

Securing Your Couchbase Environment

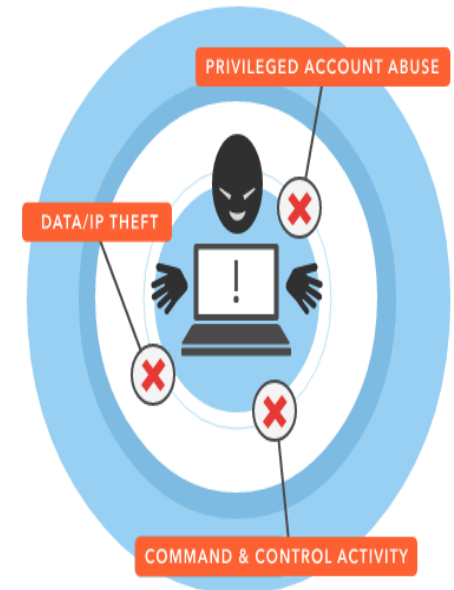
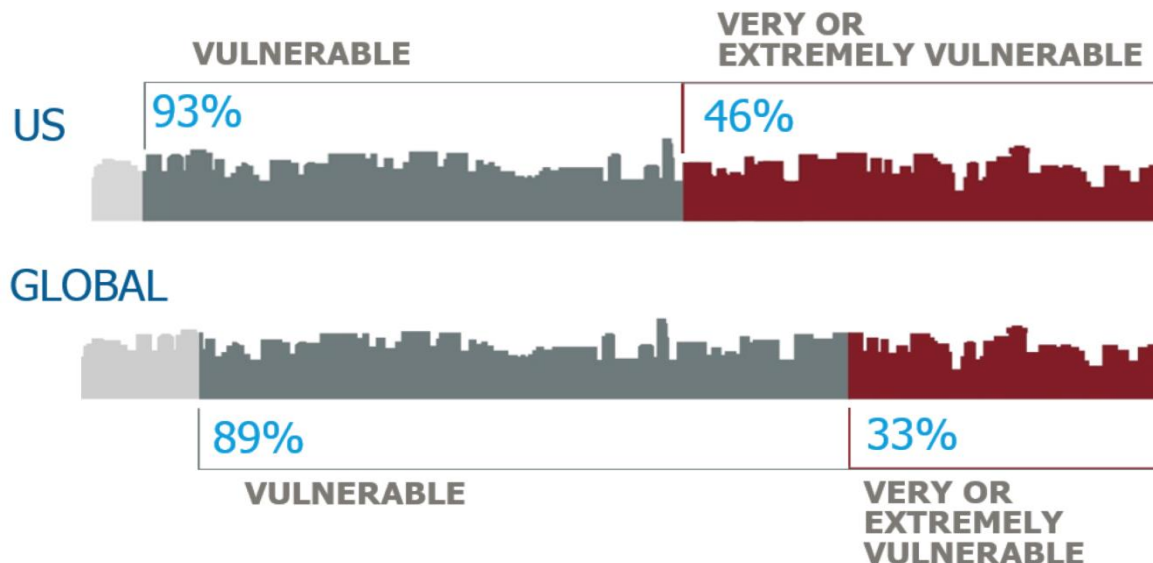
Key drivers of NoSQL data security

Regulatory compliance requirements

- PCI, HIPAA, EU Data Protection Directive,
- Additional corporate security policies



Growing number of insider threats



Core security requirements

AUTHENTICATION



- Who am I/prove it
- Control access to cluster

AUTHORIZATION



- Admin/data access separation
- Role based access

ENCRYPTION



- Encrypt data at rest and in-motion

AUDITING



- Who did what, when, and how ?

