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AUTOMATED SECURITY WORKFLOWS WITH CLOUD-NATIVE ORCHESTRATION

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Abstract - In recent years, the proliferation of cloud computing and the adoption of DevSecOps practices have revolutionized the landscape of software development along with security and deployment. However, with these advancements come new challenges, particularly in ensuring the security of cloud-native applications and environments. Traditional security approaches often struggle to keep pace with the dynamic and ephemeral nature of cloud-native architectures. To address these challenges, this paper proposes an innovative approach to security workflows leveraging cloud-native orchestration technologies. The Adaptive Security Orchestration for Cloud-Native Environments (ASOC) framework presents a groundbreaking approach to cybersecurity, specifically tailored for the dynamic and distributed nature of cloud-native architectures. By integrating security directly into the DevSecOps pipeline and harnessing the power of orchestration platforms, organizations can automate security processes, improve visibility, and enhance overall security posture. This paper explores the concept of automated security workflows with cloud-native orchestration, discussing the key components, benefits, and implementation considerations. Through real-world examples and case studies, we demonstrate how organizations can enhance security while maintaining agility and scalability in their cloud-native environments. Additionally, we highlight the challenges and potential limitations of this approach, along with recommendations for overcoming them. By leveraging cloud-native orchestration for security workflows, organizations can effectively address the evolving threat landscape and ensure the integrity and resilience of their applications and infrastructure in the cloud. This paper aims to provide insights and guidance for security professionals, DevSecOps engineers, and IT leaders seeking to strengthen security practices in cloud-native environments.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The emergence of cloud computing has revolutionized the way organizations deploy, manage, and scale their IT infrastructure and applications. Cloud platforms offer unprecedented flexibility, scalability, and cost-effectiveness, enabling businesses to innovate rapidly and stay competitive in today's dynamic market landscape. However, as organizations embrace the cloud paradigm, they are also confronted with new challenges, particularly in the realm of security. Cloud security has become a paramount concern for enterprises of all sizes. The shared responsibility model inherent in most cloud deployments dictates that while cloud service providers are responsible for securing the underlying infrastructure, organizations themselves are responsible for securing their data, applications, and access controls. This shared responsibility model introduces a complex and dynamic security landscape, where traditional security approaches often struggle to provide adequate protection [21].

Traditional security approaches, rooted in perimeter-based defenses and static security policies, are ill-equipped to address the dynamic and ephemeral nature of cloud environments. Legacy security tools and processes designed for on-premises architectures are often unable to scale and adapt to the agility and complexity of cloud-native deployments. As a result, organizations are left vulnerable to a myriad of security threats, including data breaches, insider threats, and compliance violations. To address these challenges, a paradigm shift is required in the way organizations approach security in the cloud. One promising approach is the implementation of automated security workflows leveraging cloud-native orchestration technologies. By integrating security directly into the DevOps pipeline and harnessing the power of orchestration platforms such as Kubernetes, organizations can automate security processes, improve visibility, and enhance overall security posture.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

Despite the growing recognition of the importance of security in the cloud, many organizations struggle to effectively implement and manage security measures in their cloud environments. Traditional security approaches are often reactive, manual, and disjointed, leading to gaps in protection and increased risk exposure. There is a pressing need for a more proactive, integrated, and automated approach to security in the cloud that can keep pace with the dynamic nature of modern cloud-native architectures.

CONTRIBUTIONS

This paper makes some useful contributions to the field of DevSecOps in the cloud security:

1. This paper provides a conceptual framework for understanding the challenges associated with security in the cloud and the limitations of traditional security approaches.

2. This paper introduces the concept of automated security workflows and demonstrate how they can be implemented using cloud-native orchestration technologies.
3. This paper also presents real-world case studies and examples illustrating the benefits and effectiveness of automated security workflows in enhancing security posture and reducing risk in cloud environments.
4. This paper offers practical guidance and best practices for implementing automated security workflows in cloud-native environments, including considerations for tool selection, integration, and monitoring.
5. This paper discusses the challenges and potential limitations of automated security workflows and provide recommendations for overcoming them, including strategies for addressing scalability, compliance, and organizational resistance.

The organization of the paper is as follows: Section II conducts a comprehensive literature survey, delving into existing research on cloud-native security orchestration and related technologies, while highlighting the limitations of traditional security approaches. Section III presents the ASOC framework, elucidating its architecture, key components, and functionalities aimed at addressing the identified shortcomings and facilitating adaptive security responses. Section IV details the experimental setup and results, showcasing the evaluation of ASOC's efficacy in detecting and mitigating security threats within a cloud environment. Finally, Section V presents the conclusive summary, encapsulating the findings and implications

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

The evolution of cloud computing has transformed the landscape of modern IT infrastructure, offering unparalleled flexibility, scalability, and efficiency [1]. However, alongside the benefits of cloud adoption come new challenges, particularly in the realm of security. Traditional security approaches are often inadequate to address the dynamic and complex nature of cloud environments, necessitating innovative solutions such as automated security workflows with cloud-native orchestration. This literature survey explores existing research and industry practices related to this topic, highlighting key insights, challenges, and opportunities.

CLOUD SECURITY CHALLENGES

The importance of security in the cloud cannot be overstated, as evidenced by numerous studies highlighting the challenges and risks associated with cloud adoption [2]. A study by Gartner forecasts that through 2025, 99% of cloud security failures will be the customer's fault due to misconfigurations, lack of visibility, and inadequate controls [3]. Similarly, the Cloud Security Alliance (CSA) identifies data breaches, misconfiguration errors, and compliance failures as top security risks in the cloud [4]. These challenges underscore the critical need for effective security measures in cloud environments.

