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*Secure Data Sharing to
Applications running in OpenShift*

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Agenda

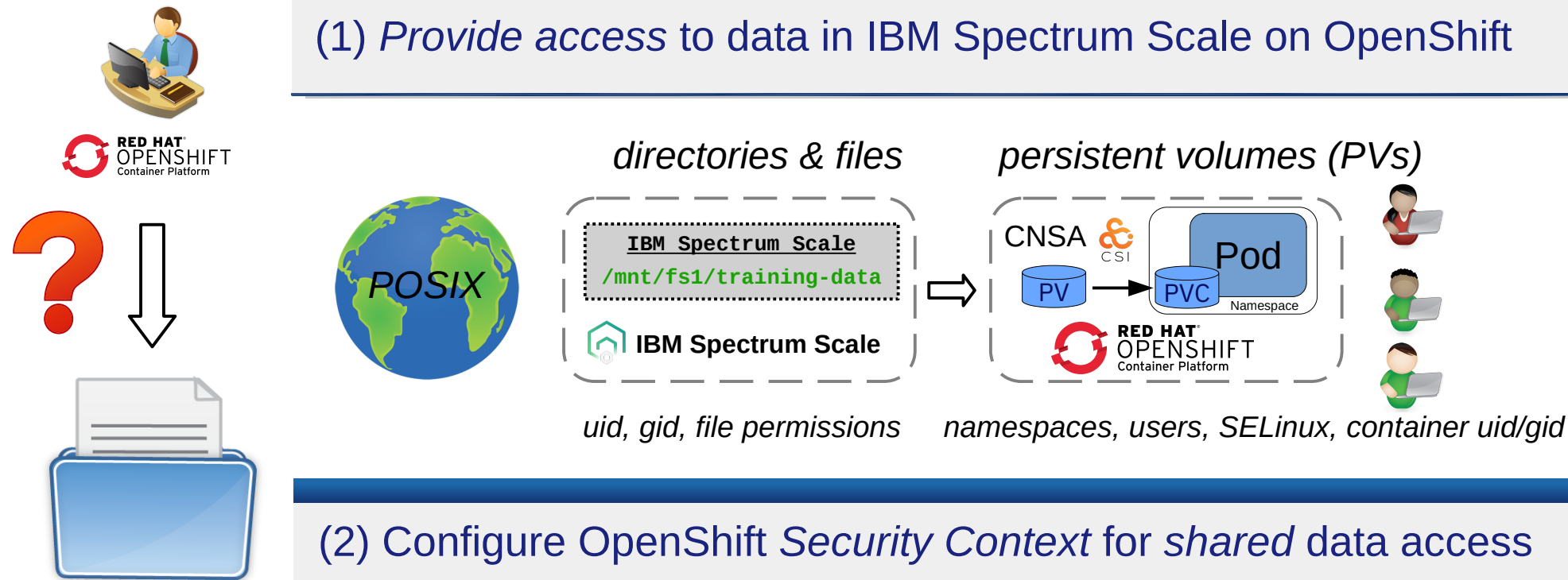
How to *provide & share* access to *existing data* in IBM Spectrum Scale?

- 1) **Accessing** *existing data* in Spectrum Scale on OpenShift
 - OpenShift (with CNSA & CSI): **Volume Provisioning**
- 2) **Sharing** access to data in Spectrum Scale on OpenShift
 - OpenShift (with CNSA & CSI): **Security Context**
- 3) **Demo**



How to *provide & share* access to *existing* data in IBM Spectrum Scale

(1) *Provide* access to data in IBM Spectrum Scale on OpenShift

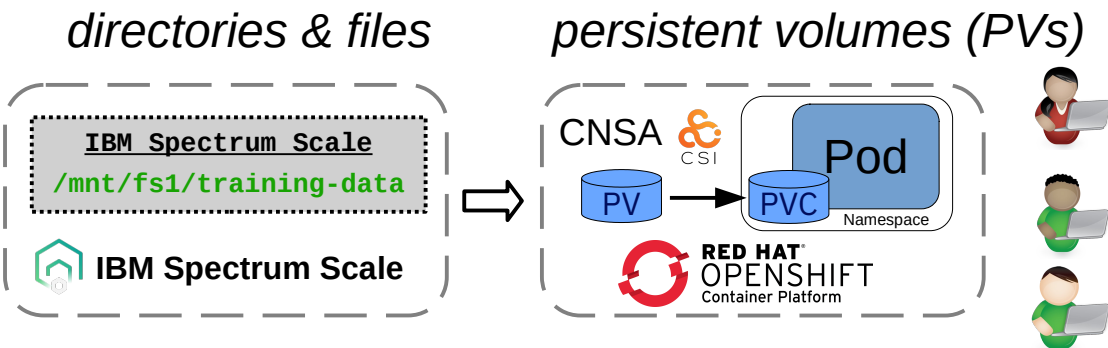
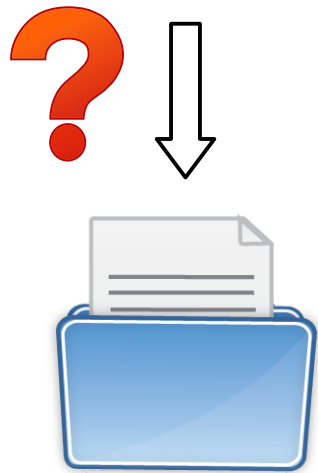


(2) *Configure* OpenShift *Security Context* for *shared* data access

How to *provide & share* access to *existing* data in IBM Spectrum Scale



(1) *Provide* access to data in IBM Spectrum Scale on OpenShift



Kubernetes Storage Concepts – Persistent Volumes (PVs)

Dynamic Provisioning



Admin

Admin creates **StorageClass** in OpenShift/Kubernetes



User

User claims volume (**PV**) from **StorageClass** through **Persistent Volume Claim (PVC)** (*self-service provisioning*)

Static Provisioning



Admin

Admin provisions static **PVs** in OpenShift/Kubernetes



User

User claims volume (**PV**) from pool of pre-provisioned **PVs** through **Persistent Volume Claim (PVC)**

OpenShift: *Dynamic Provisioning (fileset based)*

```
$ oc apply -f scale-sc.yaml
$ cat scale-sc.yaml
apiVersion: storage.k8s.io/v1
kind: StorageClass
metadata:
  name: scale-sc
provisioner: spectrumscale.
parameters:
  volBackendFs: "fs0"
  clusterId: "6174907451206"
reclaimPolicy: Delete
```



