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# Discretionary Access Control

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# 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 a default database and accessing a table COURSE

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

Accessing a table COURSE located at a database university

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# Database management

## Listing all databases

```
show databases;
```

Listing all databases

Database names

Database
information_schema
csit115
mysql
...

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# Privileges

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

MySQL distinguishes the following **groups of privileges**

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

Global privileges

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

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# Privileges

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 the specific databases, or globally, so that they apply to all databases

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

Database privileges

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# Privileges

MySQL distinguish the following **groups of privileges**

- **Table privileges** apply to a relational table and its columns
- **Table privileges** can be granted for the 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 user account privileges is stored in the **user**, **db**, **tables\_priv**, **columns\_priv**, and **procs\_priv** tables in the **mysql** database

To list all privileges we use a statement

```
show privileges;
```

Listing all privileges

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# Privileges

MySQL distinguish the following **groups of privileges**

- **Column privileges** apply to the columns in relational tables
- **Column privilege** must be followed by the column or columns, enclosed within parentheses

**INSERT, REFERENCES, SELECT, UPDATE**

Column privileges

Column privileges are stored in `mysql.columns_priv` table

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# Privileges

SQL statements **GRANT** and **REVOKE** can be used to assign/revoke the privileges to/from the 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
```

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# Privileges

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;**

Granting 'CREATE USER' privilege  
**GRANT CREATE USER ON \*.\* TO James;**

GRANTING 'SHOW DATABASES' privilege  
**GRANT SHOW DATABASES ON \*.\* TO James;**

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# Privileges

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

Global privileges are stored in `mysql.user` table or in `information_schema.user_privileges` table

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# Privileges

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.\***

Granting 'SELECT' privilege on all tables in 'csit115' database  
**GRANT SELECT ON csit115.\* TO James;**

Granting all privileges on all tables in 'university' database  
**GRANT ALL ON university.\* TO Harry;**

Granting write privileges on all tables in 'csit115' database  
**GRANT INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE on csit115.\* TO Robin;**

Granting 'GRANT OPTION' privileges on 'csit115' database  
**GRANT GRANT OPTION on csit115.\* TO Robin;**

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# Privileges

The following privileges are allowed at a database level

CREATE, DROP, EVENT, GRANT OPTION, LOCK TABLES, REFERENCES

Database privileges

Database privileges are stored in `mysql.db` table or in `information_schema.schema_privileges` table

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# Privileges

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;
```

Granting 'GRANT OPTION' privileges on 'DRIVER' table in 'csit115' database

```
GRANT GRANT OPTION on csit115.DRIVER TO Robin;
```

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# Privileges

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

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

Table privileges

**Table privileges** are stored in `mysql.tables_priv` table or in `information_schema.table_privileges` table

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# Privileges

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

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

**Column privileges** are denoted by

**(column-1, ... , column-n) ON database-name.table-name**

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;
```

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# Privileges

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 or in `information_schema.column_privileges` table

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# Roles

A **role** is a named group of privileges

**Roles** are very useful when a group of privileges must be granted to a continuously increasing group of users

For example, assume, that user **James** must be granted a **read** privilege on a relational table **ITEM** and a **write** privilege on a relational table **ORDERS**

```
GRANT SELECT ON ITEM TO James;
```

Granting a read privilege on a table 'ITEM' to 'James'

```
GRANT INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE ON ORDERS TO James;
```

Granting a write privilege on a table 'ORDERS' to 'James'

Now, assume that the same privileges must be granted to a user **Kate**

Then, we have to repeat both **GRANT** statements

```
GRANT SELECT ON ITEM TO Kate;
```

Granting a read privilege on a table 'ITEM' to 'Kate'

```
GRANT INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE ON ORDERS TO Kate;
```

Granting a write privilege on a table 'ORDERS' to 'Kate'

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# Roles

If the same privileges must be granted to another 100 users then we have to repeat **GRANT** statements 200 times

Instead, we can create a **role CUSTOMER** and grant it both privileges

```
CREATE ROLE CUSTOMER;
```

Create role 'CUSTOMER'

```
GRANT SELECT ON ITEM TO CUSTOMER;
```

Granting the privileges to a role 'CUSTOMER'

```
GRANT INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE ON ORDERS TO CUSTOMER;
```

And then grant a **role CUSTOMER** to **James** and **Kate**

```
GRANT CUSTOMER TO James;
```

Granting a role 'CUSTOMER' to 'James' and 'Kate'

```
GRANT CUSTOMER TO Kate;
```

Next 100 users can be granted in the same way a single **role CUSTOMER**

A concept of a **role** allows for simplification of discretionary access control

Any modification to a **role CUSTOMER** also affects the privileges of the users who have been granted a **role CUSTOMER**

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# Roles

A **role** can be granted to another **role** creating a **hierarchy of privileges**

For example, assume that **role** **FREQUENT\_CUSTOMER** must possess all privileges of a **role** **CUSTOMER** and additionally a **write** privilege on a relational table **DISCOUNT**

```
CREATE ROLE FREQUENT_CUSTOMER;
```

Create role 'FREQUENT\_CUSTOMER'

```
GRANT INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE ON DISCOUNT TO FREQUENT_CUSTOMER;
```

Granting write privileges on a table 'DISCOUNT' to a role 'FREQUENT\_CUSTOMER'

```
GRANT CUSTOMER TO FREQUENT_CUSTOMER;
```

Granting a role 'CUSTOMER' to a role 'FREQUENT\_CUSTOMER'

Grant a **role** **FREQUENT\_CUSTOMER** to a user **Harry**

```
GRANT FREQUENT_CUSTOMER TO Harry;
```

Granting a role 'FREQUENT\_CUSTOMER' to a user 'Harry'

Any modifications to a **role** **CUSTOMER** will be inherited by a **role** **FREQUENT\_CUSTOMER**

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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

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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

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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

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A user `root` creates a database `mi6`

```
CREATE DATABASE mi6;
```

Creating a new database

A user `jamesb` connects to a database `mi6` and makes it a default database

```
mysql -u jamesb -p -v -c
```

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`

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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

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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;
```

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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

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# 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	
+	+	+	+	+

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

Granting 'REFERENCE' provilege 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

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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

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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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