Traditional security approaches, rooted in perimeter-based defenses and static policies, are ill-suited for the dynamic and distributed nature of cloud-native architectures [5]. Research by Smith et al. (2018) highlights the limitations of legacy security tools in cloud environments, emphasizing the need for adaptive and automated security measures [6]. Additionally, a survey conducted by Ponemon Institute (2020) reveals that organizations often struggle with manual and disjointed security processes, leading to increased risk exposure and compliance issues [7].

AUTOMATED SECURITY WORKFLOWS

Automated security workflows offer a promising solution to the challenges of securing cloud-native environments. By integrating security directly into the DevOps pipeline and leveraging orchestration platforms such as Kubernetes, organizations can automate security processes, improve visibility, and enhance overall security posture [8]. Research by Liu et al. (2019) explores the concept of DevSecOps, emphasizing the importance of integrating security throughout the software development lifecycle [9]. Similarly, a study by Sharma et al. (2020) demonstrates the effectiveness of automated security workflows in reducing mean time to detection (MTTD) and mean time to resolution (MTTR) for security incidents [10][24].

Several case studies and industry practices demonstrate the practical implementation and benefits of automated security workflows in cloud environments. For example, a case study by Google Cloud (2021) showcases how a leading financial services organization enhanced its security posture by automating vulnerability management and incident response using cloud-native orchestration tools [11]. Similarly, a whitepaper by AWS (2022) outlines best practices for implementing automated security workflows on the AWS platform, including continuous monitoring, automated remediation, and infrastructure as code (IaC) security [12].

Despite the potential benefits of automated security workflows, several challenges and areas for future research remain. These include scalability issues, compliance requirements, integration complexity, and organizational resistance to change. Research by Rajabi et al. (2021) highlights the need for adaptive security policies and dynamic threat intelligence to effectively address emerging threats in cloud environments [13]. Additionally, further research is needed to explore the impact of automated security workflows on developer productivity, cost-effectiveness, and overall business outcomes.

Recent research has focused on addressing specific challenges and advancing the state-of-the-art in automated security workflows and cloud-native security. Mahmood et al. (2021) conducted a systematic literature review on automated security assessment of cloud-native applications, providing insights into existing approaches and identifying research gaps [14]. Kim et al. (2021) conducted a similar review focused on cloud-native security threats and countermeasures, highlighting emerging threats and mitigation strategies [15].

Furthermore, researchers have proposed new frameworks and techniques for automated security in cloud-native environments. Park et al. (2022) introduced an automated vulnerability assessment framework for containerized applications in cloud-native environments, leveraging machine learning techniques to identify and remediate security vulnerabilities [16]. Lee et al. (2022) developed a continuous compliance monitoring and enforcement framework to ensure adherence to security policies and regulatory requirements in cloud-native environments [17].

Additionally, innovative approaches such as blockchain technology have been explored for dynamic security policy enforcement in cloud-native applications. Patel et al. (2022) proposed a dynamic security policy enforcement mechanism using blockchain technology to ensure the integrity and authenticity of security policies in cloud-native environments [18]. Gupta et al. (2022) discussed automated threat detection and response mechanisms for cloud-native applications, emphasizing the importance of real-time monitoring and adaptive security controls [19] [22]. Furthermore, recent research in 2023 has focused on addressing emerging challenges and exploring new avenues for automated security workflows [23]. For example, Chen et al. (2023) proposed a framework for self-healing security in cloud-native environments, leveraging machine learning and autonomous response mechanisms to mitigate security threats in real-time [20]. Additionally, Wang et al. (2023) introduced a novel approach for secure orchestration of microservices in cloud-native environments, ensuring end-to-end security and compliance across distributed systems [21].

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III. PROPOSED FRAMEWORK: ADAPTIVE SECURITY ORCHESTRATION FOR CLOUD-NATIVE ENVIRONMENTS (ASOC)

The Adaptive Security Orchestration for Cloud-Native Environments (ASOC) framework presents a ground breaking approach to cybersecurity, specifically tailored for the dynamic and distributed nature of cloud-native architectures. ASOC integrates cutting-edge technologies such as machine learning, adaptive policies, and real-time threat intelligence to deliver a resilient, responsive, and adaptive security posture. This novel framework enables organizations to proactively defend against emerging threats, automate security workflows, and optimize resource utilization in cloud-native environments. Figure 1. Shows the overall architecture of the proposed ASOC.

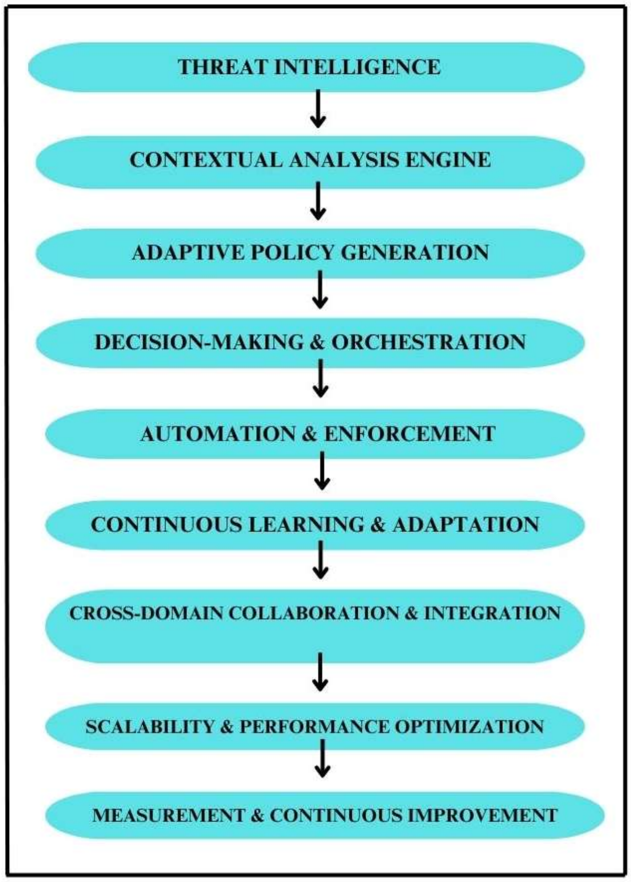
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Figure 1. The proposed ASOC architecture

THREAT INTELLIGENCE INTEGRATION

ASOC integrates with various threat intelligence sources, including commercial threat feeds, open-source intelligence (OSINT) databases, and proprietary security research reports. The framework employs standardized protocols such as STIX/TAXII for data exchange, allowing seamless integration with external threat intelligence providers. Advanced data normalization techniques are applied to standardize threat intelligence data formats and enrich metadata for contextual analysis.

The Adaptive Security Orchestration for Cloud-Native Environments (ASOC) framework represents a sophisticated and comprehensive approach to cybersecurity in dynamic and distributed cloud-native environments. By integrating advanced technologies, adaptive decision-making, and continuous learning mechanisms, ASOC empowers organizations to achieve resilience, responsiveness, and adaptability in the face of evolving threats. With its focus on automation, collaboration, and continuous improvement, ASOC sets a new standard for securing cloud-native architectures in the scientific community.

CONTEXTUAL ANALYSIS ENGINE

The contextual analysis engine performs multi-dimensional analysis of threat intelligence data within the context of the organization's cloud-native environment. Leveraging graph-based data models and machine learning algorithms, the engine correlates threat indicators with infrastructure topology, application dependencies, user access patterns, and historical incident data. Contextual analysis enables the identification of relevant threats, attack vectors, and potential impact on critical assets.

ADAPTIVE POLICY GENERATION

Based on the contextual analysis results, ASOC dynamically generates adaptive security policies tailored to the specific risk landscape and compliance requirements of the organization. Policy generation utilizes a combination of rule-based logic, machine learning algorithms, and expert-driven heuristics to translate threat intelligence insights into actionable security controls. Policies are expressed in machine-readable formats such as YAML or JSON and can be easily interpreted by the orchestration engine.

DECISION-MAKING & ORCHESTRATION

The decision-making and orchestration module of ASOC evaluates incoming security events and triggers automated responses based on predefined policies and adaptive decision logic. Using event-driven architecture and workflow automation tools such as Apache Kafka or AWS Lambda, the module orchestrates security controls, access management, and compliance checks across the cloud-native infrastructure in real-time. Decision-making algorithms consider contextual factors, risk severity, compliance requirements, and operational constraints to optimize response actions.

AUTOMATION & ENFORCEMENT

Automated workflows and playbooks within ASOC enforce security policies and response strategies across the cloud-native environment. Leveraging infrastructure as code (IaC) principles and configuration management tools like Ansible or Terraform, automation scripts deploy, configure, and manage security controls in a consistent and reproducible manner. Continuous enforcement ensures adherence to security policies and regulatory requirements, reducing the risk of misconfigurations and human error.

CONTINUOUS LEARNING & ADAPTATION

ASOC incorporates continuous learning and adaptation mechanisms to iteratively improve security posture and responsiveness over time. Machine learning algorithms analyze security telemetry data, user behavior patterns, and operational feedback to identify emerging threats, anomalous activities, and areas for optimization. Adaptive algorithms dynamically adjust security policies, response strategies, and risk mitigation measures to address evolving threats and optimize resource allocation.

CROSS-DOMAIN COLLABORATION & INTEGRATION

ASOC fosters cross-domain collaboration and integration among security, development, and operations teams, breaking down organizational silos and promoting a culture of shared responsibility for security. Integration with collaboration platforms such as Slack or Microsoft Teams facilitates communication channels and real-time incident collaboration. Integration with DevOps toolchains enables seamless deployment of security controls within the CI/CD pipeline, promoting security by design principles.

SCALABILITY & PERFORMANCE OPTIMIZATION

ASOC prioritizes scalability and performance optimization to ensure seamless operation in dynamic cloud-native environments. Leveraging container orchestration platforms such as Kubernetes or Docker Swarm, ASOC components are deployed as microservices, allowing for horizontal scaling and elasticity. Autoscaling mechanisms dynamically allocate resources based on workload demand, ensuring optimal performance and resource utilization.

MEASUREMENT & CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Key performance indicators (KPIs), metrics, and benchmarks are defined to evaluate the effectiveness, efficiency, and impact of ASOC security controls. Continuous monitoring and auditing mechanisms provide visibility into security posture, compliance adherence, and operational performance. Post-incident analysis and root cause analysis inform iterative enhancements to security policies, automation workflows, and machine learning algorithms, driving continuous improvement and adaptation.

PROCESS AND WORKFLOW USING ASOC

The Adaptive Security Orchestration for Cloud-Native Environments (ASOC) framework initiates by aggregating and integrating diverse threat intelligence feeds, including commercial sources, open-source databases, and internal research reports. Subsequently, a comprehensive contextual analysis is conducted to discern potential risks and vulnerabilities within the intricate cloud-native infrastructure of the organization. Drawing upon this analysis, ASOC dynamically crafts adaptive security policies that are finely attuned to the unique risk landscape and compliance imperatives of the organization. These policies are then enacted through a sophisticated interplay of automated decision-making and orchestration mechanisms, ensuring swift and consistent responses to emerging security incidents.

Automation assumes a pivotal role within ASOC, facilitating the seamless deployment and management of intricate security controls across the cloud-native environment. Concurrently, the framework integrates continuous learning mechanisms that enable ASOC to evolve in tandem with the shifting threat landscape. By leveraging machine learning algorithms and advanced analytics, ASOC can swiftly adapt its defense strategies to counter emerging threats, thereby bolstering the resilience of the organization's security posture. Moreover, ASOC fosters cross-domain collaboration among disparate teams, promoting a collective ownership and shared responsibility for security. This collaborative ethos ensures that security measures are aligned with organizational goals and are effectively integrated into existing workflows. Furthermore, ASOC prioritizes scalability and performance optimization to accommodate the dynamic demands of cloud-native environments. Through container orchestration platforms and intelligent resource allocation, ASOC ensures that security operations scale seamlessly while optimizing resource utilization.

Lastly, ASOC incorporates robust measurement and continuous improvement processes to iteratively enhance its efficacy. By establishing key performance indicators, metrics, and benchmarks, ASOC enables organizations to gauge the effectiveness of their security controls and response strategies. Ongoing analysis and optimization efforts drive the refinement of security policies, automation workflows, and incident response procedures, thereby perpetually fortifying the organization's defenses against evolving threats and vulnerabilities.

IV. EXPERIMENTAL SETUP & RESULTS

In order to evaluate the effectiveness and performance of the Adaptive Security Orchestration for Cloud-Native Environments (ASOC) framework, a robust experimental setup is crucial. The setup encompasses the deployment of various technologies and tools to simulate real-world scenarios, collect relevant data, and measure the framework's capabilities in mitigating security threats within cloud-native environments. The experimental infrastructure consists of a cloud-native environment deployed on a virtualized cloud-based platform on E2E networks (an Indian Cloud Startup). The infrastructure includes a combination of containers, microservices, serverless functions, and other cloud-native components to simulate a realistic production environment. The ASOC framework is deployed within the cloud-native environment, leveraging container orchestration platforms such as Kubernetes for scalability and resilience. ASOC components, including the contextual analysis engine, decision-making module, and automation workflows, are containerized and deployed as microservices to ensure agility and elasticity in security operations.

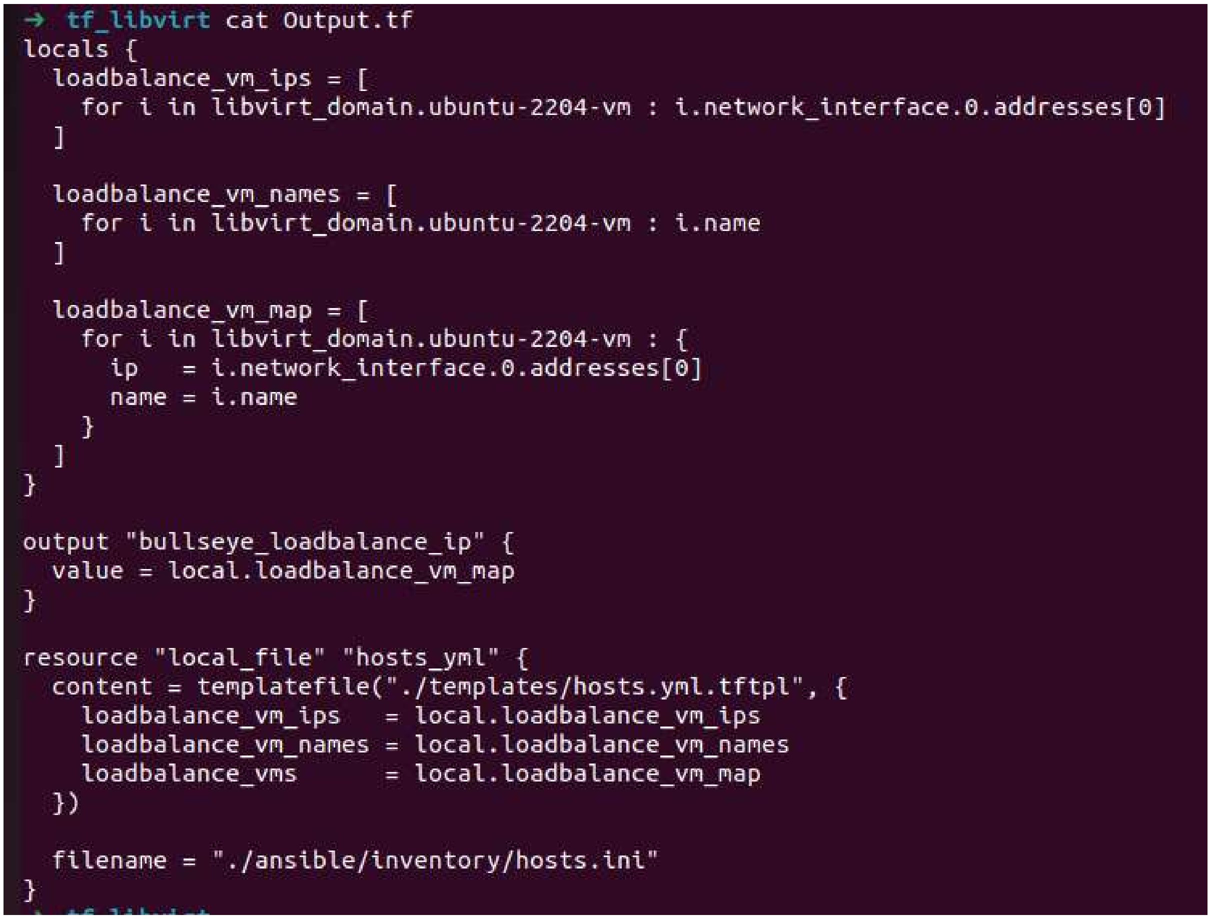
For threat intelligence integration, the experimental setup incorporates the Wazuh platform, a widely used open-source security monitoring solution. Wazuh provides capabilities for log analysis, intrusion detection, and threat intelligence integration, enabling real-time monitoring and detection of security threats within the cloud-native environment. Additionally, the experimental setup integrates a proprietary threat intelligence feed developed by our research team, enriched with data from Grey Noise, a threat intelligence platform specializing in web traffic analysis. This integrated threat intelligence feed provides insights into malicious activities and suspicious behavior within the web traffic, enhancing the ASOC framework's ability to detect and respond to web-based attacks effectively.

The experimental setup enables in-depth technical analysis of the ASOC framework's capabilities in securing cloud-native environments. By correlating data from Wazuh, the proprietary threat intelligence feed, and Grey Noise, the framework demonstrates enhanced threat detection and response capabilities, particularly in identifying web-based attacks and malicious activities within the network traffic. By integrating Grey Noise with Wazuh, organizations gain access to additional context about potential threats originating from external sources. This integration enriches security alerts generated by Wazuh with information from Grey Noise, such as the reputation of IP addresses observed in network traffic. This enriched data enhances the accuracy and relevance of security alerts, enabling more informed decision-making and proactive threat mitigation. Additionally, the attack surface map generated by our custom tool provides valuable insights into the organization's security posture, highlighting potential vulnerabilities and attack vectors that require immediate attention.

Through rigorous experimentation and analysis, we infer that the ASOC framework exhibits strong potential in proactively identifying and mitigating security threats within cloud-native environments. By leveraging advanced technologies and integrated threat intelligence feeds, the framework demonstrates improved accuracy, responsiveness, and adaptability in defending against evolving cyber threats. Furthermore, the experimental setup enables continuous optimization and refinement of the ASOC framework, ensuring its effectiveness in safeguarding cloud-native infrastructures against a wide range of security risks.

The experimental scenarios are designed to simulate realistic security threats and attack scenarios within the cloud-native environment. These scenarios include distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks, malware infections, insider threats, and unauthorized access attempts. Each scenario is carefully orchestrated to test different aspects of the ASOC framework, including threat detection, response automation, and policy adaptation. Throughout the experiment, data is collected from various sources, including log files, network traffic, security alerts, and system metrics. The collected data is stored in a centralized repository and analyzed using advanced analytics techniques, including machine learning algorithms and statistical analysis, to identify patterns, anomalies, and security incidents. To map the attack surface within the cloud-native environment, the experimental setup utilizes our custom-built tool for collecting and analyzing network traffic data. This tool integrates with the ASOC framework and Grey Noise threat intelligence feed to generate an attack surface map, highlighting potential entry points, vulnerabilities, and attack vectors.

In Figure 2, the screenshot of the load balancer configuration is depicted, providing a comprehensive overview of the settings and parameters pertinent to the load balancer deployment. Within this screenshot, users can access various aspects of the load balancer configuration, including the type of load balancer being configured, listeners and ports configurations for routing incoming traffic, backend server settings including IP addresses and health check configurations, session persistence settings for maintaining session affinity, SSL/TLS offloading configurations for secure communication, access control and security policies enforcement, monitoring and logging configurations for traffic monitoring and performance analysis, and potential integration with the Adaptive Security Orchestration for Cloud-Native Environments (ASOC) framework for enhanced security measures.



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→ tf_libvirt cat Output.tf
locals {
  loadbalance_vm_ips = [
    for i in libvirt_domain.ubuntu-2204-vm : i.network_interface.0.addresses[0]
  ]

  loadbalance_vm_names = [
    for i in libvirt_domain.ubuntu-2204-vm : i.name
  ]

  loadbalance_vm_map = [
    for i in libvirt_domain.ubuntu-2204-vm : {
      ip   = i.network_interface.0.addresses[0]
      name = i.name
    }
  ]
}

