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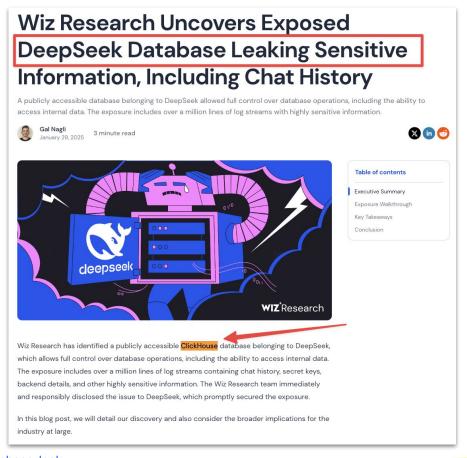
## DeepSeek Data Breach case study.



### **DeepSeek Data Breach**

#### Consequences of data breach:

- Reputation damage
- Financial loss
- Legal and Regulatory Consequences
- Loss of Customer Trust
- Competitive Disadvantage





More info: <a href="https://www.wiz.io/blog/wiz-research-uncovers-exposed-deepseek-database-leak">https://www.wiz.io/blog/wiz-research-uncovers-exposed-deepseek-database-leak</a>



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#### Wiz Research Uncovers Exposed

DeepSeek Database Leaking Sensitive

Information, Including Chat History

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Why is ClickHouse exposing unauthenticated database access at port 9000 to the public? Is this the default behavior or did DeepSeek open it up for dev purposes?

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That used to be the default setup for Redis, too. Might still be. You aren't supposed to have it on a public subnet.

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> You aren't supposed to have it on a public subnet.

That's an incredibly bad assumption. To have defaults assume that you are on a protected network (what does that even mean? like what permissions are assumed just because you are on the same network? admin?) is just bad practice.

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Private networking for internal things like databases has been the standard best practice for a long, long time.

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Safe default configuration has been the standard practice for even longer.

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I'm all for both.

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backend details, and other highly sensitive information. I

In this blog post, we will detail our discovery and also con industry at large.



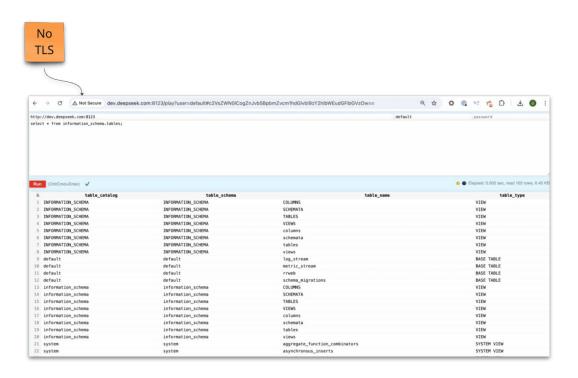


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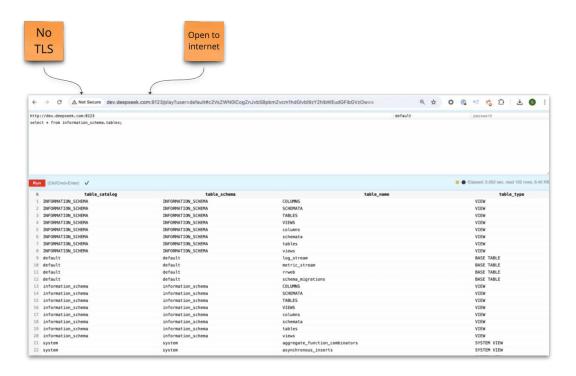
#### Open access







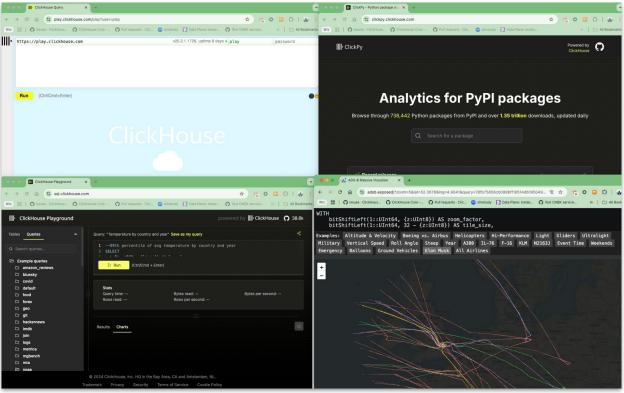
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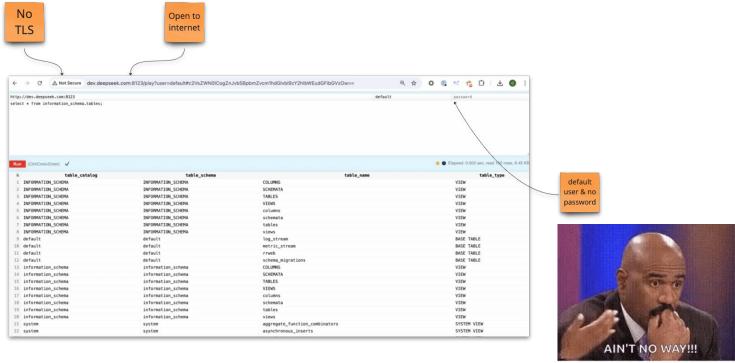
#### Open access







#### **No Authentication**

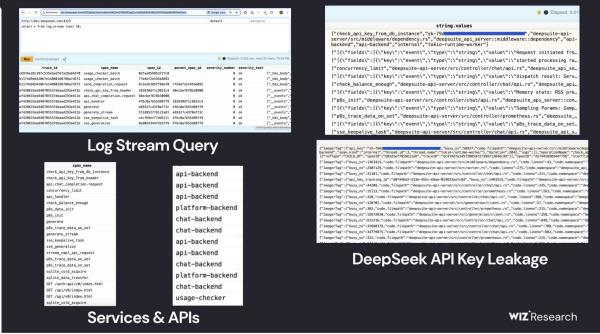






Full access, no quota, no limit & data has no

encryptic







#### default user - worst case scenario (DO NOT DO THIS)

```
-[14:14:46]-pewpew]-[-]
 -> docker run --rm -d clickhouse/clickhouse-server:head-alpine
9de07b85a6c6bf3bb14ec8fe7d34e9b21beb8dfcdc73a95107110c5aad686813
[14:15:21]-pewpew]-[-]
 -> docker exec -it 9d bash
9de07b85a6c6:/# ls /etc/clickhouse-server/
config.d/ config.xml users.d/ users.xml
9de07b85a6c6:/# ls /etc/clickhouse-server/users.d/
default-user.xml
9de07b85a6c6:/# cat /etc/clickhouse-server/users.d/default-user.xml
<clickhouse>
 <!-- Docs: <a href="https://clickhouse.com/docs/en/operations/settings/settings_users/">https://clickhouse.com/docs/en/operations/settings/settings_users/</a> -->
   <default>
     <!-- User default is available only locally -->
     <networks>
        <ip>::1</ip>
        <ip>127.0.0.1</ip>
     </networks>
   </default>
 </users>
</clickhouse>
9de07b85a6c6:/#
```





#### Hackernews clarification...

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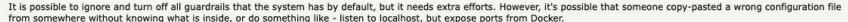
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ClickHouse does not allow external connections by default.

If someone wants to configure an unauthenticated access from the Internet, they have to do the following extra steps:

- enable listening to the wildcard address;
- remove IP filtering for the default user;
- set up a no-password authentication;



A use case for direct database access exists, and is acceptable, assuming you set up a readonly user, grant access to specific tables, limit queries by complexity, and limit total usage by quotas. This is demonstrated by the following public services:

https://play.clickhouse.com/

https://adsb.exposed/

https://reversedns.space/

In this way, ClickHouse can be used to implement public data APIs (which is probably not what DeepSeek wanted).

ClickHouse has a wide range of security and access control restrictions: authentication methods with SSL certificates; SSH keys; even simple password-based auth allows bcrypt and short-living credentials; integration with LDAP and Kerberos; every authentication method can be limited on a network level; full Role-Based Access Control; fine-grained restrictions on query complexity and resource consumption, user quotas.

But still, according to Shodan, there are 33,000 misconfigured ClickHouse servers on the Internet: <a href="https://www.shodan.io/search?query=clickhouse">https://www.shodan.io/search?query=clickhouse</a> This can be attributed to a high popularity of ClickHouse (it is the most widely used analytic DBMS).

When you use ClickHouse Cloud, which is a commercial cloud service based on the open-source ClickHouse database (<a href="https://clickhouse.com/cloud">https://clickhouse.com/cloud</a>), it ensures the needed security measures, improving strong defaults even more: TLS, stong credentials, IP filtering; plus it allows private link, data encryption with customer keys, etc.

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## OSS ClickHouse Security features

 Username & Password : double\_sha1\_password; sha256; bcrypt CREATE USER sec\_user IDENTIFIED
WITH bcrypt\_hash BY '\$2y\$10\$3y43Ch.....J9klbw4Twhy8YLm'



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SSH authentication

CREATE USER sec\_user IDENTIFIED
WITH bcrypt hash BY '\$2y\$10\$3y43Ch.....J9klbw4Twhy8YLm'

CREATE USER sec\_user IDENTIFIED
WITH ssh key BY KEY 'AAAAC3NzaC1lZDI...AtNYgwncUnjaS14e1Od'
TYPE `ssh-ed25519`



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TYPE `ssh-ed25519`

CREATE USER sec\_user IDENTIFIED
WITH ssl certificate CN 'serviceA.customer.com'



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SSH authentication

- Mutual TLS (mtls certificate authentication)
- Or 2 authentication scheme at the same time

```
CREATE USER sec_user IDENTIFIED
WITH bcrypt_hash BY '$2y$10$3y43Ch.....J9klbw4Twhy8YLm'
```

```
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WITH ssh key BY KEY 'AAAAC3NzaC1lZDI...AtNYgwncUnjaS14e1Od'
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```

```
CREATE USER sec_user IDENTIFIED
WITH ssl_certificate CN 'serviceA.customer.com'
```

```
CREATE USER sec user IDENTIFIED
WITH bcrypt_hash BY '$2y$10$3y43Ch.....J9klbw4Twhy8YLm',
ssh_key BY KEY 'AAAAC3NzaC11ZDI..AtNYgwncUnjaS14e10d'
TYPE `ssh-ed25519`
```



#### **CREATE USER - Authentication - External**





#### **External User Authenticators and Directories**

A Not supported in ClickHouse Cloud



#### Note

This page is not applicable to <u>ClickHouse Cloud</u>. The feature documented here is not available in ClickHouse Cloud services. See the <u>ClickHouse Cloud</u> <u>Compatibility guide</u> for more information.

ClickHouse supports authenticating and managing users using external services.

The following external authenticators and directories are supported:

- LDAP Authenticator and Directory
- Kerberos Authenticator
- SSL X.509 authentication
- · HTTP Authenticator



#### **CREATE USER - VALID UNTIL**

**VALID UNTIL** specify the expiration date and, optionally, the time for an authentication method

```
CREATE USER sec_user_5 IDENTIFIED

WITH bcrypt_hash BY '$2y$10$3y43Ch.....J9klbw4m'

VALID UNTIL '2025-03-01'
```



#### **CREATE USER - NETWORK RESTRICTION**

**HOST IP** server restrict access from the specified IP address or a subnetwork

```
CREATE USER sec_user_5 IDENTIFIED

WITH bcrypt_hash BY '$2y$10$3y43Ch.....J9klbw4m'

VALID UNTIL '2025-03-01'

HOST IP '10.1.1.0/24'
```



#### **CREATE USER - QUOTA**

Using **SETTINGS**, it is possible to configure quota on various limits such as max\_row\_to\_read, max\_result\_row, max\_result\_bytes, max\_memory\_usage and many more

```
CREATE USER sec_user_5 IDENTIFIED

WITH bcrypt_hash BY '$2y$10$3y43Ch.....J9klbw4m'

VALID UNTIL '2025-03-01'

HOST IP '10.1.1.0/24'

SETTINGS max_memory_usage=100000,

max_rows_to_read=10000,

max_result_rows=10
```



#### **CREATE USER - READONLY**

Setting **readonly = 1** prohibits the user from changing settings.

Tips: This setting is perfect for readonly service account - preventing accidental delete when granting wrong roles/permissions.

```
CREATE USER sec_user_5 IDENTIFIED WITH bcrypt_hash BY
'$2y$10$3y43ChJKzPN15xbS400e6eQSgDtV7.zqU0mffFJ9klbw4Twhy8YLm'

HOST IP '10.1.1.0/24'

VALID UNTIL '2025-03-01'

SETTINGS max_memory_usage=100000,

max_rows_to_read=10000,

max_result_rows=10,

readonly=1
```



#### **Authorisation - GRANTs & Roles**

GRANT/REVOKE privileges to ClickHouse user accounts or roles.

```
GRANT SELECT ON system.* TO `developer_role`
REVOKE SELECT ON system.query_* FROM `developer_role`
GRANT SELECT,CREATE,INSERT ON `developer_db` TO `santran`
```



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Assigns multiple roles to user accounts or to the other roles.

```
GRANT `developer_role`,`analytic_role` TO `santran`
```



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GRANT `developer_role`, `analytic_role` TO `santran`
```

 Administrators can grant permissions if they have "WITH GRANT OPTION"

```
GRANT * ON `developer_db` TO `santran` WITH GRANT OPTION
```



#### **Authorisation - Row Policy**

Allows specifying a condition to filter rows for user or role.

The users will see **only** the rows if the condition satisfy.

```
CREATE ROW POLICY analytic ON secure.data
USING security_tag='analytic'
TO analytic_role
```

```
CREATE ROW policy header_fun ON secure.data

FOR SELECT USING security_tag IN

( SELECT tag from security_tag_reference
    WHERE user=getClientHTTPHeader('X-USER')
)
TO grafana
```



#### **Authorisation - Row Policy**

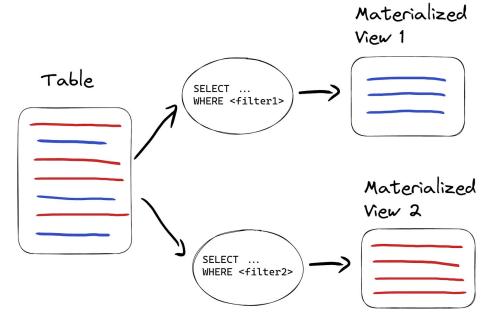
Allows specifying a condition to [15:49:24]-pewpew]-[-] -> curl -H "X-ClickHouse-User: grafana" -H "X-USER:san.tran@clickhouse.com" "https://mt 2.aws.clickhouse-staging. com?query=select+\*+from+secure.flag&allow\_get\_client\_http\_header=true" clickhouse clickhouse comment Some secret data for clickhouse? [15:49:27]-pewpew]-[-] > curl -H "X-ClickHouse-User: grafana" -H "X-USER:admin" "https://mt clickhouse-staging.com?query=select+\* +from+secure.flag&allow\_get\_client\_http\_header=true" flag R @H@Q@@@@wR@@@@@@@@WOc@\_@@I@v@G@@@ not-a-flag not-a-flag The flag has comment=flag haha The flag has comment=flag haha whatever some comment Some secret data for clickhouse? clickhouse clickhouse comment [15:49:51]-pewpew]-[~]

Encryption at rest



## **Authorisation - View security**

Previously, user need access to underlying tables in order to access View.





#### **Authorisation - SQL Security Definer >= 24.2**

With **SQL Security**, it is now possible to specify DEFINER user that would execute the underlying query to access the table.

```
CREATE VIEW employees

DEFINER = service_payroll_account

SQL SECURITY DEFINER

AS

SELECT name, department

FROM payroll;
```

```
GRANT SELECT ON employees
TO ops_role
```



#### **Authorisation - SQL Security Definer >= 24.2**

In this example of **SQL Security**, definer\_user has access to both source and target table.

When data is inserted into source\_table, the target\_table is also populated and the definer\_user permission is applied.

This means that the user inserted data to source\_table do not need to have access to target\_table as well.

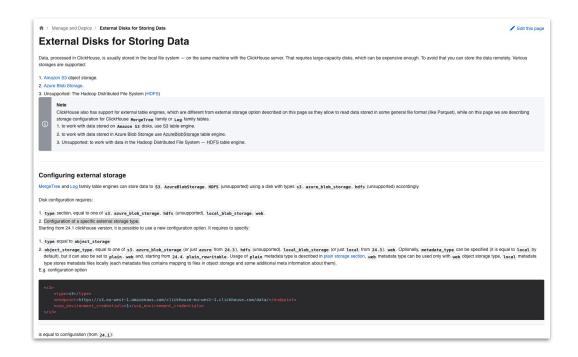
```
CREATE MATERIALIZED VIEW materialized_view
TO target_table
DEFINER = definer_user
SQL SECURITY DEFINER
AS SELECT *
FROM source_table;
```

```
GRANT SELECT ON default.source_table to
definer_user;
GRANT INSERT ON default.target_table to
definer_user;
GRANT INSERT ON default.source_table to
other_user;
```



#### **Encryption at rest - Disk Encryption**

Virtual Disk Encryption





#### **Encryption at rest - Encryption Function**

- Virtual Disk Encryption
- Built-in encryption functions

```
clickhouse-cloud :) select secret from secure.flag where security tag='flag'
SELECT secret
FROM secure.flag
WHERE security tag = 'flag'
Query id: 766de476-be17-44e9-af46-245c56760b77
   -secret-
    R HQwRqW0c IvG
1 row in set. Elapsed: 0.003 sec.
clickhouse-cloud :) select
decrypt('aes-256-ofb', secret, 'd33ps33kR1Is pretty cool model!!')
from secure.flag where security tag='flag'
SELECT decrypt ('aes-256-ofb', secret, 'd33ps33kR1Is pretty cool model!!')
FROM secure.flag
WHERE security tag = 'flag'
Query id: f18e100f-f894-4b64-8adf-f55296fcc44f
   -decrypt ('aes-256-ofb', secret, [HIDDEN id:1])-
    Hello Singapore meetup folks, howare you?
1 row in set. Elapsed: 0.003 sec.
```



## **Question?**

For more information:

https://clickhouse.com/docs

https://trust.clickhouse.com/



#### QUIZ 1 - I can't access the data!

```
CREATE ROW POLICY analytic ON secure.data USING security_tag='analytic' AS RESTRICTIVE TO analytic_role
CREATE ROW POLICY developer ON secure.data USING security_tag='developer' AS RESTRICTIVE TO developer_role

GRANT analytic_role to `san.tran`
GRANT developer_role to `san.tran`
```



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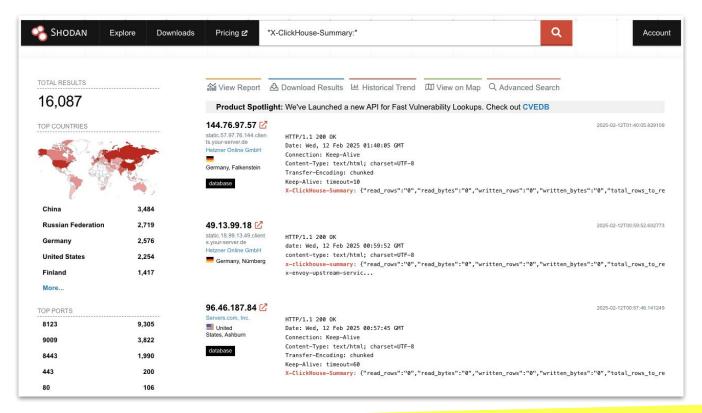
```
CREATE ROW POLICY analytic ON secure.data USING security_tag='analytic' AS RESTRICTIVE TO analytic_role CREATE ROW POLICY developer ON secure.data USING security_tag='developer' AS RESTRICTIVE TO developer_role GRANT analytic_role to `san.tran` GRANT developer_role to `san.tran`
```

```
CREATE ROW POLICY analytic ON secure.data USING security_tag='analytic' AS PERMISSIVE TO analytic_role
CREATE ROW POLICY developer ON secure.data USING security_tag='developer' AS PERMISSIVE TO developer_role

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```

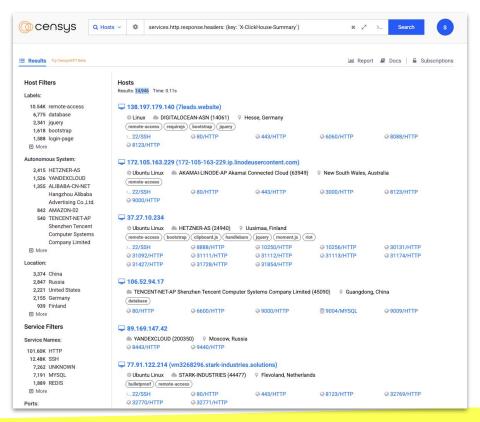


#### ClickHouse on the internet...





#### ClickHouse on the internet...





## What's wrong with this picture?

```
976K Log Lines in a couple of minutes
verity_text---string.names-
                                                                         -_created_at-\-_namespace-\-_platform---\-_host-\-_service
Cancelling query.
Progress: 976.28 thousand rows, 2.25 GB (1.98 thousand rows/s., 4.55 MB/s.)
                                                                                                     WIZ Research
```

