

Architecture and Administration Basics

Security





Security Pillars in Couchbase

Authentication	Authorization	Crypto	Auditing	Operations
App/Data: SASL AuthN Admin: Local or LDAP or PAM Authentication	Local Admin User Local Read-Only Admin RBAC for Admins RBAC for Applications (since 5.0)	TLS admin access TLS client-server access Secure XDCR X.509 certificates for TLS Data-at-rest Encryption* Field-level Encryption (since 5.5) Secret Management	Admin auditing API request auditing (since 5.5) N1QL auditing (since 5.5)	Security management via UI/CLI/REST

^{*} Via third-party partners



1 Authentication

Authentication



Internal

- Username/password
 - Users and passwords stored in Couchbase
- Certificate-based authentication
 - Client certificate signed using the same cluster CA that was used to sign the node certificates
 - Username encoded in one of the fields of the client certificate

External

- Couchbase stores only user names
- Password is validated by an external system
 - LDAP server
 - Pluggable Authenication Modules (PAM)
- Authentication method is configured over saslauthd





- Allows UNIX local accounts to authenticate as Couchbase administrators.
- Pluggable authentication architecture that is policy driven

Centralized Management

Centralized and synchronize administrator account management using UNIX user management services

Security Policy Enforcement

Allows configuration of strong security policies such as strong password requirements





Setting up PAM-based authentication, creating an external user

https://docs.couchbase.com/server/6.0/manage/manage-security/configure-pam.html

Password Policy and Rotation



```
Default Policy
{
   "enforceDigits": false,
   "enforceLowercase": false,
   "enforceSpecialChars": false,
   "enforceUppercase": false,
   "minLength": 6
}
```

Policy and Rotation

- Simple password policy rules enforced when initially set or rotated
- Policy can be set using REST or CLI: couchbase-cli setting-password-policy
- Password can be reset using UI, REST or CLI





Role-Based Access Control (RBAC)





Role-Based Access Control (RBAC) allows you to specify what each admin can access in couchbase through role membership

Regulatory Compliance

A strong demand for applications to meet standards recommended by regulatory authorities

Segregation of Admin Duties

Every admin does not have all the privileges. Depending on the job duties, admins can hold only those privileges that are required.

Security Privilege Separation

Only the full-admin has the privilege to manage security, and his/her actions can be audited just like other administrators.



Role-Based Access Control (RBAC) for Applications

- Meet regulatory compliance requirements for data users and applications
- Simplified access control management for data and admin users across the cluster

Regulatory Compliance

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Segregation of User Duties

Depending on the job duties, users can hold only those privileges that are required

Locking Down Services

Depending on what the service is needed for, only those roles can be assigned

RBAC Security Model



Privilege

A set of actions on a given resource Eg. Read documents on "foo" bucket



Action: an operation *eg. read,* write, read metadata

Resource: some system object that an action can be performed on. *eg. bucket, index, etc.*



A fixed grouping of privileges that defines the access given



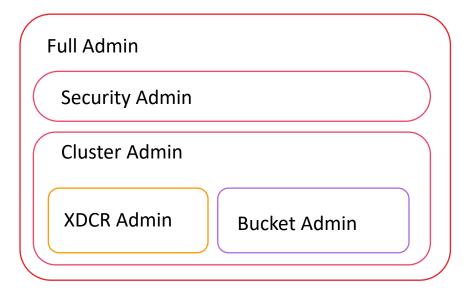
User is a human user or service

- NIST Model
- Scalable users accounts
- Fixed out-of-the-box data roles in 5.0
- 1:N User-to-role mapping
- Roles can be applied for specific buckets / across all buckets [*]

Administrator Roles



- Roles pre-defined with permissions for specific resources
 - Full admin: full access to cluster and data
 - Security Admin: user management
 - Cluster Admin: all kind of cluster and bucket configuration
 - XDCR Admin: create and manage XDCR
 - Bucket Admin: create and manage buckets
 - Read-Only Admin: read-only access to cluster configuration, monitoring statistics
- All admin roles, except Full Admin, do not provide access to data





Roles for Data Service

Data Reader

• Read data from bucket

Data Writer

Write data to bucket

Data DCP Reader

Can read the DCP stream from bucket

Data Backup

Can backup/restore the bucket

Data Monitoring

Can monitor statistics for bucket

▼ Data Roles

- Data Monitoring
- Data Backup
- Data DCP Reader
- Data Writer
- Data Reader



Roles for Query Service

Query Select	Can execute SELECT N1QL statement for bucket		
Query Update	Can execute UPDATE N1QL statement for bucke		
Query Insert	Can execute INSERT N1QL statement for bucket		
Query Delete	Can execute DELETE N1QL statement for bucket		
Query Manage Index	Can execute index management statements for b		
Query System Catalog	Can query system tables for bucket		