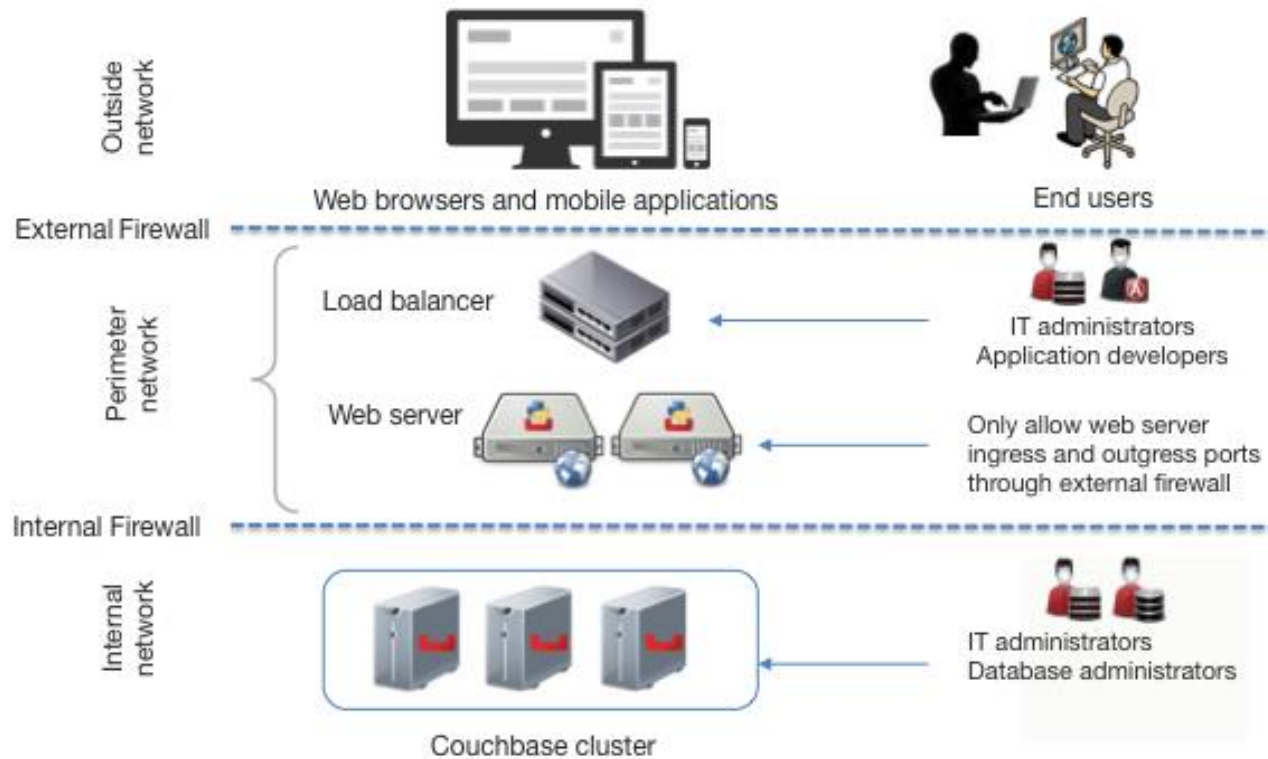
ADMINISTRATION



- Security best practices

Previously	In 2.2	In 2.5	In 3.0	New in 4.0
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SASL AuthN with Bucket Passwords Admin User Secure Build Platform	Read-Only User Easy Admin Password Reset Non-Root User Deployment s	Secure Communicati on for XDCR	Encrypted Client-Server Communicati on Encrypted Admin Access Access Log Data-at-Rest Encryption	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Simplified complianc e with admin auditing• External identity managem ent for admins using LDAP

Security is Enforced



Security is Enforced

From the network perspective, here are a few layers you might consider for enforcing security:

- Outside network, where web browsers and mobile applications are located.
- Perimeter network between the internal and external firewall, which typically consists of web servers and load balancing machines. This network provides physical separation between back-end and external interfaces, such as the web and mobile applications.
- Internal network within the internal firewall, where Couchbase Server is typically deployed.

- **Application authentication**
 - Buckets are protected with challenge-response SASL protocol
 - AuthN happens over CRAM-MD5



The screenshot shows the 'Access Control' section of the Couchbase web interface. It features two radio button options for authentication. The first option, 'Standard port (TCP port 11211. Needs SASL auth.)', is selected. Below it is a text input field labeled 'Enter password:' containing seven dots. The second option, 'Dedicated port (supports ASCII protocol and is auth-less)', is unselected. Below it is a text input field labeled 'Protocol Port:' which is currently empty.

