

WTF, my container just spawned a shell

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% whoami

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Sysdig: monitoring & troubleshooting



- 100% open-source
- 1M+ downloads
- Container troubleshooting
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- SaaS & *on-prem*
- Kubernetes, Swarm, **DC/OS Mesos**, etc.
- Dashboards, alerts, events, teams
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Sysdig: security & forensics



- 100% open-source
- DIY: Yahoo, Paypal, etc
- security monitoring
- sysdig.org/falco



- SaaS & *on-prem*
- Kubernetes, Swarm, **DC/OS Mesos**, etc.
- **run-time security + forensics**
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Scanning

What are my containers doing?

- Static scanning
- Dynamic scanning

Why static scanning?

Yay, this was soo easy to deploy! I ❤️ Docker Hub!
(your developers too, actually they were already using it :P)

uhm... wait, is someone maintaining this image?

```
RUN apt-get install -y wget build-essential python python-dev python-pip  
python-virtualenv  
RUN wget http://nodejs.org/dist/node-latest.tar.gz  
RUN tar xvzf node-latest.tar.gz  
RUN cd node-v* && ./configure && CXX="g++ -Wno-unused-local-typedefs" make && CXX="g++  
-Wno-unused-local-typedefs" make install
```

How does it work?

- Scan contents of images looking for software versions with known defects
- Container image layering can make this efficient (exploits immutable nature of images)

Why run-time scanning?

OK, no known vulnerabilities, still secure?

Containers are black boxes exposing a behaviour, is something misbehaving?

- Dynamic Scanning:
 - Enforcement
 - Auditing

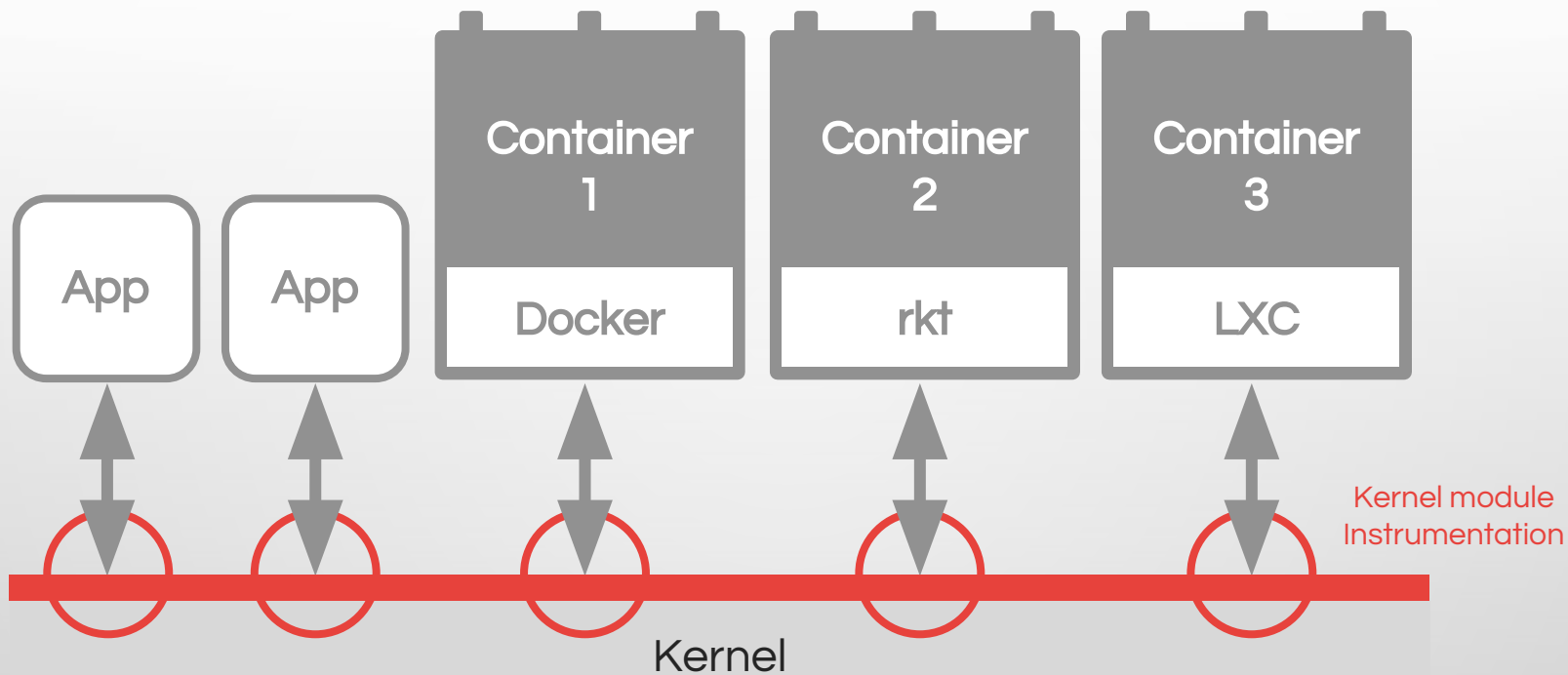
Tools

- Basic sandboxing: seccomp
- Sandboxing with policies: seccomp-bpf
- Mandatory access control systems: SELinux, AppArmor
- System auditing: Auditd
- Behavioral monitoring: Falco
- Run-time protection and forensics: Sysdig Secure