• Can execute N1QL CURL statement

Query External Access

▼ Query Roles
 □ Query External Access
 □ Query System Catalog
 ▶ Query Manage Index
 ▶ Query Delete
 ▶ Query Insert
 ▶ Query Update
 ▶ Query Select

for bucket



Bucket Roles

Application Access

Bucket Admin

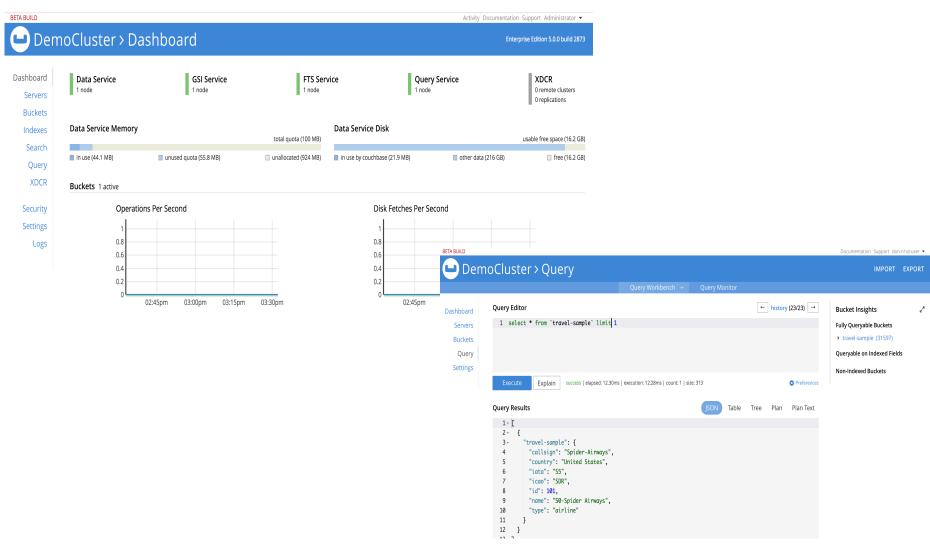
- Full Read/Write access over the bucket for compatibility for pre-5.0 authentication
- Full Read/Write access over the bucket, and ability to change bucket settings

Web Console For Administrators and Developers

Who gets to log into web console?



- L. Administrators (Any administrator role)
- 2. Developers (Users who have one ore more query role)





Role Assignment – Using REST and CLI

Using REST

curl -X PUT http://localhost:8091/settings/rbac/users/local/don-data-user -u Administrator:password -d "roles=data_reader[travel-sample]" -d "password=donpassword"

Using CLI

./couchbase-cli user-manage --set --rbac-username don-n1ql-user --rbac-password donpassword --auth-domain local --roles "data_reader[*], query_select[*]" -c http://localhost:8091 -u Administrator -p password



GRANT / REVOKE statements in N1QL for RBAC

GRANT ROLE

GRANT ROLE data_reader(`*`) to don

REVOKE ROLE

REVOKE ROLE data_reader(`*`) from don



System tables for RBAC

system:applicable_roles (provides user-role mappings)

SELECT * FROM system:applicable_roles WHERE bucket_name="travel-sample"

system:user_info (provides full user information)

SELECT * FROM system:user_info



3 Encryption



Encryption



On-the-wire Encryption

- TLS between client and server
- TLS between datacenters using secure XDCR
- X.509 CA Certificates for trusted encryption between client and server
- Field-level Encryption

On-Disk Encryption

- Volume and application level encryption through our trusted 3rd partners (LUKS, Vormetric, Protegrity, SafeNet)
- FIPS 140-2 compliant
- Field-level Encryption

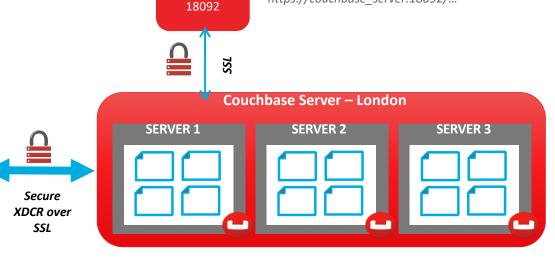
Couchbase encryption overview (In Motion)



ENCRYPTION

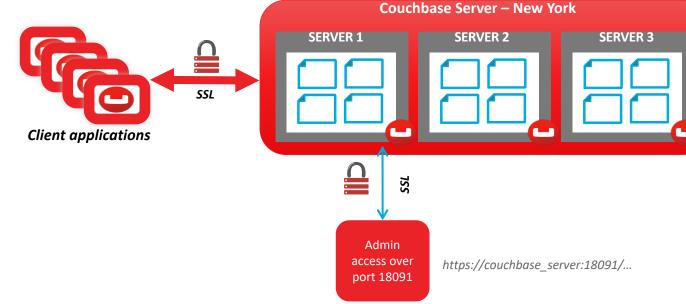
Data-in-motion encryption

- Client-server communication can be encrypted using SSL
- Secure admin access using SSL over port 18091
- Secure view access using SSL over port 18092
- Secure XDCR for encryption across datacenters



https://couchbase server:18092/...

View access over port



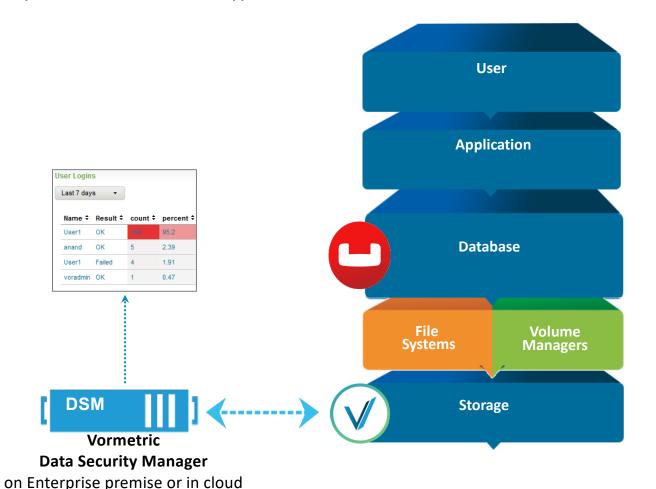




ENCRYPTION

Transparent data-at-rest encryption solution

virtual or physical appliance

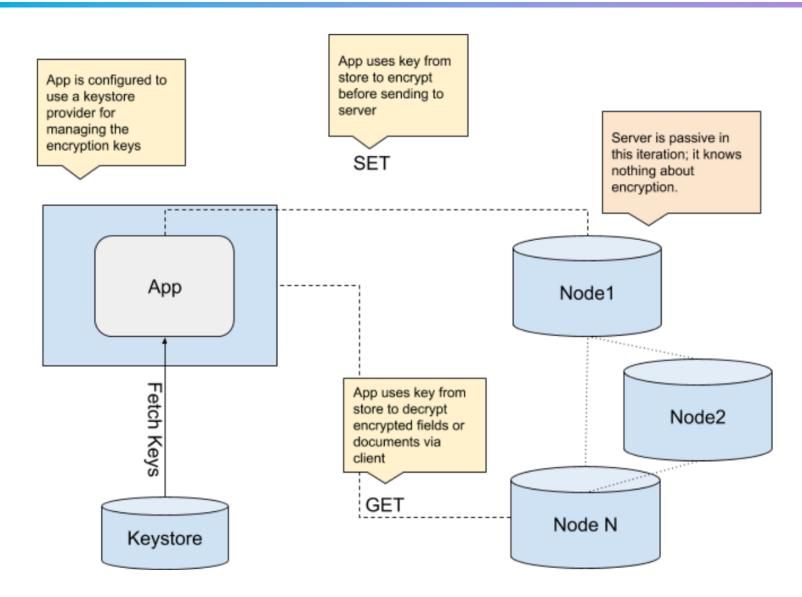


Secure Personally Identifiable Information

- User profile information
- Login Credentials
- IP Addresses
- Centrally manage keys and policy
- Virtual and physical appliance
- High-availability with cluster
- Multi-tenant and strong separation of duties
- Proven 10,000+ device and key management scale
- Web, CLI, API Interfaces
- FIPS 140-2 certified







Field Level Encryption: Example



```
"message":"The old grey goose jumped over
the wrickety gate.",
"recipient": "jeffry.morris@couchbase.com"
}
```

```
"__crypt_message": {
    "ala": "RSA-2048-0AEP-SHA1",
    "kid": "MyPublicKeyName",
    "ciphertext":
"iX2MXbUlief8Xxk4DYysivEsUXeoiFBLkm4/EC7E9vRnGikD0iuaWl
1LTJU/oNKeVN1WPzfN6r/uLEpttp+BLC0DswdxLkA30Ne085TDdHaHm
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s8KDZ0+nk7Xnn50YFmBHQDyJ39nuibEMKNMlA2ZNlCvfFqE1dU3iqqZ
YyS70TukFB02q=="
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4 Auditing

Admin Auditing in Couchbase

Rich audit events

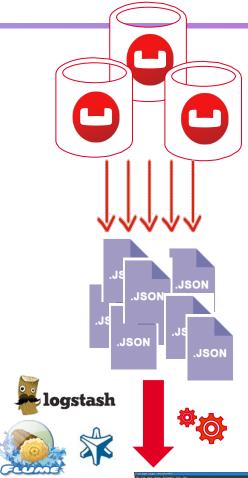
- Over 25+ different, detailed admin audit events
- Auditing for tools including backup

Configurable auditing

- Configurable file target
- Support for time based log rotation and audit filtering

Easy integration

JSON format allows for easy integration with downstream systems using flume, **splunk**> logstash, and syslogd







Auditing a successful login



```
WHEN
"timestamp": "2015-02-20T08:48:49.408-08:00",
"id":8192,
                                      WHAT
"name":"login success",
"description": "Successful login to couchbase cluster",
"role":"admin",
"real_userid": {
                                                    WHO
                "source":"ns server",
                "user":"bjones"
                                                                     HOW
"sessionid":"0fd0b5305d1561ca2b10f9d795819b2e",
"remote":{"ip":"172.23.107.165", "port":59383}
```

Thank you