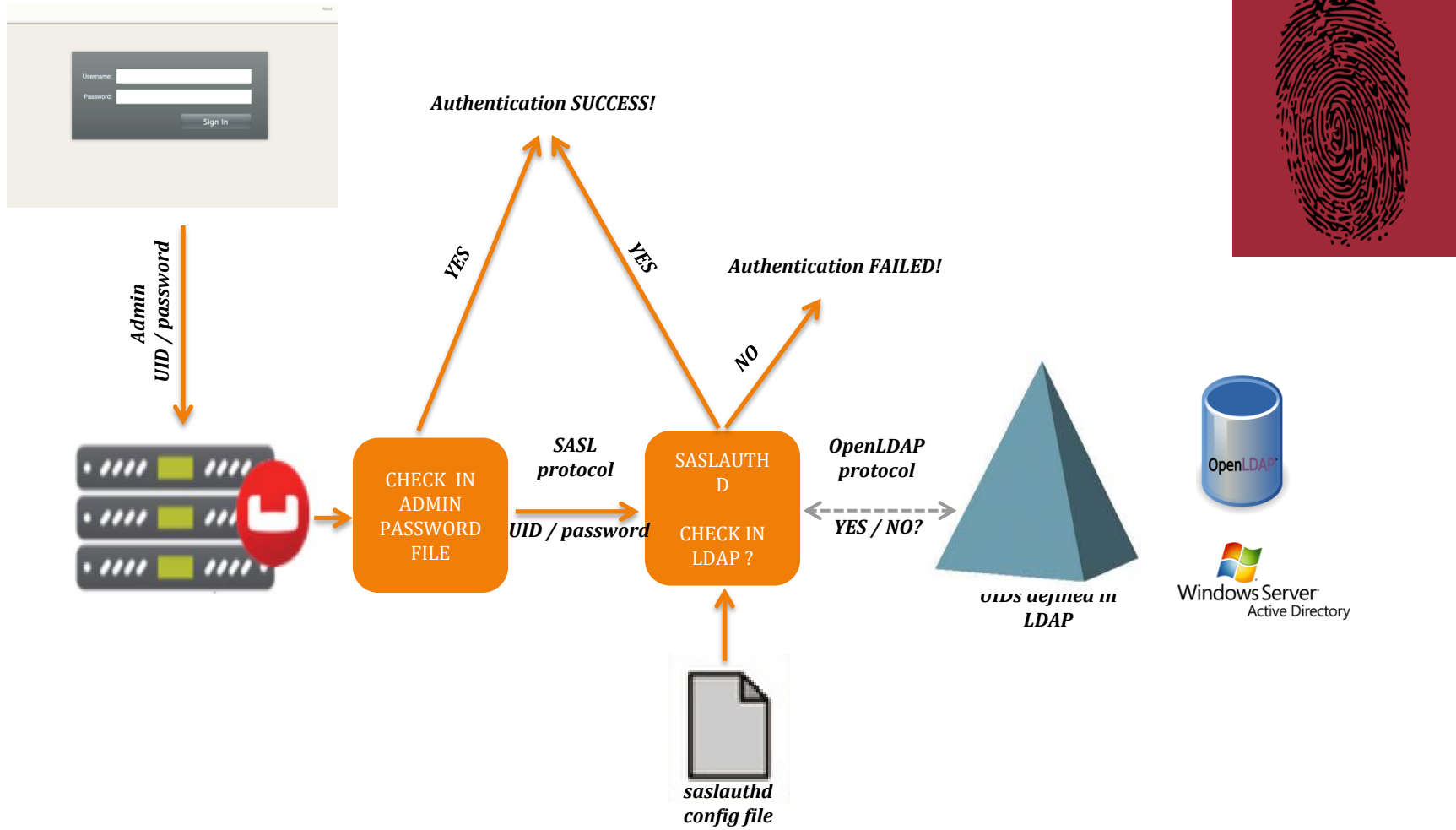


- **Admin authentication**
 - Authentication through admin username and password
 - Authentication through LDAP (New in 4.0)

External identity management using LDAP

- **Centralized identity management**
 - Define multiple read-only admins and full-admin
 - Centralized security policy management for admin accounts for stronger passwords, password rotation, and auto lockouts
- **Individual accountability. Simplified compliance.**
 - Define UUIDs in LDAP, and map UUIDs to read-only/full admin role in Couchbase
 - Comprehensive audit trails with LDAP UUIDs in audit records





The screenshot shows the Couchbase Settings page with the 'LDAP Auth Setup' tab selected. The page is titled 'LDAP Auth' and includes a description: 'Integrate with a directory server such as Active Directory or LDAP using the LDAP protocol. Users in LDAP can be mapped to Full-Admin / Read-Only Admin in Couchbase.'

Setup

Enable: ☐ (Callout: Turn on/off LDAP)

Read-Only Admins: (Callout: Add UIDs to read-only admins)

Full Admins: (Callout: Add UIDs to full admins)

Default: ☐ Read-only ☐ Full Admin ☒ None (Callout: Set default behavior if UID is not mapped)

Test

Username:

Password:

Validate

Save



Plus REST APIs and CLI integration for programmatic setup

- **Application data access**
 - Full access to specific buckets
- **Admin access**
 - Full administrator has full privileges on the cluster
 - Read-only administrator cannot change cluster settings

AUTHORIZATION



Cluster Update Notifications Auto-Failover Alerts Auto-Compaction LDAP Auth Setup **Account Management** Audit Sample Buckets

Read-Only User

This user will have read-only access and cannot make any changes to the system. The user can only view existing servers, buckets, views and monitor stats.

