

SECURING CONTAINERS IN KUBERNETES DEPLOYMENTS



Does app need root privileges



YES

NO

Does it need all capabilities



YES

NO

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  name: node-cap-chown
spec:
  containers:
    - name: node
      image: node:20-slim
      command: ["sleep", "3600"]
      securityContext:
        privileged: true
```

⚠ Document why it is needed

OPTIONAL

Apply an AppArmor profile

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  name: node-nonroot
spec:
  securityContext:
    appArmorProfile:
      type: Localhost
      localhostProfile: example-deny-write
  containers:
    - name: node
      image: node:20-slim
      command: ["sleep", "3600"]
```

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  name: node-nonroot
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    appArmorProfile:
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  containers:
    - name: node
      image: node:20-slim
      command: ["sleep", "3600"]
```

Apply a seccomp profile

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  name: node-nonroot
spec:
  securityContext:
    seccompProfile:
      type: RuntimeDefault
  containers:
    - name: node
      image: node:20-slim
      command: ["sleep", "3600"]
```

END

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  name: node-nonroot
spec:
  securityContext:
    runAsUser: 1000
    runAsNonRoot: true
  containers:
    - name: node
      image: node:20-slim
      command: ["sleep", "3600"]
```

Force the container to run as a regular user

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  name: node-cap-chown
spec:
  securityContext:
    runAsUser: 0
    capabilities:
      drop: ["ALL"]
      add: ["CHOWN"]
  containers:
    - name: node
      image: node:20-slim
      command: ["sleep", "3600"]
```

Drop all capabilities and add only needed ones

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  name: node-nonroot
spec:
  securityContext:
    readOnlyRootFilesystem: true
  containers:
    - name: node
      image: node:20-slim
      command: ["sleep", "3600"]
```

Mount the filesystem as read-only

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  name: node-nonroot
spec:
  securityContext:
    allowPrivilegeEscalation: false
  containers:
    - name: node
      image: node:20-slim
      command: ["sleep", "3600"]
```

Disable privilege escalation

Does the app write to the filesystem



NO

YES

- 1 Mount writable volumes, keep root filesystem read-only
- 2 Set fsGroup for volume permissions

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  name: node-nonroot
spec:
  securityContext:
    fsGroup: 2000
    readOnlyRootFilesystem: true
  containers:
    - name: node
      image: node:20-slim
      command: ["sleep", "3600"]
  volumeMounts:
    - name: logs
      mountPath: /var/log
  volumes:
    - name: logs
      emptyDir: {}
```