User

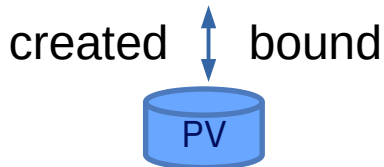
```
$ cat myapp-pvc.yaml
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
  name: myapp-pvc
spec:
  storageClassName: "scale-sc"
  accessModes:
    - ReadWriteMany
  resources:
    requests:
      storage: 100Gi
```

```
$ cat myapp.yaml
kind: Pod
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
  name: myapp
spec:
  containers:
    - name: demo
      image: alpine:3.8
      command: [ "/bin/sh", "-c", "--" ]
      args: [ while true; ...; done;" ]
      volumeMounts:
        - name: vol01
          mountPath: "/data"
  volumes:
    - name: vol01
      persistentVolumeClaim:
        claimName: myapp-pvc
```

- PV is *auto-created* upon user request
- New *empty* volume for the user
- Self-service



Admin



PV (Persistent Volume)



OpenShift: *Static Provisioning* (basic)

```
$ oc apply -f scale-dev_pv.yaml
$ cat scale-dev_pv.yaml
apiVersion: v1
kind: PersistentVolume
metadata:
  name: scale-data-pv01
spec:
  capacity:
    storage: 1Gi
  accessModes:
    - ReadWriteMany
  csi:
    driver: spectrumscale.csi
    volumeHandle: \
      "clusterID;FSUID;path=/mr
```



User

```
$ cat myapp-pvc.yaml
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
  name: myapp-pvc
spec:
  accessModes:
    - ReadWriteMany
  resources:
    requests:
      storage: 1Gi
```

```
$ cat myapp.yaml
```

```
kind: Pod
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
  name: myapp
spec:
  containers:
    - name: de
      image: alpine:3.8
      command: [ "/bin/sh", "-c", "--" ]
      args: [ while true; ...; done;" ]
      volumeMounts:
        - name: vol01
          mountPath: "/data"
  volumes:
    - name: vol01
      persistentVolumeClaim:
        claimName: myapp-pvc
```

- *Any* available PV from *pool* is bound (best match)
- No *default StorageClass*
- New *empty* volume for the user
- Self-service alike

created



pool



bound



PV (Persistent Volume)



Admin



OpenShift: Advanced *Static Provisioning* (*labels* & *selector*)

```
$ oc apply -f scale-data-pv01.yaml
```

```
$ cat scale-data-pv01.yaml
```

```
apiVersion: v1
```

```
kind: PersistentVolume
```

```
metadata:
```

```
  name: scale-data-pv01
```

```
  labels:
```

```
    dept: ds
```

```
    data: train
```

```
spec:
```

```
  capacity:
```

```
    storage: 1Gi
```

```
  accessModes:
```

```
    - ReadWriteMany
```

```
  csi:
```

```
    driver: spectrumscale.csi
```

```
    volumeHandle: \
```

```
    "clusterID;FSUID;path=/mr"
```

```
$ cat myapp-pvc.yaml
```

```
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
```

```
apiVersion: v1
```

```
metadata:
```

```
  name: myapp-pvc
```

```
spec:
```

```
  storageClassName: ""
```

```
  accessModes:
```

```
    - ReadWriteMany
```

```
  resources:
```

```
    requests:
```

```
      storage: 1Gi
```

```
  selector:
```

```
    matchLabels:
```

```
      dept: ds
```

```
      data: train
```

```
$ cat myapp.yaml
```

```
kind: Pod
```

```
apiVersion: v1
```

```
metadata:
```

```
  name: myapp
```

```
spec:
```

```
  containers:
```

```
    - name: demo
```

```
      image: alpi
```

```
      command: [ "/bin/sh", "-c", "--" ]
```

```
      args: [ while true; ...; done;" ]
```

```
  volumeMounts:
```

```
    - name: vol01
```

```
      mountPath: "/data"
```

```
volumes:
```

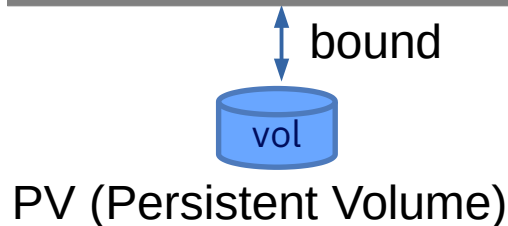
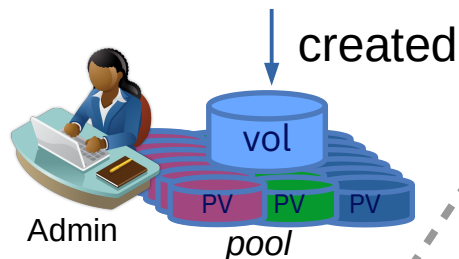
```
  - name: vol01
```

```
    persistentVolumeClaim:
```

```
      claimName: myapp-pvc
```

Labels & Selector

- allow users to request a specific PV from pool
- Default StorageClass ok
- New volume for user w/access to existing data
- Self-service alike



User



OpenShift: Advanced *Static Provisioning* (*labels/selector* + *storage class*)

```
$ oc apply -f scale-data-pv01
$ cat scale-data-pv01.yaml
apiVersion: v1
kind: PersistentVolume
metadata:
  name: scale-data-pv01
  labels:
    dept: ds
    data: train
spec:
  storageClassName: static
  capacity:
    storage: 1Gi
  accessModes:
    - ReadWriteMany
  csi:
    driver: spectrumscale.csi
    volumeHandle: \
      "clusterID;FSUID;path=/mnt/fs1/train"
```

```
$ cat myapp-pvc.yaml
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
  name: myapp-pvc
spec:
  storageClassName: static
  accessModes:
    - ReadWriteMany
  resources:
    requests:
      storage: 1Gi
  selector:
    matchLabels:
      dept: ds
      data: train
```

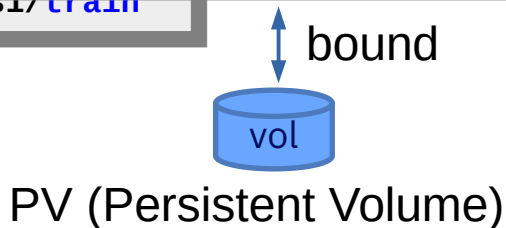
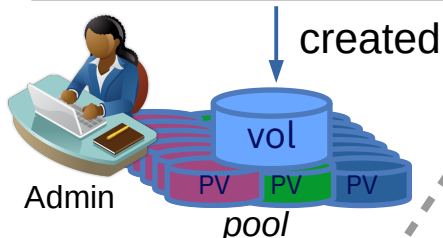
```
$ cat myapp.yaml
kind: Pod
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
  name: myapp
spec:
  containers:
    - name: demo
      image: al
      command:
      args: [ w
  volumeMounts:
    - name: vol01
      mountPath: "/data"
```

- Labels & Selector** allow users to request a *specific* PV from pool
- Fake storageClassName** improves management (use of resource quotas)
- Default StorageClass ok
- New volume for user w/access to existing data
- Self-service alike

```
volumes:
  - name: vol01
    persistentVolumeClaim:
      claimName: myapp-pvc
```



