

I created a least-privilege PostgreSQL user (app_user) that is not a superuser. The user was granted only SELECT AND INSERT permissions on the applicants table, which are required for reading analysis data and inserting new records during updates. I granted USAGE on the applicants_p_id_seq sequence to app_user because PostgreSQL requires sequence access to generate primary keys during INSERT operations. No DROP, ALTER, DELETE, or ownership permissions were granted.

The SQL snippet I used was:

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-- Grant minimal read/write access needed by the application
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GRANT SELECT, INSERT ON TABLE public.applicants TO app_user;
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GRANT USAGE, SELECT ON SEQUENCE public.applicants_p_id_seq TO app_user;
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-- Verify privileges
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\dp public.applicants
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Here is a screenshot of privileges:

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Schema | Name | Type | Access privileges | Column privileges | Policies
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public | applicants | table | poof=arwdDxt/poof+ |  | 
(1 row)

gradcafe=#
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