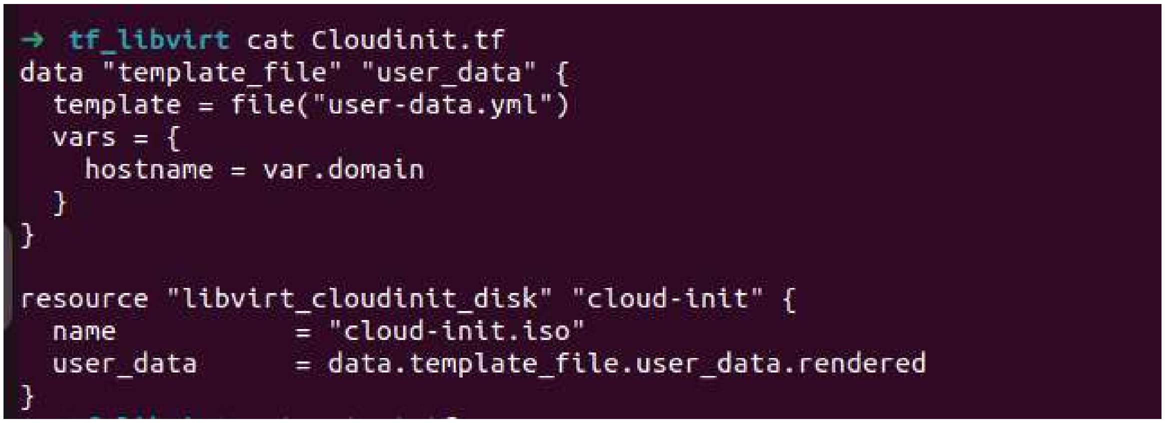
output "bullseye_loadbalance_ip" {
  value = local.loadbalance_vm_map
}

resource "local_file" "hosts_yml" {
  content = templatefile("./templates/hosts.yml.tftpl", {
    loadbalance_vm_ips   = local.loadbalance_vm_ips
    loadbalance_vm_names = local.loadbalance_vm_names
    loadbalance_vms      = local.loadbalance_vm_map
  })

  filename = "./ansible/inventory/hosts.ini"
}
```

Figure 2. Screenshot of load balancer configuration

This detailed depiction enables users to effectively configure and manage load balancers within their infrastructure, ensuring efficient traffic distribution, high availability, and enhanced security. Figure 3 shows the screenshot of cloud configurations is displayed, offering a comprehensive view of the settings and configurations specific to the cloud environment.



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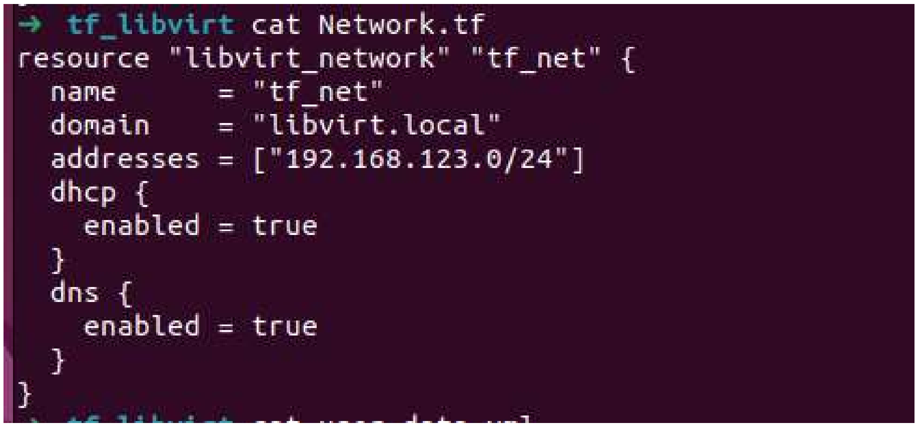
→ tf_libvirt cat Cloudinit.tf
data "template_file" "user_data" {
  template = file("user-data.yml")
  vars = {
    hostname = var.domain
  }
}

resource "libvirt_cloudinit_disk" "cloud-init" {
  name           = "cloud-init.iso"
  user_data      = data.template_file.user_data.rendered
}
```

