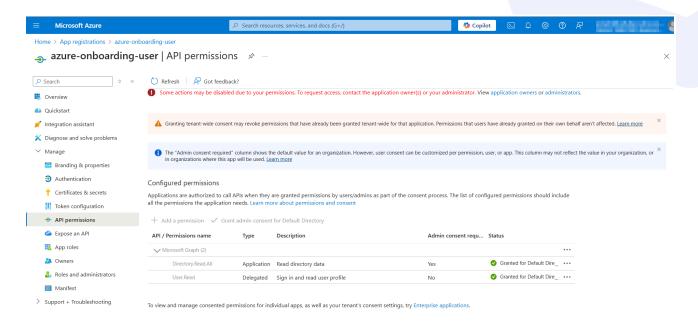


## **Azure Permissions**

- 1. Login to Azure Portal.
- 2. Navigate to App Registrations:



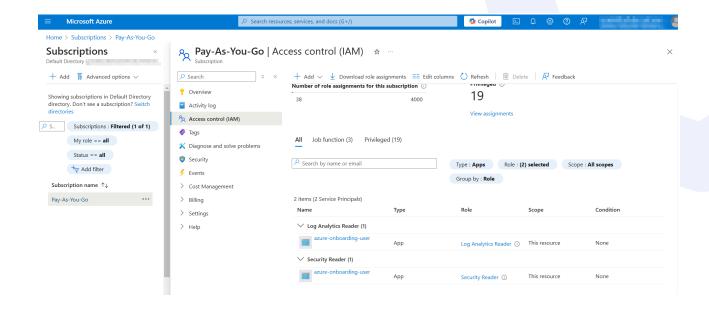
- Select the application registered for onboarding.
- Go to the **API Permissions** tab and verify:
  - Directory.Read.All is listed under Application Permissions.



#### 1. Navigate to Subscriptions:

- Select the relevant subscription.
- Go to Manage > Access control (IAM).
- Verify the registered application has the following roles assigned:
  - Security Reader (Job Function Role for subscriptions)
  - Log Analytics Reader (Job Function Role for subscriptions)

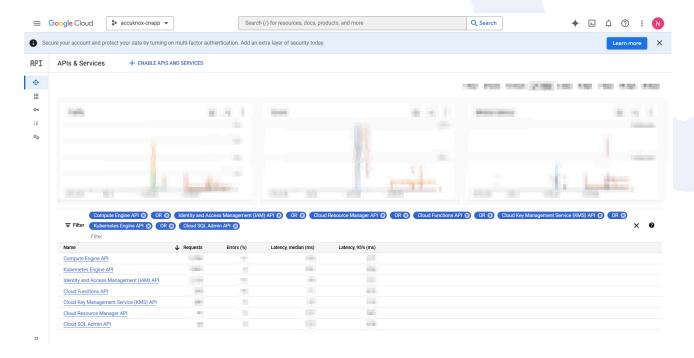




## **GCP Permissions**

- 1. Login to Google Cloud Console.
- 2. Navigate to IAM & Admin > IAM:
  - Find the service account created for onboarding.
  - Verify the following roles are assigned:
    - a. roles/viewer (Viewer Role)
    - b. roles/iam.securityReviewer (Security Reviewer Role)
    - c. roles/logging.viewer (Log Viewer Role)
- 3. Navigate to APIs & Services > Library:
  - Ensure the following APIs are enabled:
    - a. Compute Engine API
    - b. Identity and Access Management (IAM) API
    - c. Cloud Resource Manager API
    - d. Cloud Functions API
    - e. KMS API
    - f. Kubernetes API
    - g. Cloud SQL Admin API





If permissions and APIs are configured correctly, proceed to the next step.

#### Refer to the prerequisites for more info:

- AWS Onboarding Prerequisites
- Azure Onboarding Prerequisites
- GCP Onboarding Prerequisites

## Step 2: Verify Cloud Scan Status

- 1. Log in to the AccuKnox SaaS platform.
- 2. Navigate to **Settings > Cloud Account**.
- 3. Select the **specific cloud account** in question.
- 4. Review the status of the cloud scan:



