

# MySQL Permissions in DC3

This is related to ticket [#524](#).

To prevent users from deleting other users' data, we could use the following scheme (assuming a database per run):

- prepend each database with <username>\_, for example *jbecla\_run123*, or *smm\_myTestRun*.
- Official DC3 runs could be prepended with "DC3a\_", or "DC3b\_", for example *DC3a\_run0012*. Only a designated account would be granted write access to these databases.
- We could use wildcards to set mysql permissions. To do that, we could use the following commands:

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-- Delete default anonymous account, otherwise people might default to it which is confusing.
-- It needs to be executed only once
DELETE FROM mysql.user WHERE User = "" AND Host = "";

-- then run this for each user (replacing 'jacek' with the real user name)
GRANT ALL ON `jacek\_%\`.* TO 'jacek'@'localhost';
GRANT SELECT ON *.* TO 'jacek'@'localhost';

-- we will probably need to substitute 'localhost' with something like
-- '%.ncsa.uiuc.edu' or maybe even '%' depending how much we want to open
-- these databases for remote access.
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For the record, it has been tested with the following:

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-- only the owner can delete its own tables
GRANT ALL ON `jacek\_%\`.* TO 'jacek'@'localhost';
GRANT SELECT ON *.* TO 'jacek'@'localhost';

GRANT ALL ON `serge\_%\`.* TO 'serge'@'localhost';
GRANT SELECT ON *.* TO 'serge'@'localhost';

mysql -ujacek

CREATE DATABASE malicious; -- this should fail
CREATE DATABASE jacek_r1; -- this should succeed
USE jacek_r1;
CREATE TABLE t (i int);
INSERT INTO t VALUES(1), (2), (5);
exit;

mysql -u serge;
USE jacek_r1; -- this should be ok
SELECT * from t; -- this should be ok
insert into t values(1234); -- this should fail
CREATE DATABASE jacek_faked; -- this should fail
CREATE DATABASE serge_r1;
CREATE TABLE t (i int);
INSERT INTO t VALUES(10), (20), (50);
exit;
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