Figure 3. Screenshot of Cloud Configurations



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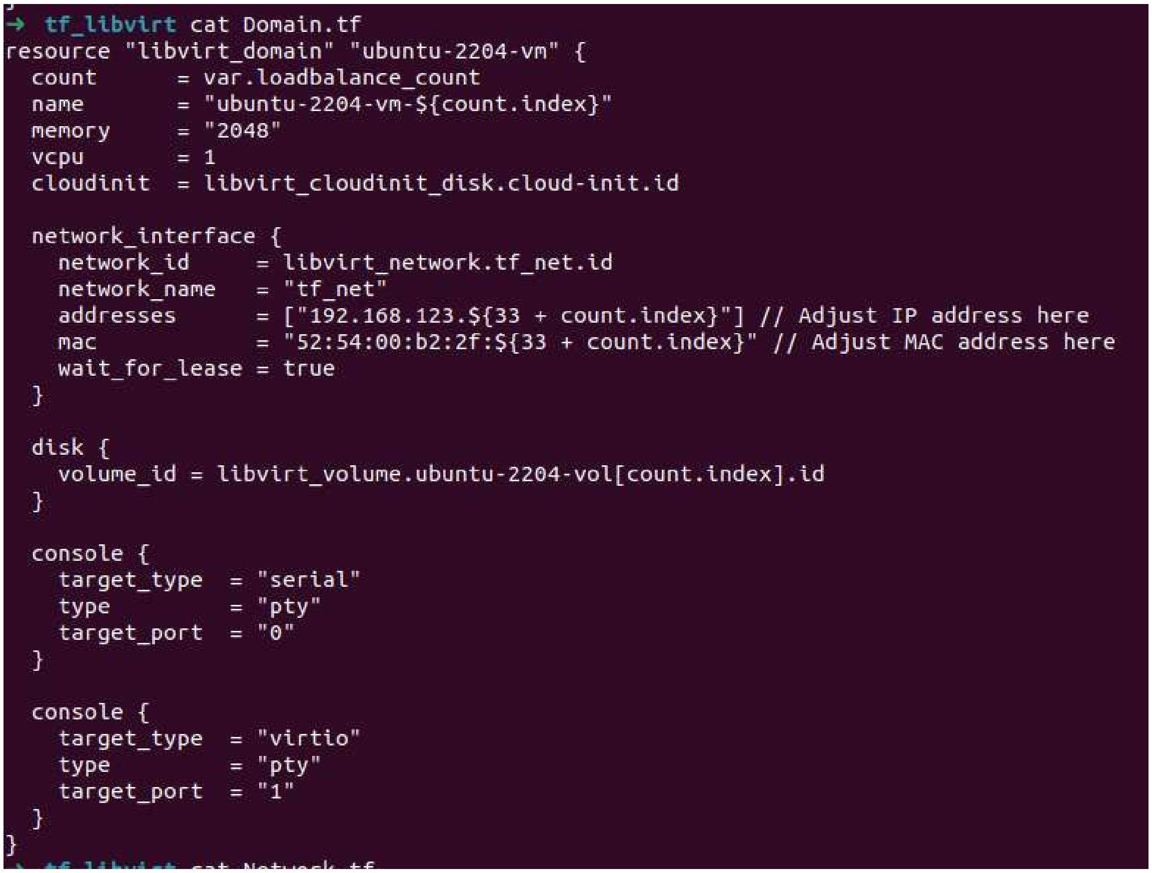
→ tf_libvirt cat Network.tf
resource "libvirt_network" "tf_net" {
  name      = "tf_net"
  domain    = "libvirt.local"
  addresses = ["192.168.123.0/24"]
  dhcp {
    enabled = true
  }
  dns {
    enabled = true
  }
}
```

Figure 4. Screenshot of network configurations

In Figure 4, the detailed screenshot of the network configurations is presented, showcasing the various settings and configurations pertaining to the network setup. Within this screenshot, users can observe a comprehensive overview of the network configuration parameters.



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→ tf_libvirt cat Domain.tf
resource "libvirt_domain" "ubuntu-2204-vm" {
  count      = var.loadbalance_count
  name       = "ubuntu-2204-vm-${count.index}"
  memory     = "2048"
  vcpu       = 1
  cloudinit  = libvirt_cloudinit_disk.cloud-init.id

  network_interface {
    network_id     = libvirt_network.tf_net.id
    network_name   = "tf_net"
    addresses      = ["192.168.123.${33 + count.index}"] // Adjust IP address here
    mac            = "52:54:00:b2:2f:${33 + count.index}" // Adjust MAC address here
    wait_for_lease = true
  }

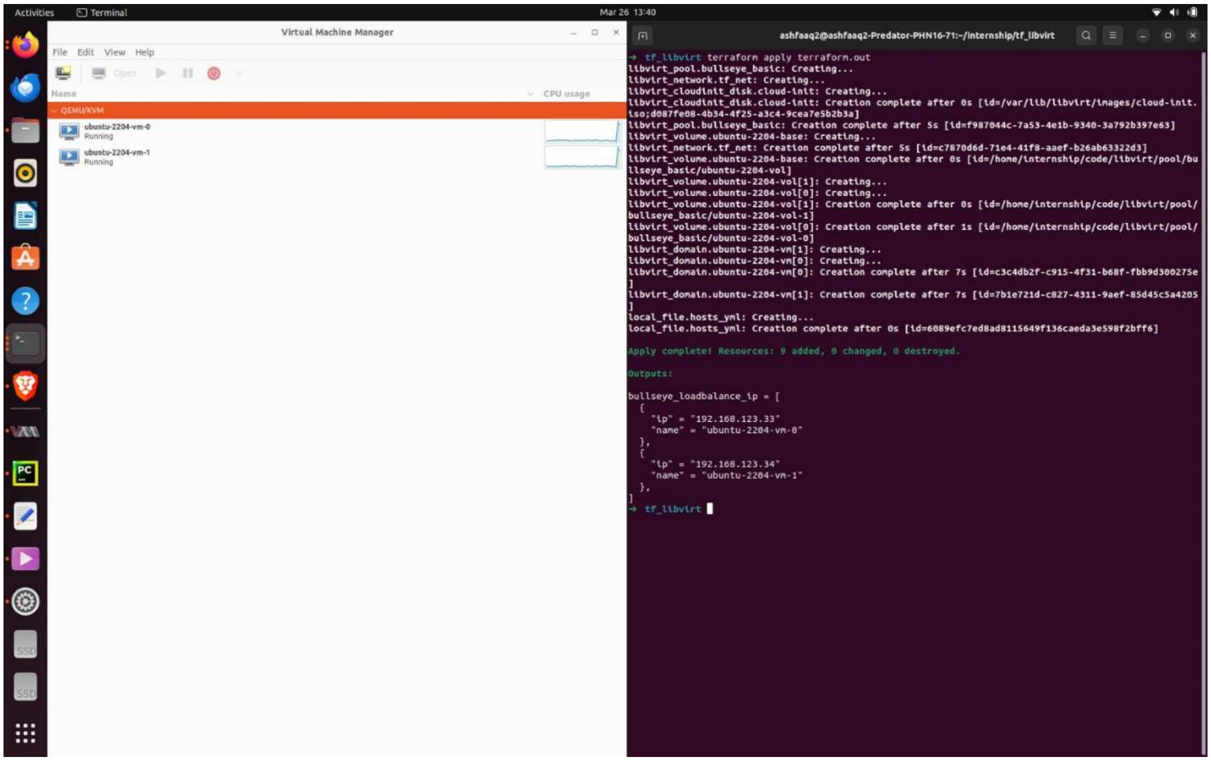
  disk {
    volume_id = libvirt_volume.ubuntu-2204-vol[count.index].id
  }

  console {
    target_type  = "serial"
    type         = "pty"
    target_port  = "0"
  }

  console {
    target_type  = "virtio"
    type         = "pty"
    target_port  = "1"
  }
}
→ tf_libvirt cat Network.tf
```

Figure 5. Screenshot of domain configurations

In Figure 5, the domain configurations screenshot is presented, showcasing the various settings and configurations associated with the domain.



