

CSIT115 Data Management and Security

Discretionary Access Control

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User management

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User management

Creating a new user

```
CREATE USER jamesb IDENTIFIED BY 'mi6';
```

Creating a user 'jamesb'

Dropping a user

```
DROP USER jamesb;
```

Dropping a user 'jamesb'

Altering a user

```
ALTER USER jamesb IDENTIFIED BY 'cia';
```

Altering a password of a user 'jamesb'

Listing the users

```
SELECT USER FROM mysql.user;
```

Listing the names of users

```
+-----+
| user   |
+-----+
| csit115 |
| mysql.sys |
| root   |
+-----+
```

Contents of mysql.user table

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Database management

Creating a new database

```
CREATE DATABASE university;
```

Creating a database 'university'

Dropping a database

```
DROP DATABASE university;
```

Dropping a database 'university'

Accessing a database

```
use university;  
SELECT * FROM COURSE;
```

Making a database 'university' default database and accessing a table 'COURSE'

```
SELECT * FROM university.COURSE;
```

Accessing a table 'COURSE' in 'university' database

Database management

Listing databases

Listing `databases;`

Listing databases

Database names

```
+-----+
| Database |
+-----+
| information_schema |
| csit115 |
| mysql |
| ... |
+-----+
```

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Access management

A **privilege** is a right to perform an operation on a database or to access in read or write mode a data object stored in a database

MySQL distinguish the following **groups of privileges**

- **Administrative (global) privileges** enable users to manage operation of the MySQL server
- **Administrative privileges** are global because they are not specific to a particular database

SHOW DATABASES, SHUTDOWN, PROCESS, CREATE USER, ...

Global privileges

Access management

MySQL distinguishes the following **groups of privileges**

- **Database privileges** apply to a database and to all objects within it
- **Database privileges** can be granted for specific databases, or globally so that they apply to all databases

CREATE, ALTER, DROP, SELECT, UPDATE, INSERT ...

Database privileges

Access management

MySQL distinguish the following **groups of privileges**

- **Table privileges** apply to a relational table and its columns
- **Table privileges** can be granted for specific relational tables, or globally so that they apply to all tables in a given database

```
CREATE, ALTER, DROP, SELECT, UPDATE, INSERT ...
```

Table privileges

A special privilege named **USAGE** is a synonym for **no privileges** granted to a user

Information about account privileges is stored in the `user`, `db`, `tables_priv`, `columns_priv`, and `procs_priv` tables in the `mysql` database

To list all privileges use

```
show privileges;
```

Listing all privileges

Access management

SQL statements `GRANT` and `REVOKE` can be used to assign/revoke privileges to/from database users

Granting a privilege to a user

```
GRANT privilege-type ON privilege-level TO user[WITH GRANT OPTION];
```

Revoking a privilege from a user

```
REVOKE privilege-type ON privilege-level FROM user;
```

Revoking all privileges from a user

```
REVOKE ALL PRIVILEGES FROM user;
```

Revoking 'GRANT OPTION' privilege from a user

```
REVOKE GRANT OPTION FROM user;
```

Available privilege-types

All privileges

```
ALL, ALTER, ALTER ROUTINE, CREATE, CREATE ROUTINE, CREATE TABLESPACE,  
CREATE TEMPORARY TABLES, CREATE USER, CREATE VIEW, DELETE, DROP, EVENT, EXECUTE,  
FILE, GRANT OPTION, INDEX, INSERT, LOCK TABLES, PROCESS, PROXY, REFERENCES, RELOAD,  
REPLICATION CLIENT, REPLICATION SLAVE, SELECT, SHOW DATABASES, SHOW VIEW,  
SHUTDOWN, SUPER, TRIGGER, UPDATE, USAGE
```

Access management

The following **privilege-levels** are available: **global privileges**, database privileges, table privileges, column privileges

Global privileges are **administrative privileges** or apply to **all databases** on a given server

Global privileges are denoted by ***.***

Granting 'SELECT' privilege on all databases and all tables in the databases

```
GRANT SELECT ON *.* TO James;
```

Granting all privileges on all databases and all tables in the databases

```
GRANT ALL ON *.* TO Harry;
```

Granting 'USAGE' privilege on all databases and all tables in the databases

```
GRANT USAGE ON *.* TO Robin;
```

The following privileges can be granted only globally

```
CREATE TABLESPACE,CREATE USER,FILE,PROCESS,RELOAD,  
REPLICATION CLIENT,REPLICATION SLAVE,SHOW DATABASES,SHUTDOWN,SUPER
```

Global privileges

```
GRANT CREATE USER ON *.* TO James;
```

Granting 'CREATE USER' privilege

Global privileges are stored in `mysql.user` table

Access management

The following **privilege-levels** are available: global privileges, **database privileges**, table privileges, column privileges