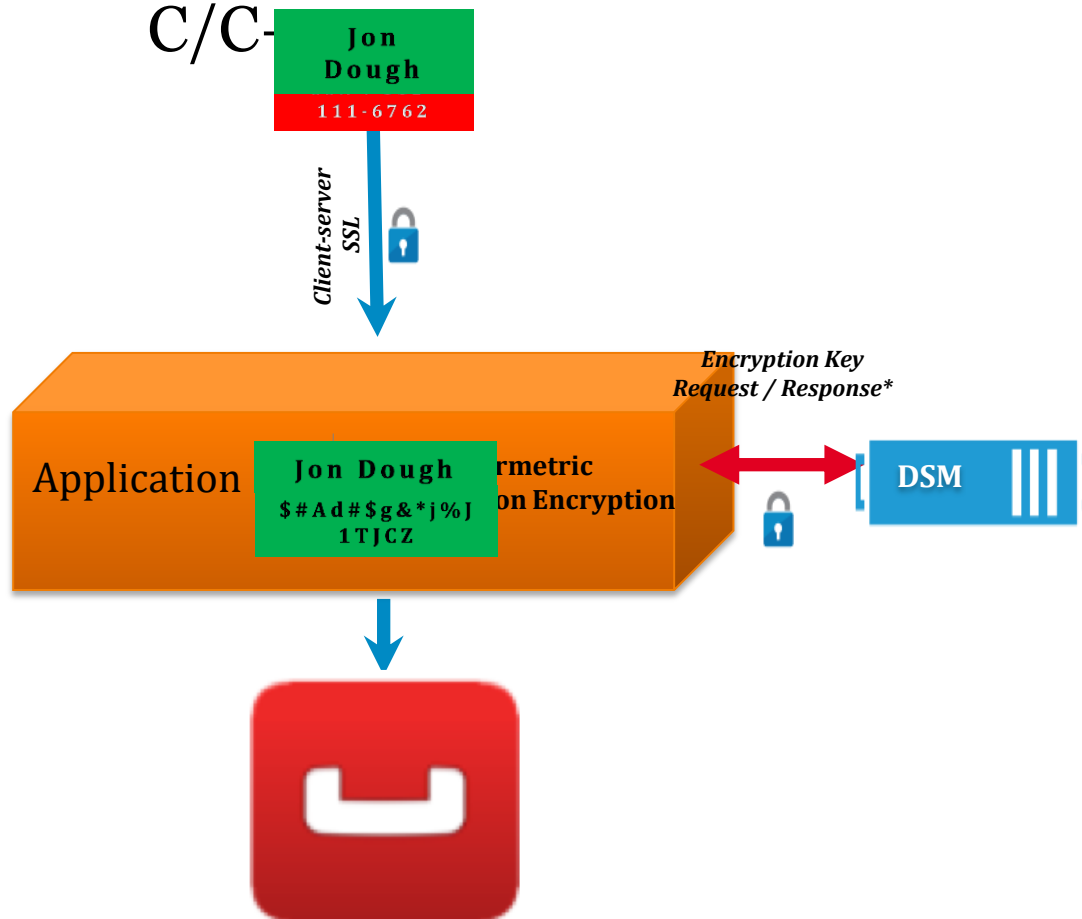
Username:

Password:

Verify Password:

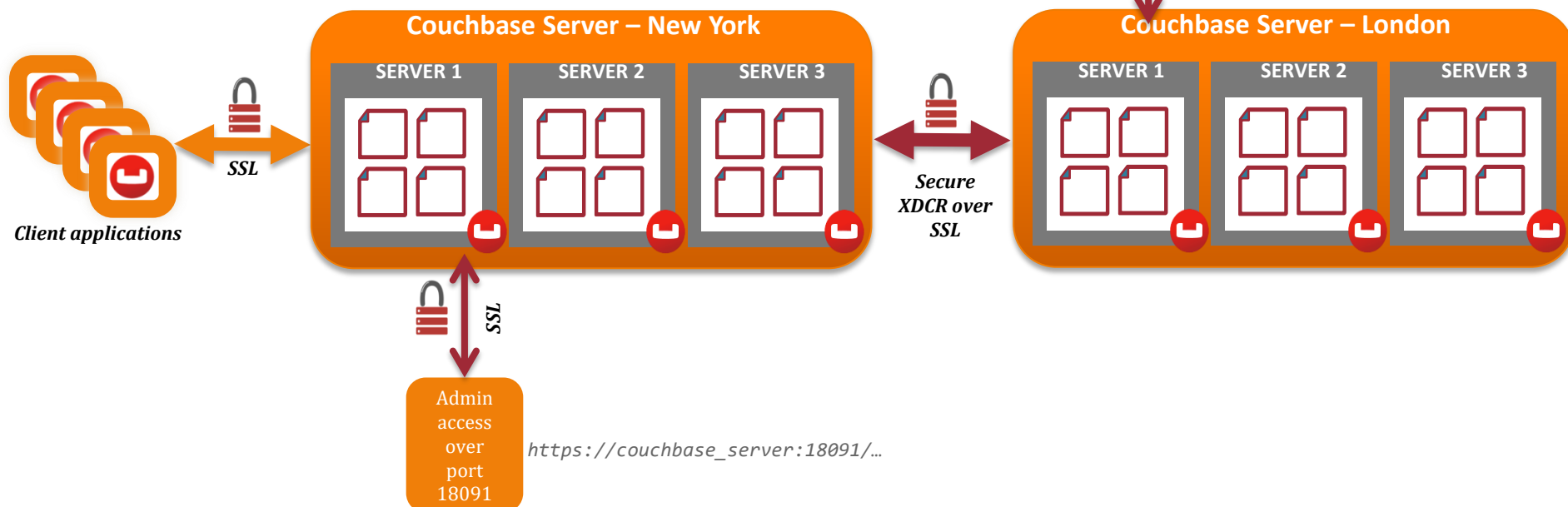
Create

- **Encryption at the application**
 - Leverage Vormetric encryption and key management
 - APIs, libraries, and sample code in Java, .NET, C/C++

