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Ranger authorization for Trino Virtual Warehouses

Authorization for Trino is supported through Apache Ranger by default and you can create or update Ranger policies for specific resources and assign permissions to Trino users, groups, or roles. When a user submits a query to Trino, the system verifies the defined policies to ensure that the user has the necessary permissions to run queries.

Authorization is the process that checks user permissions to perform select operations, such as creating, reading, and writing data, as well as editing table metadata.

Trino supports the following Ranger features:

- Resource-based authorization policies
- Resource-based column masking
- Row-level filtering

Trino authorization service (cm_trino)

Ranger authorization for all the Trino supported connectors is offered through the cm_trino resource-based service.

For each resource specified in a Hive policy, an "allow" policy must also be configured in the cm_trino service to enable successful access control verification. You must be aware that there are two services where Hive authorization policies are defined and therefore you will notice two sets of audit logs; one from the cm_trino service and another from the HadoopSQL service (cm_hive). However, the cm_trino service allows for more restrictive permission as compared to HadoopSQL.

Access Request Audit

Audit log entries are created for requests, detailing the request information and the authorization outcome (allow or deny). These logs can be viewed through the Audits service in the Ranger Admin Web UI.

Adding a user to Ranger service policies

Learn how to add a logged-in user or resource owner, who is not already part of the required groups, to the relevant Ranger policies.

Procedure

1. In Cloudera Manager, click **Clusters** **Ranger** **Ranger Admin Web UI**, enter your username and password, and then click **Sign In**.

The **Ranger Service Manager** page for Cloudera services is displayed.

2. From the **Service Manager** page, click the cm_trino service.
3. In the **TRINO Policies** page of the cm_trino service, click **edit** against the following policies and include the logged-in user or resource owner in the **Allow Conditions**:
 - all – trinouser
 - all – catalog, schema, table
 - all – catalog, schema
 - all – sysinfo
 - all – catalog, schema, procedure
 - all – catalog, schema, schemafunction
 - all - function
 - all - queryid
 - all - role

- all – catalog, schema, table, column
 - all – catalog
 - all – catalog, sessionproperty
 - all – systemproperty
4. Click Save to apply the changes.
 5. Return to the **Service Manager** page and click the Hadoop SQL service to modify the default policies.
 6. In the **HIVE policies** page of the Hadoop SQL service, edit each of the following default Hive policies to include the logged-in user or resource owner in the **Allow Conditions**:
 - all - global
 - all - database, table, column
 - all - database, table
 - all - storage-type, storage-url
 - all - database
 - all - hiveservice
 - all - database, udf
 - all - url
 7. Click Save to apply the changes.
 8. Return to the **Service Manager** page and click the cm_hdfs service to modify the default policies.
 9. In the **HDFS Policies** page of the cm_hdfs service, edit the following default policy to include the logged-in user or resource owner in the **Allow Conditions**:
 - all - path
 10. Click Save to apply the changes.

Results

The logged-in user or resource owner now has the necessary permissions for the HDFS, Hadoop SQL, and Trino services.

cm_trino service user impersonation behavior

The Ranger Trino authorization service (cm_trino) is configured with a default security posture that is too permissive. Learn how you can review and reinforce these settings to prevent unauthorized user impersonation.

By default, the Ranger configuration parameter, ranger.default.policy.groups is populated with a specific administrative group (_c_ranger_admins_...). As a result, the default Ranger policy, "all - trinouser" allows all users within this administrative group to impersonate any other user.

In Production environments, it is recommended that you perform the following recommendations to avoid a relaxed security posture and restrict user impersonation:

Service-level impersonation

Only specific technical service users (typically prefixed with srv_) require the ability to act on behalf of any user. You can modify the "all - trinouser" Ranger policy to include only these specific users or groups.

User self-impersonation

Trino requires an explicit policy to allow an authenticated user to act on their own behalf. To ensure a secure posture, you can create a self-impersonation policy in the Ranger Trino service.

Under this policy, you must set the Trino User resource specifically to "{USER}" rather than using the wildcard (*). This is the key difference between a secure setup and the permissive "all - trinouser" policy. Additionally, under the **Allow Conditions** pane, set the Select User to "{USER}" and grant impersonate permissions. This configuration ensures that each user is authorized to impersonate only themselves and cannot act on behalf of other users in the cluster.