Database privileges are **privileges** that apply to **all objects** in a given database

Database privileges are denoted by **database-name.***

```
GRANT SELECT ON csit115.* TO James;
```

Granting 'SELECT' privilege on all tables in 'csit115' database

```
GRANT ALL ON university.* TO Harry;
```

Granting all privileges on all tables in 'university' database

```
GRANT INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE on csit115.* TO Robin;
```

Granting write privileges on all tables in 'csit115' database

Database privileges are stored in **mysql.db** table

Access management

The following **privilege-levels** are available: global privileges, database privileges, **table privileges**, column privileges

Table privileges are privileges that apply to **apply to all columns in a given table**

Table privileges are denoted by `database-name.table-name`

Granting 'SELECT' privileges on 'DRIVER' table in 'csit115' database

```
GRANT SELECT ON csit115.DRIVER TO James;
```

Granting all privileges on 'COURSE' table in 'university' database

```
GRANT ALL ON university.COURSE TO Harry;
```

Granting write privilege on 'ORDERS' table in 'university' database

```
GRANT INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE on csit115.ORDERS TO Robin;
```

The permissible privileges at the **table level** are the following

Table privileges

```
ALTER, CREATE VIEW, CREATE, DELETE, DROP, GRANT OPTION, INDEX,  
INSERT, REFERENCES, SELECT, SHOW VIEW, TRIGGER, UPDATE
```

Table privileges are stored in `mysql.tables_priv` table

Access management

The following **privilege-levels** are available: global privileges, database privileges, table privileges, **column privileges**

Column privileges are **privileges** that apply to **apply to selected columns** in a given table

A privilege to be granted as a **column privilege** must be followed by the column or columns, enclosed within parentheses

Granting 'SELECT' privilege on a column 'LNUM' in 'DRIVER' table in 'csit115' table

```
GRANT SELECT (LNUM) ON csit115.DRIVER TO James;
```

Granting 'INSERT' privilege on the columns 'sname' and 'level' in 'SKILL' table in 'university' database

```
GRANT INSERT (sname, level) ON university.SKILL TO Harry;
```

Granting 'UPDATE' and 'REFERENCES' privileges on a column 'ordernum' in 'ORDERS' table in 'csit115' database

```
GRANT UPDATE(ordernum), REFERENCES (ordernum) on csit115.ORDERS TO Robin;
```

The permissible privileges at the **column level** are the following

```
INSERT,REFERENCES,SELECT,UPDATE
```

Column privileges

Column privileges are stored in `mysql.columns_priv` table

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Immediately after installation of the system there is one user `root` with no password and with **all privileges** granted

A user `root` connects without a password and sets up a new password

```
mysql -u root
```

Connecting as a user 'root'

```
ALTER USER root IDENTIFIED BY 'root';
```

Changing a password of a user 'root'

A user `root` creates a new user `jamesb`

```
CREATE USER jamesb IDENTIFIED BY 'jamesb';
```

Creating a new user

Applications

User `jamesb` has no privileges

Listing the privileges of a user 'jamesb'

```
SELECT user, select_priv, insert_priv, update_priv, delete_priv
FROM mysql.user
WHERE user='jamesb';
```

Privileges of a user 'jamesb'

user	select_priv	insert_priv	update_priv	delete_priv
jamesb	N	N	N	N

Applications

A user `root` grants all privileges to a user `jamesb` on all databases without `GRANT OPTION`

Granting all privileges on all tables in all databases to a user 'jamesb'

```
GRANT ALL ON *.* to jamesb;
```

User `jamesb` has all privileges but he/she cannot grant any privileges

Listing 'SELECT', 'INSERT', 'UPDATE', 'DELETE', and 'GRANT' privileges of a user 'jamesb'

```
SELECT select_priv, insert_priv, update_priv, delete_priv, grant_priv
FROM mysql.user
WHERE user='jamesb';
```

'SELECT', 'INSERT', 'UPDATE', 'DELETE', and 'GRANT' privileges of a user 'jamesb'

user	select_priv	insert_priv	update_priv	delete_priv	grant_priv
jamesb	Y	Y	Y	Y	N

Applications

A user `root` creates a database `mi6`

```
CREATE DATABASE mi6;
```

Creating a new database

A user `jamesb` connects to a database `mi6`

```
mysql -u jamesb -p -v;
```

Connecting as a user 'jamesb'

```
use mi6;
```

Making a database 'mi6' a default database

A user `jamesb` creates the relational tables `DEPARTMENT` and `COURSE`

A user `jamesb` has all privileges on the tables created

A user `root` has all privileges on the tables created by a user `jamesb`

Applications

A user `root` tests some privileges on the tables created by a user `jamesb`

```
SELECT * FROM mi6.DEPARTMENT;
```