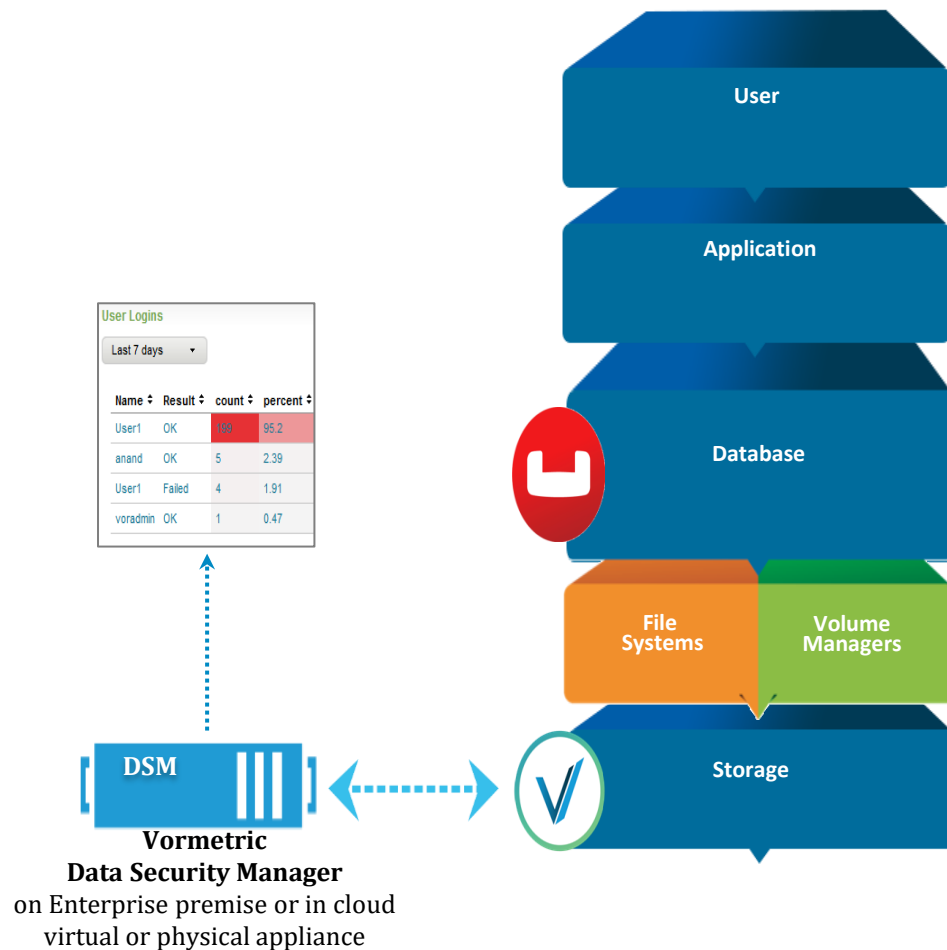


- **Data-in-motion encryption**

- Client-server communication should 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



- Transparent data-at-rest encryption solution



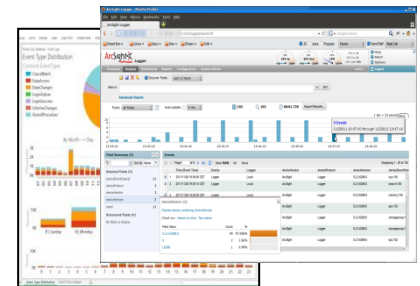
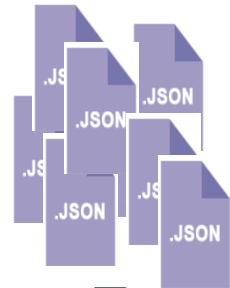
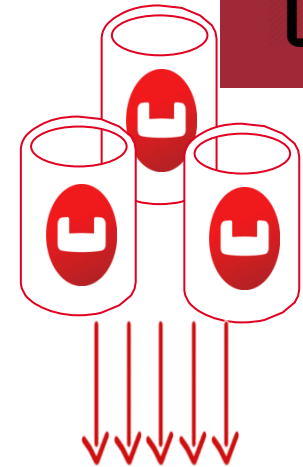
Secure Personally Identifiable Information

- 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



- **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, Logstash, and syslogd
- **Target**
 - The *target* of a Couchbase Server audit is a JSON file; which is rotated after a configured time interval, and whose location path is configurable.



