

Managing Secrets at Scale



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```
<default-thread-pool name="batch"/>
<job-repository name="in-memory">
  <in-memory/>
</job-repository>
<thread-pool name="batch">
  <max-threads count="10"/>
  <keepalive-time time="30" unit="seconds"/>
</thread-pool>
/subsystem>
subsystem xmlns="urn:jboss:domain:bean-validation:1.0"/>
subsystem xmlns="urn:jboss:domain:datasources:4.0">
  <datasources>
    <datasource jndi-name="java:jboss/datasources/ExampleDS" pool-name="ExampleDS" enabled="true">
      <connection-url>jdbc:h2:mem:test;DB_CLOSE_DELAY=-1;DB_CLOSE_ON_EXIT=FALSE</connection-url>
      <driver>h2</driver>
      <security>
        <user-name>sa</user-name>
        <password>sa</password>
      </security>
    </datasource>
    <drivers>
      <driver name="h2" module="com.h2database.h2">
```

CassandraConfig.java x application.properties x CassandraSessionFac

```
spring.data.cassandra.contact-points=localhost
spring.data.cassandra.username=admin
spring.data.cassandra.password=you\\ shall\\ not\\ distribute
```

TomEE

```
<Resource id="MySQL Database" type="DataSource">  
  UserName      test  
  
  xMH5uM1V9vQzVUv5LG7YLA==  
  Password      xMH5uM1V9vQzVUv5LG7YLA==  
  PasswordCipher Static3DES  
</Resource>
```



Change all the Passwords





Keeping secrets secret

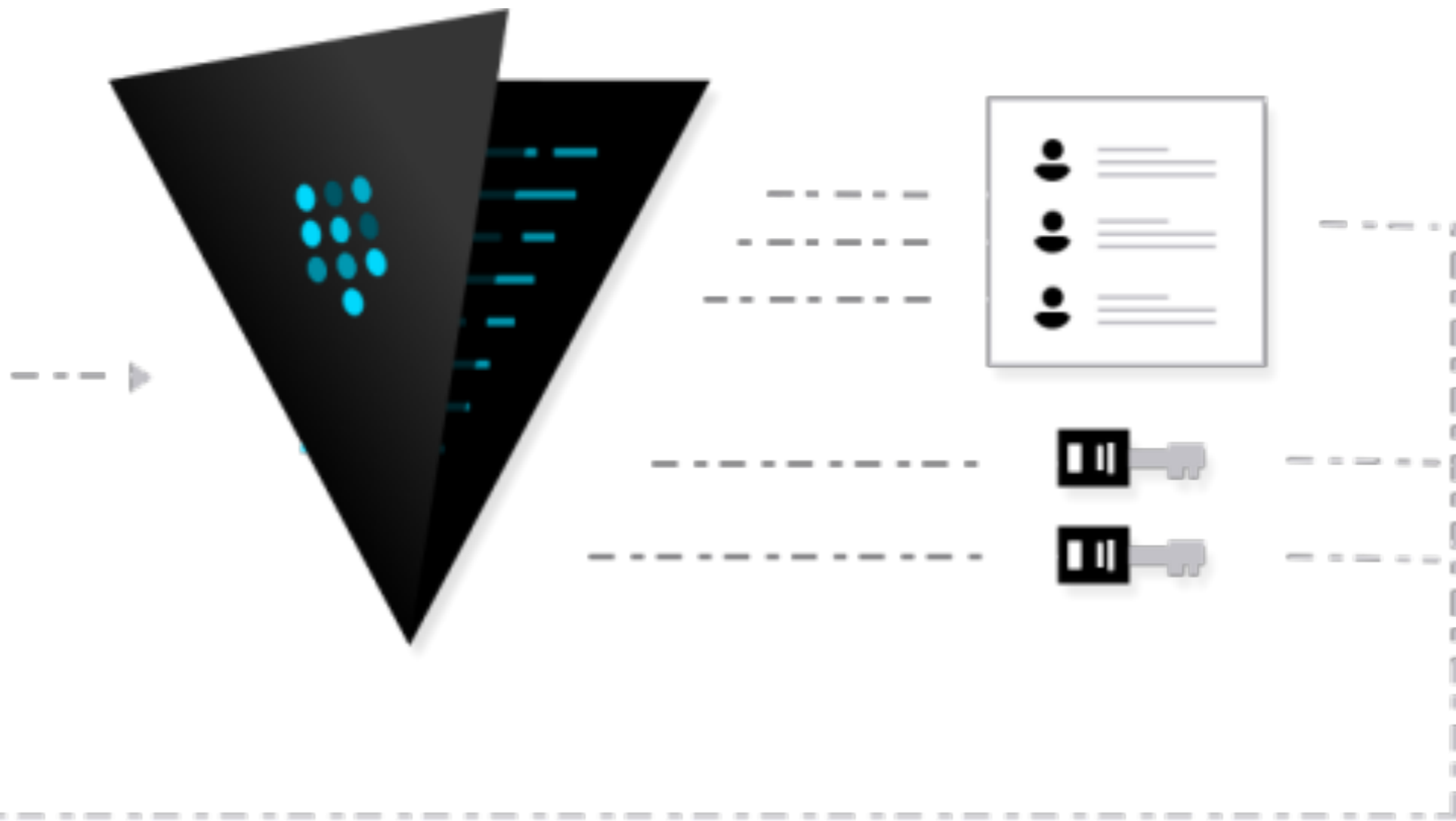
- Limit distribution
- Access control
- Encrypted
- Key rotation
- Locking access



WAW

A tool for managing secrets.

```
$ vault get api-key  
kk9290jf2mun9m09v20  
ivn20b2vg
```



Vault Project

- Secure storages
- Sealing/Unsealing
- Multiple authentication mechanisms
- Multiple secret backends
- ACL/policies
- HA
- HTTP API

Vault Project: Editions

Community

- Secret storage
- Tokens and access control policies
- Dynamic secrets with leasing and revocation
- Key rolling
- Audit logs

Enterprise

- HSM
- 24x7x365 Phone and Email Support

Demo: Start and initialize Vault

Generic secret backend




- Store arbitrary secrets
- Hierarchical paths
- JSON data structures

Demo: Storing/Loading generic secrets

Secret backends

- AWS
- Cassandra
- Consul
- MySQL/MSSSQL/PostgreSQL
- PKI

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Authentication methods

- Token
- Username/password
- LDAP
- GitHub Token
- MFA
- TLS Certificates
- App ID



$$a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$a + b + c = 0$$

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = \sqrt{74}$$






$$\text{Find } a^4 + b^4 + c^4$$

Two secure components

App Id

- Create unique AppId's (UUID, ...), map to policies
- Store AppId's in config management system
- Out-of-band process to map AppId to UserId
- New service: Knows AppId and determines UserId

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Demo: Spring Cloud Vault Config

Operation hints

- Use SSL
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- Keep unseal keys secret
- Operate it HA

Key takeaways

- Vault is a secure storage service
- Versatile secrets
- Multiple authentication methods
- HTTP API
- Spring Cloud Vault Integration in the works



Q&A

System.exit(0);

Resources

- <https://www.vaultproject.io/>
- <https://github.com/spencergibb/spring-cloud-vault-config/>
- <https://github.com/mp911de/spring-cloud-vault-config-samples>