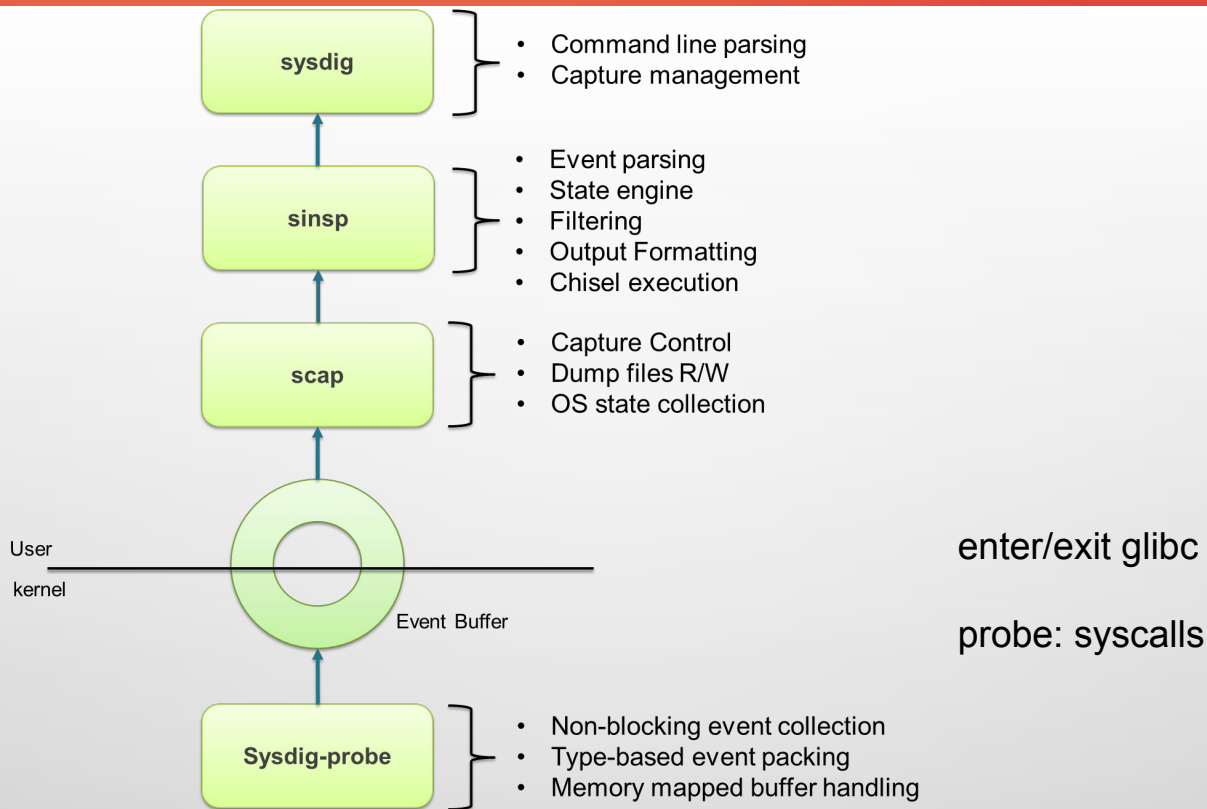
How sysdig works?

- Sysdig uses tracepoints ($\geq$ 2.6.28 - December 2008)
- Attach probes to specific functions inside the kernel
perf list 'syscalls:*
- Sysdig sees everything, unlike strace instead of attaching to a process, we filter out stuff