LIST OF ADMIN AUDIT EVENTS

Success/failure login for administrator

Audit configuration changes

Enable/disable audit

Add a node to the cluster

Remove a node from the cluster

Failover a node

Rebalance the cluster

Shutdown/startup of the system by the administrator

Create a bucket

Delete a bucket

Flush a bucket

Modify bucket settings

Change configured disk and index path

Add read-only administrator user

Backup

Remove read-only administrator user

Add admin user

Remove admin user

Setup remote cluster reference

Delete remote cluster reference

Changes to XDCR

Creating/deleting XDCR profile

Pause resume XDCR stream

Changing XDCR filter rules

Add/remove query node

Add/remove index node

Create server group

Add node to server group

Remove node from server group

Delete server group

Admin password changes/resets

AUDITING



Auditing a successful login

```
{  
  "timestamp": "2015-02-20T08:48:49.408-08:00",  
  "id": 8192,  
  "name": "login success",  
  "description": "Successful login to couchbase cluster",  
  "role": "admin",  
  "real_userid": {  
    "source": "ns_server",  
    "user": "bjones"  
  },  
  "sessionid": "0fd0b5305d1561a19d795819b2e",  
  "remote": { "ip": "172.23.107.165", "port": 59383 }  
}
```

WHEN

WHAT

WHO

HOW

AUDITING



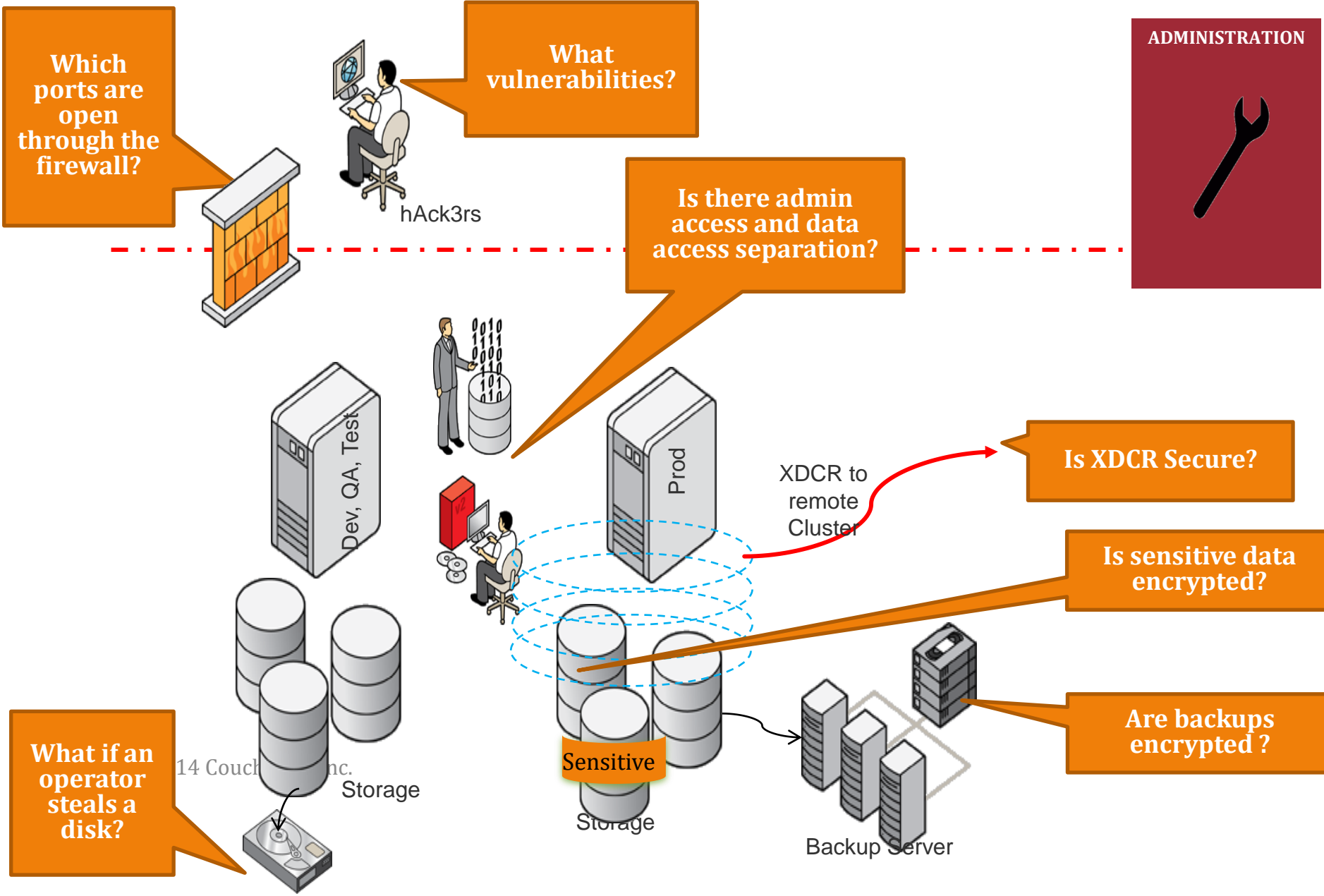
```
{
  "props": {
    "storage_mode": "couchstore",
    "conflict_resolution_type": "seqno",
    "eviction_policy": "value_only",
    "num_threads": 3,
    "flush_enabled": false,
    "purge_interval": "undefined",
    "auth_type": "sasl",
    "ram_quota": 1156579328,
    "replica_index": false,
    "num_replicas": 1
  },
  "type": "membase",
  "bucket_name": "auditBucket",
  "real_userid": {
    "source": "ns_server",
    "user": "Administrator"
  },
  "sessionid": "dca284b5efe1937a1a4085ef88c2fbcb",
  "remote": {
    "ip": "127.0.0.1",
    "port": 64477
  },
  "timestamp": "2017-03-16T15:43:35.187Z",
  "id": 8201,
  "name": "create bucket",
  "description": "Bucket was created"
}
```