User



OpenShift: Advanced *Static Provisioning* (*claimRef*)



User

```
$ oc apply -f scale-data-pv01.yaml
```

```
$ cat scale-data-pv01.yaml
```

```
apiVersion: v1
```

```
kind: PersistentVolume
```

```
metadata:
```

```
  name: scale-data-pv01
```

```
spec:
```

```
  capacity:
```

```
    storage: 1Gi
```

```
  accessModes:
```

```
    - ReadWriteMany
```

```
  claimRef:
```

```
    name: myapp-pvc
```

```
    namespace: my-namespace
```

```
  csi:
```

```
    driver: spectrumscale.csi.
```

```
    volumeHandle: \
```

```
      "clusterID;FSUID;path=/mnt/fs1/mydata"
```

```
$ cat myapp-pvc.yaml
```

```
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
```

```
apiVersion: v1
```

```
metadata:
```

```
  name: myapp-pvc
```

```
  namespace: my-namespace
```

```
spec:
```

```
  storageClassName: ""
```

```
  accessModes:
```

```
    - ReadWriteMany
```

```
  resources:
```

```
    requests:
```

```
      storage: 1Gi
```

```
$ cat myapp.yaml
```

```
kind: Pod
```

```
apiVersion: v1
```

```
metadata:
```

```
  name: myapp
```

```
spec:
```

```
  containers:
```

```
    - name: de
```

```
      image: a
```

```
      command:
```

```
        args: [ while true; ...; done;" ]
```

```
  volumeMounts:
```

```
    - name: vol01
```

```
      mountPath: "/data"
```

```
volumes:
```

```
  - name: vol01
```

```
    persistentVolumeClaim:
```

```
      claimName: myapp-pvc
```

- **claimRef:** PV is reserved, can only be bound to a specific PVC based on **PVC name & namespace**
- Default StorageClass ok
- New volume for user with access to selected data
- Provisioned on request



Admin



(reserved)

created



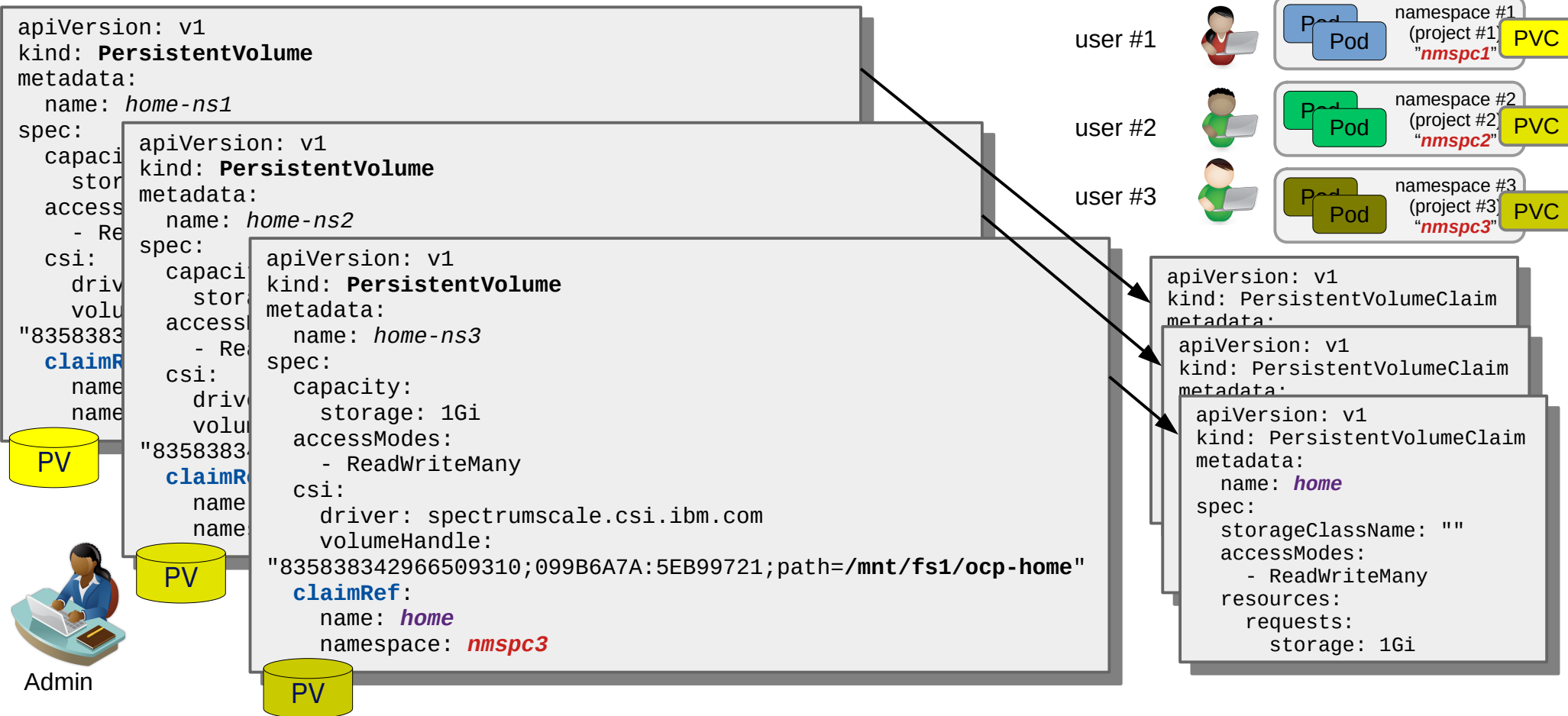
- PVC name
- Namespace

bound

PV (Persistent Volume)



Provisioning PVs for *shared data access across different namespaces*



OpenShift: *Static Provisioning* use cases

➤ Basic static volume provisioning:

- Provide a **pool of empty persistent volumes** at a chosen path in IBM Spectrum Scale to be claimed by users. PV is only matched based on **size** and **access mode** of a user's PVC request.

➤ Advanced static volume provisioning (1): **labels/selector & storageClass: ""**

- Provide **access to existing data** in a **shared** directory in IBM Spectrum Scale to **multiple users**. Users can claim a pre-provisioned PV with specific data from a *pool* of PVs through **labels** that characterize the PV and its data. A PVC is bound to a PV based on its *labels* and *access mode*. Multiple PVs need to be created if claimed by different user *namespaces*. Use of an empty *storageClassName* in the PVC is mandatory to *skip dynamic provisioning* through a default storage class.

➤ Advanced static volume provisioning (2): **labels/selector & storageClass: "static"**

- Provide **access to existing data** in a **shared** directory in IBM Spectrum Scale to **multiple users**. Users can claim a pre-provisioned PV with specific data from a *pool of PVs* through **labels** and a (fake) **storage class**. The *labels* characterize the PV and its data. The fake **storageClassName** like "static" improves volume management, allows to *restrict access* by *namespace* through *storage resource quotas*, and *skips dynamic provisioning* through a default storage class. A PVC is bound to a PV based on its *labels*, *storage class* and *access mode*. Multiple PVs need to be created if claimed by different user *namespaces*.