Service Name : cm_trino

Service Type : trino

Policy Details :

Policy Type	Access
Policy ID	25727
Version	2
Policy Name	user self impersonation Normal Enabled
Policy Labels	--
Trino User	(USER)
Description	--
Audit Logging	Yes

Allow Conditions :

Select Role	Select Group	Select User	Permissions	Delegate Admin
--	--	(USER)	impersonate	☐

Using resource-based authorization policies for Trino

The Apache Ranger access policy model consists of two major components: the specification of the resources a policy is applied to, such as Catalog, Schema, tables, columns, and so on; and the specification of access conditions for specific users and groups.

About this task

The following table lists the allowed permissions and the actions that they support in Trino:

Permission	Action
Select	Provides read access to an object (table, view, and materialized view)
Insert	Provides the ability to insert records into a table
Update	Provides the permission to modify column values in existing rows of a table
Delete	Provides the ability to remove records from a table
Create	Provides the permission to create an object (schema, table, view, and materialized view)
Alter	Provides the ability to: - Rename a schema - Rename a table or column - Add or drop a column - Set session property
Drop	Provides the permission to drop an object (schema, table, view, and materialized view)  Note: For Hive connectors, the DROP SCHEMA statement with the CASCADE option also checks the table permissions before dropping the schema.
Use	Update the session to use the specified catalog and schema
Grant	Assign privileges to users on an object
Revoke	Deny privileges to users on an object

Permission	Action
Show	Provides the ability to: - List the existing objects (catalogs, schemas, tables and views) - Show the SQL statement that creates a schema, table, or view
Excute	Provides the permission to run a SQL statement



Important: Currently, the Grant and Revoke permissions do not modify Ranger policy definitions.

Perform the following steps to set up the required authorization policies for Trino:

Procedure

1. In Cloudera Manager, click **Clusters Ranger Ranger Admin Web UI**, enter your username and password, and then click **Sign In**.

The **Ranger Service Manager** page for Cloudera services is displayed.

2. Click the **cm_trino** resource-based service to create or modify a Trino policy.



3. In the **Trino Policies** page, under the **Access** tab, click **Add New Policy** to create a new Trino policy. The **Create Policy** modal displays controls for creating details for a new policy.

4. Enter a name for the policy and choose the Trino catalog, schema, tables, and columns that you want to give access to.
5. In the **Allow Conditions** pane, add the "trino" user, and then click **+** to choose the necessary permissions.

6. Click **Save** to save the policy.

Using resource-based column masking for Trino

You can use Apache Ranger dynamic resource-based column masking capabilities to protect sensitive data. You can set policies that mask or anonymize sensitive data columns (such as PII, PCI, and PHI) dynamically from the Trino query output. For example, you can mask sensitive data within a column to show only the first or last four characters.

You can create a masking policy from the **Masking** tab in the **Trino Policies** page. You can then set filters for specific users, groups, roles, and choose the masking options.

The following masking options are supported:

Mask Option	Description
Redact	Replace lowercase with 'x', uppercase with 'X', and digits with '0'
Partial mask: show last 4	Show last 4 characters; replace rest with 'x'
Partial mask: show first 4	Show first 4 characters; replace rest with 'x'
Hash	Hash the value
Nullify	Replace with NULL
Date: show only year	Show only the year
Custom	Specify a custom masked value or expression



Important:

- The Hadoop SQL service (cm_hive) supports all data types for all column mask options, except for the "Hash" option.
- The Ranger Trino service (cm_trino) supports column masking only for varchar data types.

Using row-level filtering for Trino

Row-level filtering policies are similar to other Ranger access policies. Apache Ranger row-level filtering policy allows to set access policies for rows when reading from a table.

You can use Apache Ranger row-level filtering policies to set access policies for rows when reading from a table. You can set filters for specific users, groups, and conditions. For example, only employees from the sales department may access sales transaction records, payments, and related data.

You can create a row-level filter policy from the **Row Level Filter** tab in the **Trino Policies** page. You can then set filters for specific users, groups, roles, and specify a filter expression. The filter expression must be a valid WHERE clause for the table or view, such as `employeeId='123abc'`.



Note: You can add multiple filters and the filters are evaluated in the order listed in the policy. The filter at the top of the Row Filter Conditions list is applied first, then the second, then the third, and so on.