Reading from 'DEPARTMENT' table in 'mi6' database

```
DELETE FROM mi6.COURSE;
```

Deleting from 'COURSE' table in 'mi6' database

A user `root` creates a new user `harryp`

```
CREATE USER harryp IDENTIFIED BY 'harryp';
```

Creating a new user

A user `root` grants to a user `harryp` a privilege `SELECT` (read) on all tables in a database `mi6`

```
GRANT SELECT ON mi6.* TO harryp;
```

Granting 'SELECT' privilege on all tables in 'mi6' database

Applications

A user `harryp` has a privilege `SELECT` on a database `mi6`

Listing 'SELECT', 'INSERT', 'DELETE' privileges of a user 'harryp' on a database 'mi6'

```
SELECT user, db, select_priv, insert_priv, delete_priv, update_priv
FROM mysql.db
WHERE user='harryp';
```

'SELECT', 'INSERT', 'DELETE' privileges of a user 'harryp' on a database 'mi6'

+	-----+	-----+	-----+	-----+	-----+	-----+
	user	db	select_priv	insert_priv	update_priv	delete_priv
+	-----+	-----+	-----+	-----+	-----+	-----+
	harryp	mi6	Y	N	N	N
+	-----+	-----+	-----+	-----+	-----+	-----+

A user `root` grants to a user `harryp` the privileges `INSERT`, `UPDATE`, and `DELETE` (write) on `all tables` in a database `csit115`

Granting 'INSERT', 'UPDATE', 'DELETE' privileges on all tables in 'csit115' database

```
GRANT INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE ON csit115.* TO harryp;
```

Applications

A user `harryp` has `INSERT`, `UPDATE`, and `DELETE` (write) privileges on all tables in a database `csit115`;

Listing 'SELECT', 'INSERT', 'DELETE' privileges of a user 'harryp' on the databases 'mi6' and 'csit115'

```
SELECT user, db, select_priv, insert_priv, delete_priv, update_priv
FROM mysql.db
WHERE user='harryp';
```

'SELECT', 'INSERT', 'DELETE' privileges of a user 'harryp' on the databases 'mi6' and 'csit115'

user	db	select_priv	insert_priv	update_priv	delete_priv
harryp	mi6	Y	N	N	N
harryp	csit115	N	Y	Y	Y

Applications

A user `root` grants to a user `jamesb` the privileges `UPDATE` and `DELETE` on a table `DEPARTMENT` in a database `csit115`;

Granting 'UPDATE', 'DELETE' privileges on 'DEPARTMENT' table in 'csit115' database

```
GRANT UPDATE, DELETE ON csit115.DEPARTMENT TO jamesb;
```

Listing table privileges of 'jamesb' user

```
SELECT user, db, table_name, table_priv
FROM mysql.tables_priv
WHERE user='jamesb';
```

Table privileges of 'jamesb' user

+	-----+	-----+	-----+	-----+
	user		db	
	table_name		table_priv	
+	-----+	-----+	-----+	-----+
	jamesb		csit115	
	DEPARTMENT		Update,Delete	
+	-----+	-----+	-----+	-----+

Applications

A user `root` grants to a user `jamesb` a privilege `REFERENCES` on a column `DNAME` in `DEPARTMENT` table in a database `csit115`;

Granting 'REFERENCE' privilege on 'DNAME' column in 'DEPARTMENT' table in 'csit115' database

```
GRANT REFERENCES (DNAME) ON csit115.DEPARTMENT TO jamesb;
```

Listing column privileges of a user 'jamesb'

```
SELECT user, db, table_name, column_name, column_priv
FROM mysql.columns_priv
WHERE user='jamesb';
```

Column privileges of a user 'jamesb'

user	db	table_name	column_name	column_priv
jamesb	csit115	DEPARTMENT	DNAME	References

Applications

A user `csit115` creates a relational view `ITDEPT` in a database `csit115`

```
CREATE VIEW ITDEPT(DNAME, BUDGET, CHAIRMAN)
AS (SELECT * FROM
    DEPARTMENT
    WHERE DNAME='IT');
```

Creating a relational view

A user `root` grants to a user `jamesb` a privilege `INSERT` on a view `ITDEPT` in a database `csit115`;

```
GRANT INSERT ON csit115.ITDEPT TO jamesb;
```

Granting 'INSERT' privilege on 'ITDEPT' view in 'csit115' database

Applications

A user `jamesb` has a privilege `INSERT` on a view `ITDEPT` in a database `csit115`;

```
SELECT user, db, table_name, table_priv
FROM mysql.tables_priv
WHERE user='jamesb';
```

Listing table privileges of a user 'jamesb'

user	db	table_name	table_priv
jamesb	csit115	DEPARTMENT	Update,Delete
jamesb	csit115	ITDEPT	Insert

Table privileges of a user 'jamesb'

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