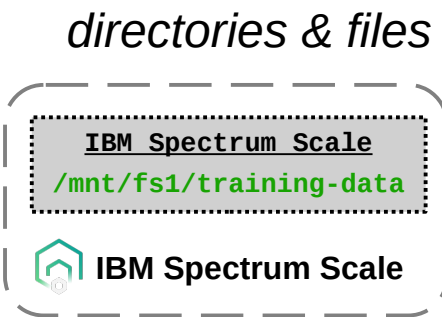
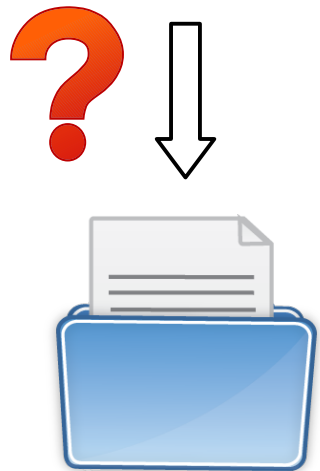
➤ Advanced static volume provisioning (3): **claimRef: PVC-name & namespace (preferred, selective control)**

- Provide **access to existing data** in a **selected** directory in IBM Spectrum Scale to a **selected user** (i.e. *namespace*) by enforcing that the provisioned PV can only be bound to a specific PVC request in the specified **namespace** with the specified PVC **name**. For **shared access** the admin needs to create one PV per user *namespace* on request.

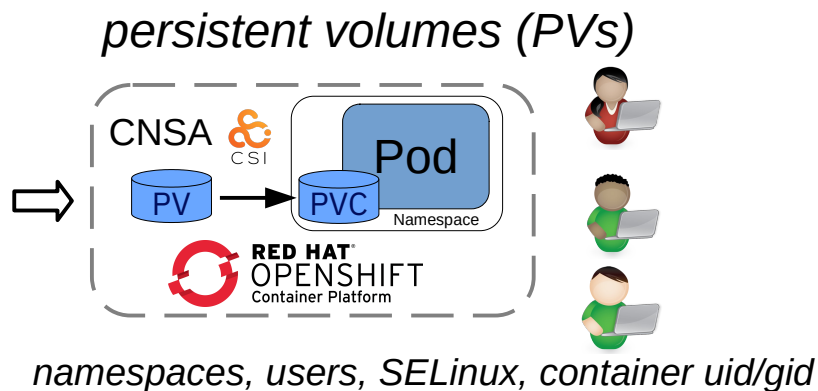
How to *provide & share* access to *existing* data in IBM Spectrum Scale



(2) Configure OpenShift *Security Context* for *shared* data access



uid, gid, file permissions



OpenShift: Security Context Constraints (SCC) & Pod security context

```

apiVersion: security.openshift.io/v1
kind: SecurityContextConstraints
metadata:
  name: restricted
groups:
- system:authenticated
fsGroup:
  type: MustRunAs SGID
runAsUser:
  type: MustRunAsRange UID
seLinuxContext:
  type: MustRunAs s0:c27,c24
supplementalGroups:
  type: RunAsAny add1 GIDs
[...]
```

 Admin

Pre-allocated default values from namespace

```

kind: Namespace
metadata:
  annotations:
    openshift.io/requester: user1
    openshift.io/sa.scc.mcs: s0:c27,c24
    openshift.io/sa.scc.supplemental-groups: 1000750000/10000
    openshift.io/sa.scc.uid-range: 1000750000/10000
  name: nmosp1
```

 Admin

Volumes: **/data** IBM Spectrum Scale CSI volume
/data2 EmptyDir {}

User process in
container (uid/gid):

```

# oc rsh test-pod
sh-4.4$ id
uid=1000750000(1000750000) gid=0(root) groups=0(root),1000750000
```

File permissions &
SELinux label on
mounted volume:

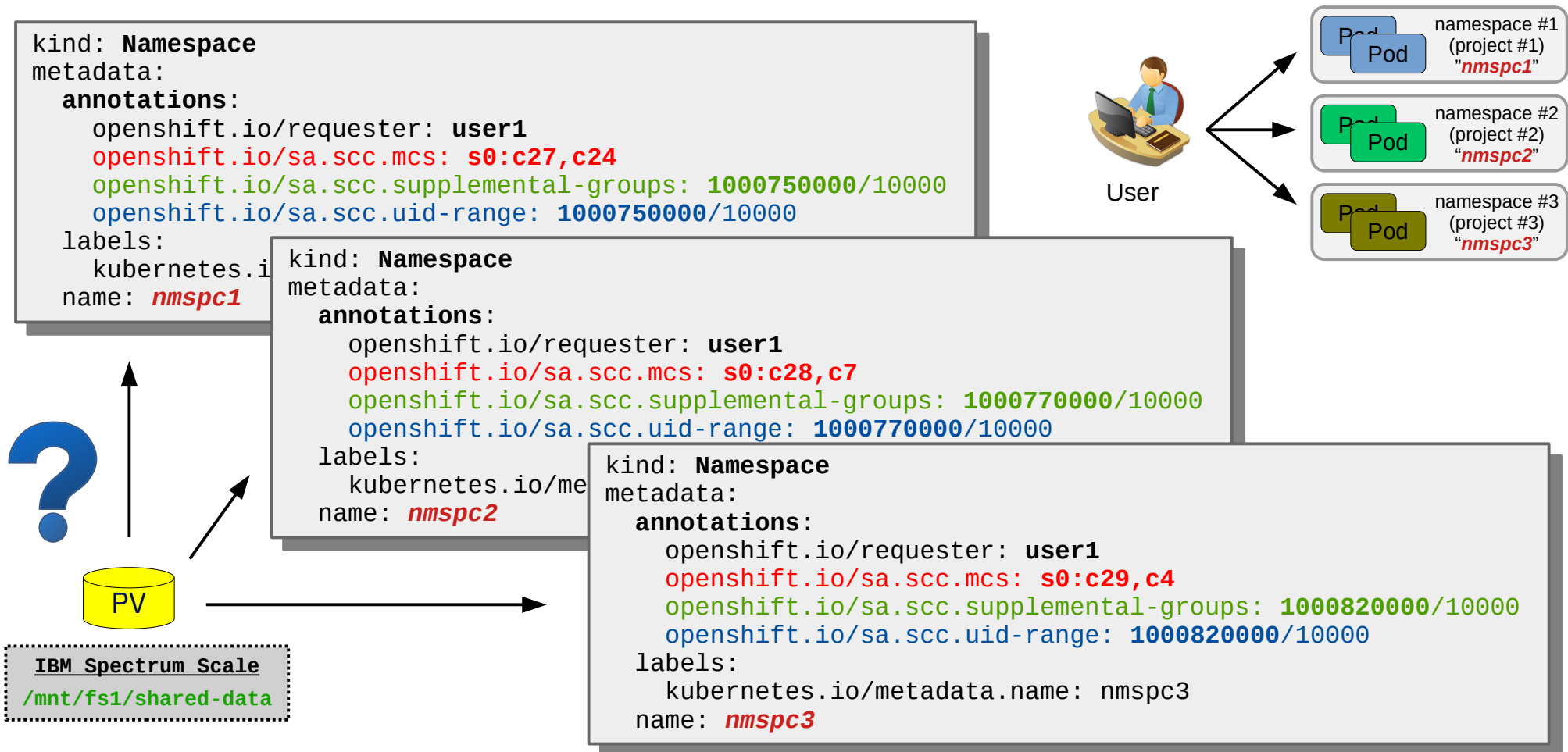
```

sh-4.4$ ls -dlZ /data*
drwxrwxr-x. 5 root root system_u:object_r:container_file_t:s0:c27,c24 4096 Sep 27 13:16 /data
drwxrwsrwx. 2 root 1000750000 system_u:object_r:container_file_t:s0:c27,c24 Sep 27 13:16 /data2
```

SGID **SGID**

 Non-privileged
User

OpenShift: A user can have multiple *namespaces* (aka *projects*)



OpenShift: Multiple users have their own *namespaces* (aka *projects*)

```
kind: Namespace
metadata:
  annotations:
    openshift.io/requester: user1
    openshift.io/sa.scc.mcs: s0:c27,c24
    openshift.io/sa.scc.supplemental-groups: 1000750000/10000
    openshift.io/sa.scc.uid-range: 1000750000/10000
  labels:
    kubernetes.io/metadata.name: nmspc1
```

```
kind: Namespace
metadata:
  annotations:
    openshift.io/requester: user2
    openshift.io/sa.scc.mcs: s0:c28,c7
    openshift.io/sa.scc.supplemental-groups: 1000770000/10000
    openshift.io/sa.scc.uid-range: 1000770000/10000
  labels:
    kubernetes.io/metadata.name: nmspc2
```

```
kind: Namespace
metadata:
  annotations:
    openshift.io/requester: user3
    openshift.io/sa.scc.mcs: s0:c29,c4
    openshift.io/sa.scc.supplemental-groups: 1000820000/10000
    openshift.io/sa.scc.uid-range: 1000820000/10000
  labels:
    kubernetes.io/metadata.name: nmspc3
  name: nmspc3
```

user #1



namespace #1
(project #1)
"nmspc1"

user #2



namespace #2
(project #2)
"nmspc2"

user #3



namespace #3
(project #3)
"nmspc3"



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/mnt/fs1/shared-data

OpenShift: Multiple users have their own *namespaces* (aka *projects*)

```
kind: Namespace
metadata:
  annotations:
    openshift.io/requester: user1
    openshift.io/sa.scc.mcs: s0:c27,c24
    openshift.io/sa.scc.supplemental-groups: 1000750000/10000
    openshift.io/sa.scc.uid-range: 1000750000/10000
```

Labels:
kubernetes.io/metadata.name: **nmspc1**

Pod
PVC

```
kind: Namespace
metadata:
  annotations:
    openshift.io/requester: user2
    openshift.io/sa.scc.mcs: s0:c28,c7
    openshift.io/sa.scc.supplemental-groups: 1000770000/10000
    openshift.io/sa.scc.uid-range: 1000770000/10000
```

Labels:
kubernetes.io/metadata.name: **nmspc2**

Pod
PVC

```
kind: Namespace
metadata:
  annotations:
    openshift.io/requester: user3
    openshift.io/sa.scc.mcs: s0:c29,c4
    openshift.io/sa.scc.supplemental-groups: 1000820000/10000
    openshift.io/sa.scc.uid-range: 1000820000/10000
```

Labels:
kubernetes.io/metadata.name: nmspc3

Pod
PVC

user #1



namespace #1
(project #1)
"nmspc1"

Pod
Pod

user #2



namespace #2
(project #2)
"nmspc2"

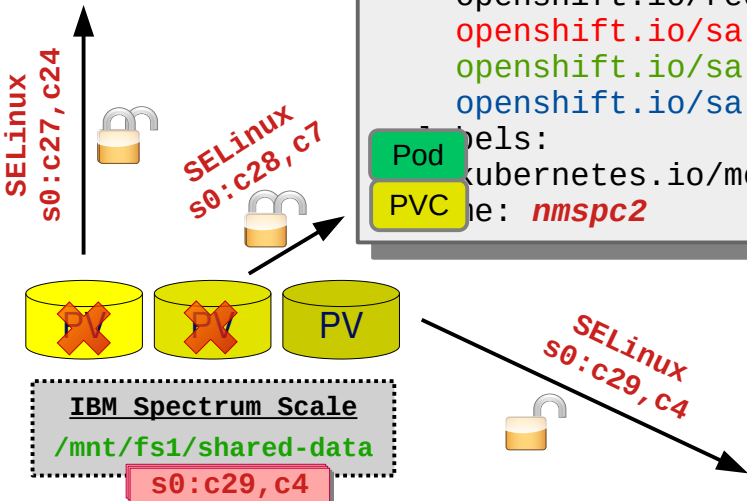
Pod
Pod

user #3

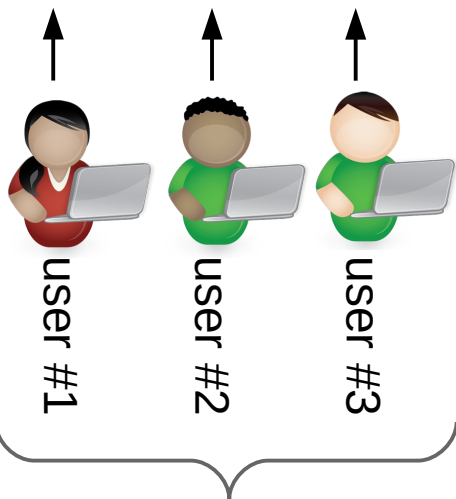
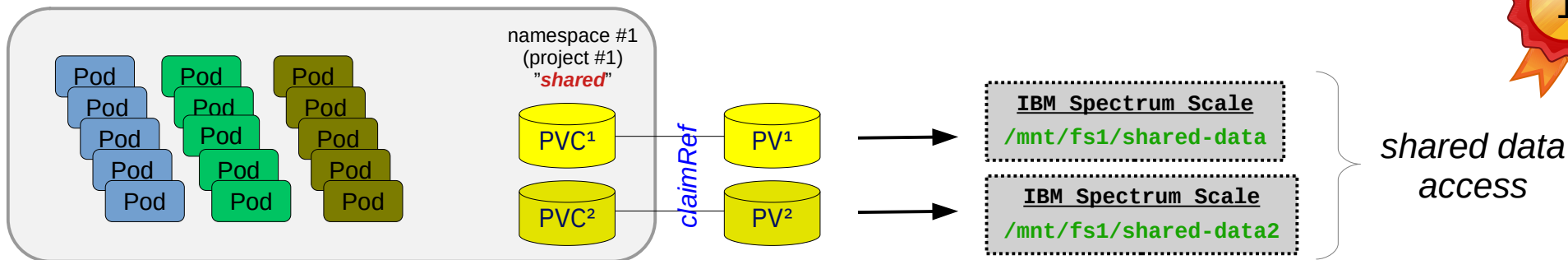


namespace #3
(project #3)
"nmspc3"

Pod
Pod



Using a *shared namespace* for collaboration on *shared data*



```
kind: Namespace
metadata:
  annotations:
    openshift.io/requester: ocpadmin
    openshift.io/sa.scc.mcs: s0:c27,c4
    openshift.io/sa.scc.supplemental-groups: 1000710000/10000
    openshift.io/sa.scc.uid-range: 1000710000/10000
  labels:
    kubernetes.io/metadata.name: shared
name: shared
```

shared namespace



Admin

*collaborators on
shared project*

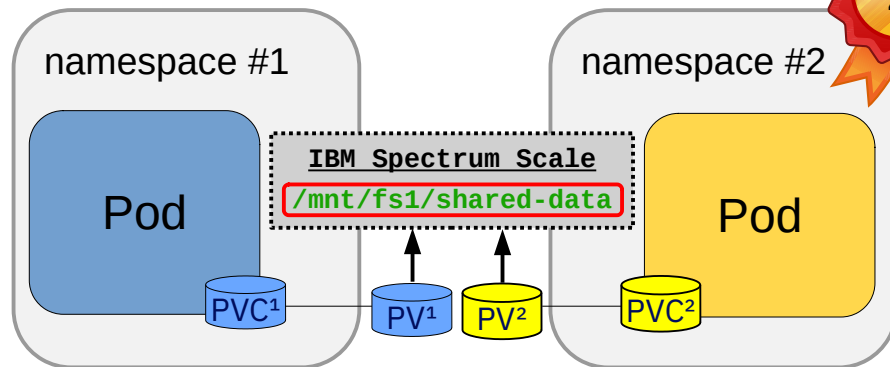
```
$ oc adm policy add-role-to-user admin|edit|view user1 -n namespace
```

Sharing data access across different namespaces (w/o SCCs)



Namespace #1:

```
$ oc get ns mynamespace1 -o yaml
apiVersion: v1
kind: Namespace
metadata:
  annotations:
    openshift.io/sa.scc.mcs: s0:c26,c0
    openshift.io/sa.scc.supplemental-groups: 1000650000/10000
    openshift.io/sa.scc.uid-range: 1000650000/10000
  name: mynamespace1
```



Namespace #2:

```
$ oc get ns mynamespace2 -o yaml
apiVersion: v1
kind: Namespace
metadata:
  annotations:
    openshift.io/sa.scc.mcs: s0:c27,c19
    openshift.io/sa.scc.supplemental-groups: 1000670000/10000
    openshift.io/sa.scc.uid-range: 1000670000/10000
  name: mynamespace2
```

Editing the
namespace annotations
requires a **privileged user!**

Set SELinux context on namespace #2 ...

```
$ oc edit ns mynamespace2
namespace/mynamespace2 edited

$ oc get ns mynamespace2 -o yaml
apiVersion: v1
kind: Namespace
metadata:
  annotations:
    openshift.io/sa.scc.mcs: s0:c26,c0
    openshift.io/sa.scc.supplemental-groups: 1000670000/10000
    openshift.io/sa.scc.uid-range: 1000670000/10000
  name: mynamespace2
```



Admin

... for shared data access in namespace #2

OpenShift: Custom SCC & Pod/Container securityContext

```
apiVersion: security.openshift.io/v1
kind: SecurityContextConstraints
metadata:
```

```
  name: shared-scc
```

```
runAsUser:
```

```
  type: MustRunAsRange
  uidRangeMin: 5000
  uidRangeMax: 5499
```

UID

```
seLinuxContext:
```

```
  type: MustRunAs
  seLinuxOptions:
    level: "s0:c26,c0"
```

s0:c26,c0

```
fsGroup:
```

```
  type: MustRunAs
  ranges:
    - min: 5000
      max: 6000
```

SGID

```
supplementalGroups:
```

```
  type: MustRunAs
  ranges:
    - min: 5000
      max: 6000
```

add1 GIDs


Admin

Custom securityContext in pod/container

```
spec:
```

```
  securityContext:
```

```
    runAsUser: 5001
```

```
    runAsGroup: 5001
```

```
    seLinuxOptions:
```

```
      level: "s0:c26,c0"
```

```
    fsGroup: 5500
```

```
    supplementalGroups: [5002, 5003]
```



Non-privileged User

```
/data:
drwxr-xr-x. root root .
drwxr-xr-x. root root ..
drwxrwxrwx. root root scratch
drwxrwx---. root 5500 shared
drwxr-x---. 5001 5001 user1
drwxr-x---. 5002 5002 user2
drwxr-x---. 5003 5003 user3
drwx-----. 5004 5004 user4
```

Volumes: **/data** IBM Spectrum Scale CSI volume
/data2 EmptyDir {}

User process in container (uid/gid):

```
# oc rsh test-pod
sh-4.4$ id
uid=5001(5001) gid=5001 groups=5001,5002,5003,5500
```

File permissions on mounted volumes:

```
sh-4.4$ ls -dlZ /data*
drwxr-xr-x. 8 root root system_u:object_r:container_file_t:s0:c0,c26 4096 Sep 30 08:32 /data
drwxrwsrwx. 2 root 5500 system_u:object_r:container_file_t:s0:c0,c26 6 Sep 30 08:32 /data2
```

SGID
SGID

Using SCCs to share data access: service account (role & rolebinding)

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: SecurityContextConstraints
metadata:
  name: shared-scc
allowPrivilegedContainer: false
runAsUser:
  type: MustRunAsRange
  uidRangeMin: 5000
  uidRangeMax: 5499
```

```
seLinuxContext:
  type: MustRunAs
  seLinuxOptions:
    level: "s0:c26,c0"
```