- Only a *Full Administrator* can configure auditing.

The screenshot shows the Couchbase MyCluster Security interface. The top navigation bar is blue with the Couchbase logo and the text 'MyCluster > Security'. Below this, there are three tabs: 'Users', 'Root Certificate', and 'Audit'. The 'Audit' tab is selected and highlighted with an orange border. On the left side, there is a sidebar with a list of navigation items: 'Dashboard', 'Servers', 'Buckets', 'Indexes', 'Analytics', 'Search', 'Query', 'XDCR', 'Security', 'Settings', and 'Logs'. The 'Security' item is currently selected. The main content area is titled 'Audit Configuration' and contains the following information:

- Audit Configuration**
Auditing keeps track of important admin events occurring in Couchbase. Tracking and persisting these events is essential for any secured environment and provides evidence for suspicious/malicious activity in Couchbase.
- ☐ Enable Auditing
- Target Log Directory**
/Users/tonyhillman/Library/Application Sup
- Log Rotation Time Interval**
1 Days
- [Save](#)

Questions to ask



- Role-Based Access Control
 - Access privileges are assigned to fixed roles; which are in turn assigned to administrators and applications.
- Authentication Domains
 - Couchbase Server assigns users to different authentication domains, based on whether their definition is local (that is, on Couchbase Server itself) or external (that is, by means of LDAP or PAM)

- Steps:
 - Setting up LDAP administrators on the LDAP server
 - Mapping user IDs using the Couchbase Web Console
 - Configure the ***saslauthd*** agent.

- Perform these tasks on the LDAP server:
 - Create users.
 - Set up user passwords.
- These tasks are performed using the Couchbase Web Console:
 - Mapping users in LDAP to full administrators or read-only administrators in Couchbase.
 - Validating LDAP credentials.

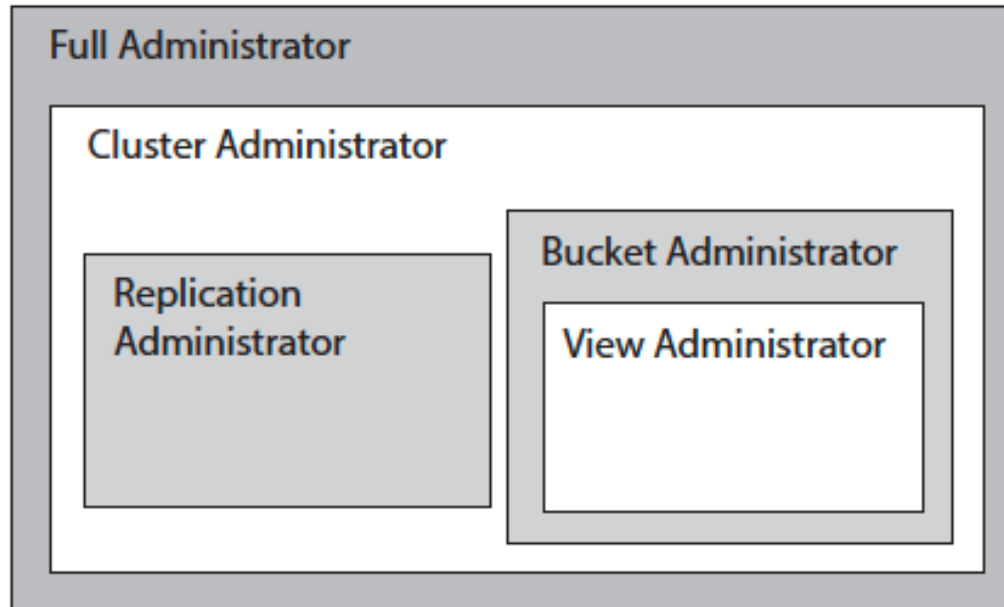
- ***saslauthd***
 - The ***saslauthd*** process handles authentication requests on behalf of Couchbase Server.
 - daemon process that handles plaintext authentication requests on behalf of the SASL library.
- Install saslauthd 2.1.26
- Enable LDAP Authentication:
 - MECH=ldap → (/etc/sysconfig/saslauthd)
- /etc/saslauthd.conf

```
ldap_servers: ldap://192.168.188.165
ldap_search_base: dc=tos,dc=com
ldap_filter: (uid=%u)
ldap_bind_dn: CN=henry,DC=tos,DC=com
ldap_password: password
```