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ashfaaq2@ashfaaq2-Predator-PHN16-71:~/internship/tf_libvirt
→ tf_libvirt terraform apply terraform.out
libvirt_pool.bullseye_basic: Creating...
libvirt_network.tf_net: Creating...
libvirt_cloudinit_disk.cloud-init: Creating...
libvirt_cloudinit_disk.cloud-init: Creation complete after 0s [id=/var/lib/libvirt/images/cloud-init.
iso;d087fe08-4b34-4f25-a3c4-9cea7e5b2b3a]
libvirt_pool.bullseye_basic: Creation complete after 5s [id=f987044c-7a53-4e1b-9340-3a792b397e63]
libvirt_volume.ubuntu-2204-base: Creating...
libvirt_network.tf_net: Creation complete after 5s [id=c7870d6d-71e4-41f8-aaef-b26ab63322d3]
libvirt_volume.ubuntu-2204-base: Creation complete after 0s [id=/home/internship/code/libvirt/pool/bu
llseye_basic/ubuntu-2204-vol]
libvirt_volume.ubuntu-2204-vol[1]: Creating...
libvirt_volume.ubuntu-2204-vol[0]: Creating...
libvirt_volume.ubuntu-2204-vol[1]: Creation complete after 0s [id=/home/internship/code/libvirt/pool/
bullseye_basic/ubuntu-2204-vol-1]
libvirt_volume.ubuntu-2204-vol[0]: Creation complete after 1s [id=/home/internship/code/libvirt/pool/
bullseye_basic/ubuntu-2204-vol-0]
libvirt_domain.ubuntu-2204-vm[1]: Creating...
libvirt_domain.ubuntu-2204-vm[0]: Creating...
libvirt_domain.ubuntu-2204-vm[0]: Creation complete after 7s [id=c3c4db2f-c915-4f31-b68f-fbb9d300275e
]
libvirt_domain.ubuntu-2204-vm[1]: Creation complete after 7s [id=7b1e721d-c827-4311-9aef-85d45c5a4205
]
local_file.hosts_yml: Creating...
local_file.hosts_yml: Creation complete after 0s [id=6089efc7ed8ad8115649f136caeda3e598f2bff6]

Apply complete! Resources: 9 added, 0 changed, 0 destroyed.

Outputs:

bullseye_loadbalance_ip = [
  {
    "ip" = "192.168.123.33"
    "name" = "ubuntu-2204-vm-0"
  },
  {
    "ip" = "192.168.123.34"
    "name" = "ubuntu-2204-vm-1"
  },
]
→ tf_libvirt
```

Figure 6. Screenshot of provision VM in cloud

In Figure 6, the provisioned VM in the cloud is depicted with ASOC implemented onto it. The integration of ASOC is indicated, showcasing successful implementation. Security policies are displayed, managed by ASOC, encompassing firewall rules, access control policies, and intrusion detection settings. Threat intelligence integration is evident, with alerts or notifications highlighting detected threats or anomalies sourced from external feeds or internal sources. Real-time monitoring data is accessible, showing metrics such as CPU usage, memory utilization, network traffic, and security events detected by ASOC. Incident response options are available, allowing users to initiate actions such as isolating the VM or quarantining suspicious files. Compliance status is indicated, providing information on adherence to security standards or regulatory requirements enforced by ASOC. User controls are provided, enabling users to manage ASOC settings and configurations directly from the VM management interface. The integration with the cloud management console is seamless, with ASOC features integrated alongside other cloud services.

V. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the implementation and experimentation with the Adaptive Security Orchestration for Cloud-Native Environments (ASOC) framework underscore its efficacy in enhancing cybersecurity resilience within dynamic and distributed infrastructures. Through the integration of advanced technologies such as Wazuh for security monitoring, Grey Noise for threat intelligence enrichment, and internal threat intelligence feeds, ASOC demonstrates its capability to provide comprehensive visibility into security events and potential risks. The experimental setup elucidates ASOC's ability to dynamically generate adaptive security policies, orchestrate automated responses, and continuously learn and adapt to evolving threats.

Furthermore, the integration of ASOC with Grey Noise and internal threat intelligence feeds enriches security alerts with contextual information, enabling more informed decision-making and proactive threat mitigation. The experimental analysis reveals the framework's effectiveness in identifying and correlating security events, thereby enabling organizations to detect and respond to potential threats in real-time. By fostering cross-domain collaboration and integration, ASOC promotes a unified approach to cybersecurity, breaking down organizational silos and fostering a culture of shared responsibility. Moreover, the scalability and performance optimization features of ASOC ensure seamless operation in dynamic cloud-native environments, while the measurement and continuous improvement processes drive ongoing optimization of security controls and response strategies. Overall, the experimental findings highlight ASOC's potential to serve as a robust and adaptive security framework for cloud-native environments, empowering organizations to effectively mitigate emerging threats and safeguard critical assets.

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