```
fsGroup:
  type: MustRunAs
  ranges:
    - min: 5000
      max: 6000
supplementalGroups:
  type: MustRunAs
  ranges:
    - min: 5000
      max: 6000
```



Admin

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: ServiceAccount
metadata:
  name: shared
  namespace: target-namespace1
---
apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1
kind: Role
metadata:
  name: use-shared-scc
  namespace: target-namespace1
rules:
  - apiGroups:
    - security.openshift.io
    resourceNames:
    - "shared-scc"
    resources:
    - securitycontextconstraints
    verbs:
    - use
---
apiVersion: rbac.authorization.k8s.io/v1
kind: RoleBinding
metadata:
  name: use-shared-scc
  namespace: target-namespace1
roleRef:
  apiGroup: rbac.authorization.k8s.io
  kind: Role
  name: use-shared-scc
subjects:
  - kind: ServiceAccount
    name: shared
    namespace: target-namespace1
```



Admin

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  name: test
spec:
  containers:
    - name: test
      image: ...
      securityContext:
        runAsUser: 5001
        runAsGroup: 5001
      command: [ "/bin/sh", "-c", "--" ]
      args: [ "... " ]
      volumeMounts:
        - name: vol1
          mountPath: "/data"
  serviceAccountName: shared
  securityContext:
    fsGroup: 5500
    supplementalGroups: [5002, 5003]
  volumes:
    - name: vol1
      persistentVolumeClaim:
        claimName: home
```



Using SCCs to *share data access*: OpenShift *users & groups*

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: SecurityContextConstraints
metadata:
  name: shared-scc
allowPrivilegedContainer: false
runAsUser:
  type: MustRunAsRange
  uidRangeMin: 5000
  uidRangeMax: 5499
```

```
seLinuxContext:
  type: MustRunAs
  seLinuxOptions:
    level: "s0:c26,c0"
```

```
fsGroup:
  type: MustRunAs
  ranges:
    - min: 5000
      max: 6000
```

```
supplementalGroups:
  type: MustRunAs
  ranges:
    - min: 5000
      max: 6000
```



Admin

```
# oc adm groups new homegrp
# oc adm groups add-users \
  homegrp user1 user2

# oc adm policy \
  add-scc-to-group \
  shared-scc homegrp

# oc adm policy \
  add-scc-to-user \
  shared-scc user3
```



Admin

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  name: test
spec:
  containers:
    - name: test
      image: ...
      securityContext:
        runAsUser: 5001
        runAsGroup: 5001
        command: [ "/bin/sh", "-c", "--" ]
        args: [ "... " ]
        volumeMounts:
          - name: vol1
            mountPath: "/data"
      securityContext:
        fsGroup: 5500
        supplementalGroups: [5002, 5003]
  volumes:
    - name: vol1
      persistentVolumeClaim:
        claimName: home
```



Using SCCs to *share data access*: OpenShift *users & groups*



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Assign OpenShift *users* to *groups*

```
# oc adm groups new my-group
# oc adm groups add-users my-group user1 user2
# oc get groups
NAME      USERS
my-group  user1, user2
# oc delete group my-group
```

Assign SSCs to OpenShift *users* or *groups*

```
# oc adm policy add-scc-to-group my-scc my-group
# oc adm policy remove-scc-from-group my-scc my-group

# oc adm policy add-scc-to-user my-scc user3
# oc adm policy remove-scc-from-user my-scc user3
```

Check user/group bindings to SCC

```
$ oc describe clusterrolebinding.rbac \
    | grep -A7 scc:my-scc
Name:      system:openshift:scc:my-scc
Labels:    <none>
Annotations: <none>
Role:
  Kind: ClusterRole
  Name: system:openshift:scc:shared-scc
Subjects:
  Kind  Name      Namespace
  ---   ---      -
  User  user3
  Group my-group
```

Further references: *Syncing LDAP groups* (<https://docs.openshift.com/container-platform/4.10/authentication/ldap-syncing.html>)

Using SCCs to *share data access*: Admission process

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: SecurityContextConstraints
metadata:
  name: shared-scc
allowPrivilegedContainer: false
runAsUser:
  type: MustRunAsRange
  uidRangeMin: 5000
  uidRangeMax: 5499
```

```
seLinuxContext:
  type: MustRunAs
  seLinuxOptions:
    level: "s0:c26,c0"
```

```
fsGroup:
  type: MustRunAs
  ranges:
    - min: 5000
      max: 6000
```

```
supplementalGroups:
  type: MustRunAs
  ranges:
    - min: 5000
      max: 6000
```



Admin

Pod

SCC ↔ securityContext

Admission process

evaluates

all **involved SCCs** from

- **user**
- **group**
- **service account**

and selects one that best matches the requested **pod securityContext** or rejects the pod if no match is found.

```
apiVersion: v1
kind: Pod
metadata:
  name: test
spec:
```

containers:

- name: test
- image: ...

```
securityContext:
  runAsUser: 5001
  runAsGroup: 5001
```

```
seLinuxOptions:
  level: "s0:c26,c0"
```

```
command: [ "/bin/sh", "-c", "--" ]
args: [ "... " ]
```

```
volumeMounts:
  - name: vol1
    mountPath: "/data"
```

```
securityContext:
  fsGroup: 5500
  supplementalGroups: [5002, 5003]
```

```
volumes:
  - name: vol1
    persistentVolumeClaim:
      claimName: home
```



user with access to higher privileged SCCs (e.g SCC "anyuid")

Using SCCs to *share data access*: Debugging



User

Custom SCC with service account

```
# oc get pod test -o yaml | grep serviceAccount:
serviceAccount: shared
# oc get pod test -o yaml | grep scc
openshift.io/scc: shared-scc
```

Custom SCC with users & groups

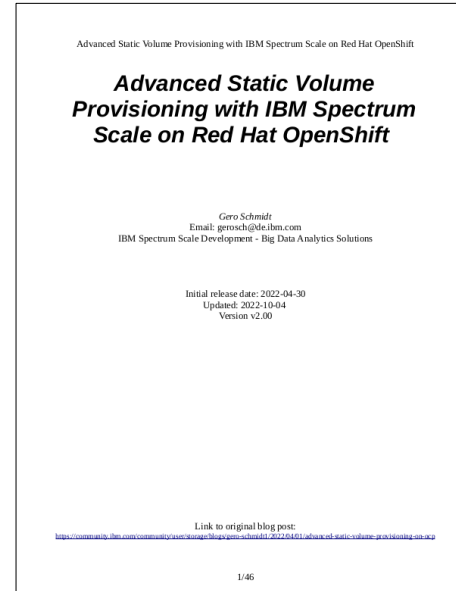
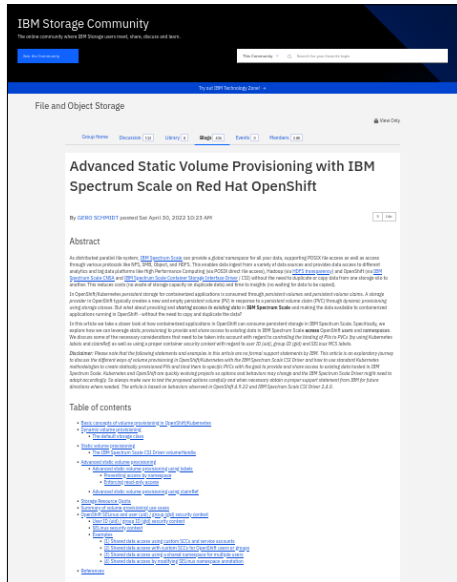
```
# oc get pod test -o yaml | grep serviceAccount:
serviceAccount: default
# oc get pod test -o yaml | grep scc
openshift.io/scc: shared-scc
```

```
# oc apply -f pod.yaml
Error from server (Forbidden): error when creating "pod.yaml": pods "test" is forbidden:
unable to validate against any security context constraint:
[
  provider "anyuid": Forbidden: not usable by user or serviceaccount,
  provider restricted:
    .spec.securityContext.fsGroup: Invalid value: []int64{5500}: 5500 is not an allowed group,
    spec.containers[0].securityContext.runAsUser: Invalid value: 5001: must be in ranges: [1000750000, 1000759999],
  provider "shared-scc": Forbidden: not usable by user or serviceaccount,
  provider "nonroot": Forbidden: not usable by user or serviceaccount,
  provider "hostmount-anyuid": Forbidden: not usable by user or serviceaccount,
  provider "machine-api-termination-handler": Forbidden: not usable by user or serviceaccount,
  provider "hostnetwork": Forbidden: not usable by user or serviceaccount,
  provider "hostaccess": Forbidden: not usable by user or serviceaccount,
  provider "spectrum-scale-csiaccess": Forbidden: not usable by user or serviceaccount,
  provider "node-exporter": Forbidden: not usable by user or serviceaccount,
  provider "ibm-spectrum-scale-privileged": Forbidden: not usable by user or serviceaccount,
  provider "privileged": Forbidden: not usable by user or serviceaccount
]
```

Summary – *What did we learn?*

- (I) **Advanced static volume provisioning** → provide access to **existing data** in IBM Spectrum Scale
 - **labels/selector** → any user can claim from pool, self-service, no control over namespace/SELinux context
 - **claimRef** → selective control of PV binding by PVC *name* & *namespace* (ensure proper SELinux context)
- (II) Set proper **OpenShift security context** to securely provide **shared data access**
 - (1) Shared data access using a **shared namespace** for multiple users
 - Collaboration (everyone has access to everything; define *roles* as *view/edit/admin*)
 - (2) Shared data access by **modifying namespace annotation** (SELinux MCS label)
 - E.g. same user/app on different *sites* accessing same data
 - (3) Shared data access using **custom SCCs** and **service accounts** → Application deployments
 - (4) Shared data access with **custom SCCs** for OpenShift **users** or **groups** → Developers w/shared data
 - Need to trust the user! User can do harm when not applying the correct SELinux MCS label by error.
 - Requires careful planning of custom SCCs with regard to *uid/gid* permissions and *SELinux MCS labels*.
 - SELinux context *may* become less of an issue with future changes or options in Kubernetes/CSI driver.

References



Blog post:

<https://community.ibm.com/community/user/storage/blogs/gero-schmidt1/2022/04/01/advanced-static-volume-provisioning-on-ocp>

Pdf:

<https://ibm.box.com/v/AdvancedStaticProvisioning>

Demo



(1) ***Static volume provisioning*** for

accessing *existing data* in IBM Spectrum Scale

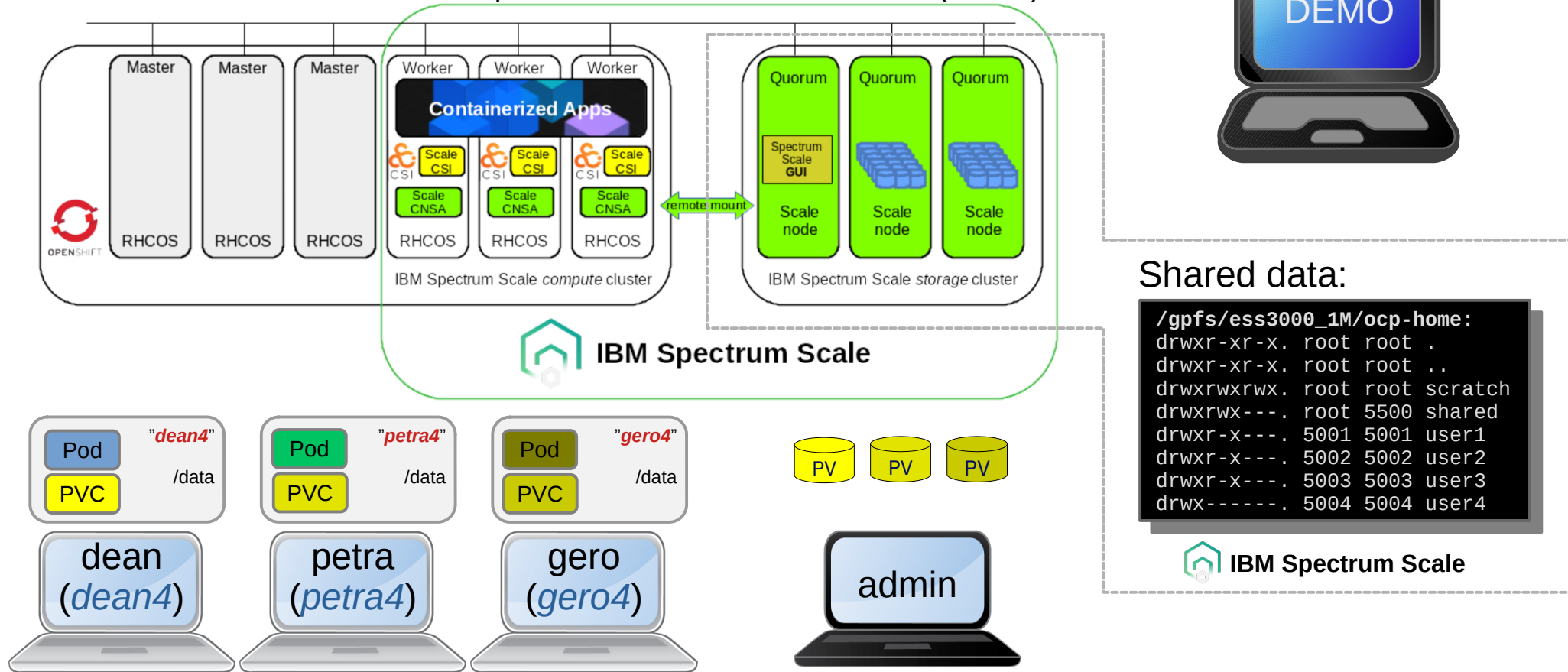
(2) Using a ***custom SCC & securityContext*** for

securely providing *shared data access across namespaces*

The demo recording can be found here: <https://youtu.be/IUvn4YpFzRY>

Demo Setup

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Thank You

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