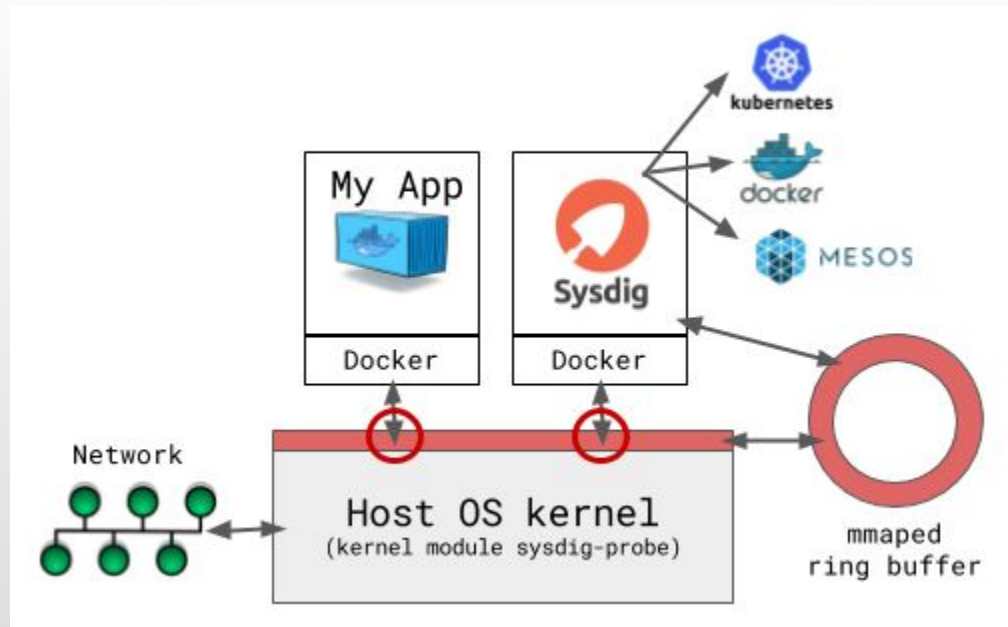
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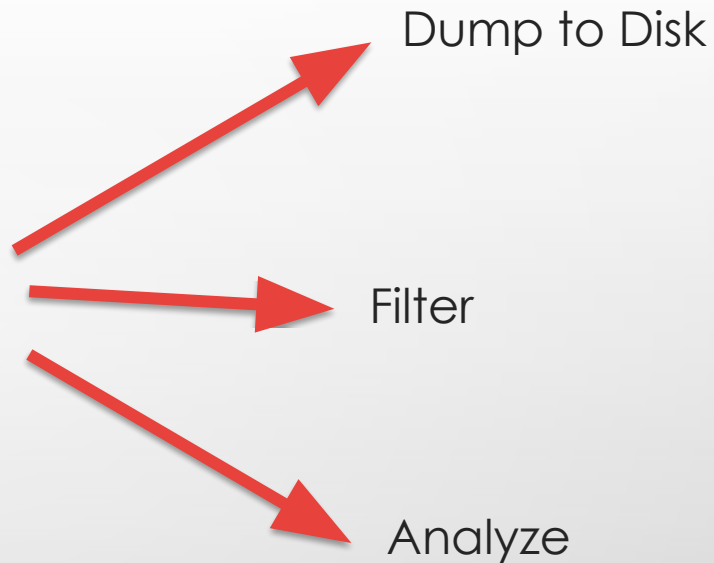


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Event stream

Open
Read
Close
Connect
Read
Write
Read
Read
Write
Close



How to use syscalls?

- `clone()` and `execve()` give you insight into process creation and command execution.
- `open()`, `close()`, and the FD read and write functions offer visibility on disk I/O.
- `socket()`, `connect()`, and `accept()` give insight into network activity.

Not just syscalls!

Syscalls are turned into events with context:

- the process name performing the system call
- the process's parents, grandparents, etc
- the remote IP address to which the process is communicating
- the directory of the file being read/written
- the current memory usage of the process

Sysdig Falco

- Detects suspicious activity defined by a set of easy rules
- Uses Sysdig's flexible and powerful filtering expressions (in userspace -single point of failure-)
- Container support (Docker, Kubernetes, Mesos, etc)
- Flexible notification methods
- Open Source

Falco rules

A shell is run in a container

```
container.id != host and proc.name = bash
```

Overwrite system binaries

```
fd.directory in (/bin, /sbin, /usr/bin, /usr/sbin)  
and write
```

Container namespace change

```
evt.type = setns and not proc.name in (docker,  
sysdig)
```

Non-device files written in /dev

```
(evt.type = creat or evt.arg.flags contains  
O_CREAT) and proc.name != blkid and fd.directory =  
/dev and fd.name != /dev/null
```

Process tries to access camera

```
evt.type = open and fd.name = /dev/video0 and not  
proc.name in (skype, webex)
```

Falco outputs

- Events that match filter expression (rule) result in alerts
output field used to format event into alert message
 - syslog
 - file
 - stdout
 - shell (e.g. mail -s "Falco Notification" alerts@example.com)

Demo time!

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Falco Demo
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on DC/OS MEsos



Thank You!

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