- Access privileges are assigned to fixed roles; which are in turn assigned to administrators and applications.
- RBAC Concepts
 - *Resource*
 - *Privilege*
 - *Role*
 - *User*

- *Resource*: An entity the access to which must be controlled. A resource can be specified either individually, by name; or as a group (for example, all buckets), by means of a wildcard character.
- *Privilege*: The right, assigned by Couchbase Server, to apply an action to a resource. Possible actions include *read*, *write*, and *execute*.
- *Role*: An entity associated with a fixed set of privileges.
- *User*: An identity, recognized by Couchbase Server, based on the passing of a *username* and *password*. A user can be assigned one or more *roles*: the privileges associated with each assigned role determine the resource-access granted the user. Users can be *local* (defined on Couchbase Server) or *external* (defined on a remote, network-accessible system). Each user might be an administrator or an application.

Administrative roles



- Couchbase Server 5.0 adds RBAC for applications.
- Privileges are actions such as **Read**, **Write**, **Execute**, **Manage**, **Flush**, or **List**; or a combination of some or all of these.

- The **Bucket Full Access** role provides full access to bucket data.
- The **Data Reader** role allows data to be read from a specified bucket. Note that the role does *not* permit the running of N1QL queries (such as SELECT) against data.
- The **Data Writer** role allows information to be written to and read from a specified bucket.
- The **Data Backup** role allows data to be backed up and restored.
- The **Query Select** role allows the SELECT statement to be executed on a specified bucket.
- The **Query Insert** role allows the INSERT statement to be executed on a specified bucket.
- The **Query Delete** role allows the DELETE statement to be executed on a specified bucket.

- Legacy Buckets on the Standard Port
 - A new *user* is created, whose username is identical to the name of the bucket.
 - bucket-password of the legacy bucket

- Adding Users

MyCluster > Security

FILTER ADD USER

Add New User X

Dashboard

Servers

Buckets

Indexes

Search

Query

XDCR

Security

Settings

Logs

username ▼

10 ↕

Authentication Domain

☒ Couchbase ☐ External

Username

Full Name (optional)

Password

Verify Password

Roles

☐ Admin

☐ Cluster Admin

☐ Read Only Admin

auth domain

Cancel

Save

Add New User



- ☐ Admin
- ☐ Cluster Admin
- ☐ Read Only Admin
- ▶ Bucket Roles



MyCluster > Security

[FILTER](#) [ADD USER](#)

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username ▾

full name

roles

auth domain

testUser

Data Writer[travel-sample], Data Reader[travel-sample]

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Data Service
1 node

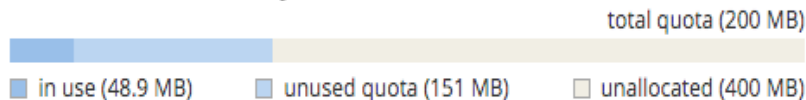
Index Service
1 node

Search Service
0 nodes

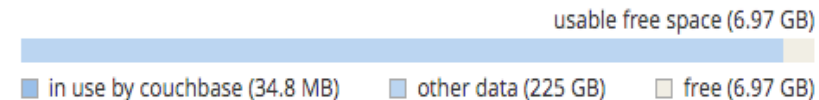
Query Service
1 node

XDCR
0 remote clusters
0 replications

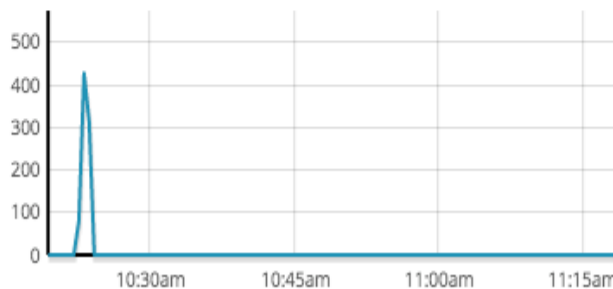
Data Service Memory



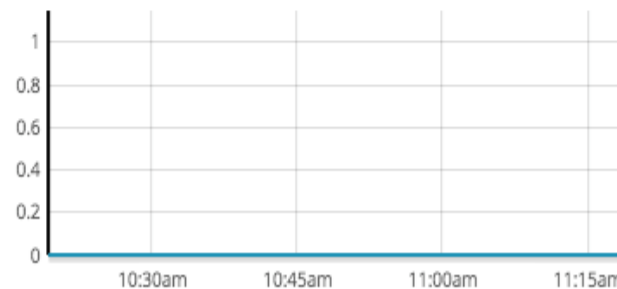
Data Service Disk



Buckets Operations Per Second



Disk Fetches Per Second



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Lab : LDAP Authentication and Auditing