Getting Started with Baffle Data Protection Services (AWS)

Version 2.1.5

Overview

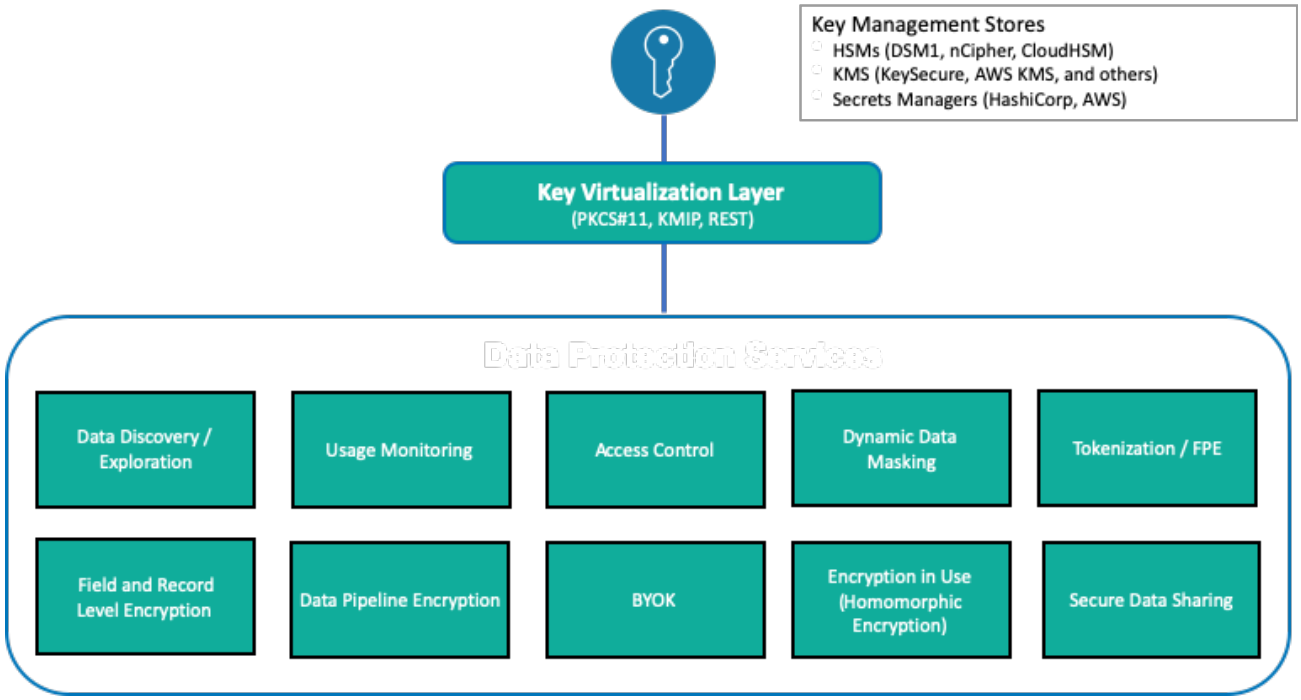
This guide provides a walkthrough for getting started with Baffle Data Protection Services in AWS. It details Baffle Manager and Baffle Shield system requirements and architecture, followed by configuration steps to set up Baffle's column level encryption. The configuration steps are divided into five main sections:

1. Configure Baffle Manager — the administrative console *(page 6)*
2. Connect to your Keystore to act as a source for encryption keys *(page 11)*
3. Connect to your data store *(page 13)*
4. Configure a Baffle Shield — the encryption machine *(page 15)*
5. Define a data protection policy to encrypt your chosen fields *(page 18)*

Background Information

Baffle Data Protection Services provide a range of data encryption, tokenization and de-identification methods to protect data in data stores and cloud storage environments. Common methods that Baffle employs include column or field level encryption, tokenization, format preserving encryption (FPE), dynamic data masking, and record level encryption.

Baffle integrates with key management stores via a key virtualization layer. It can also provide its own local key store, for customers to use their own keys to apply data protection in the cloud.



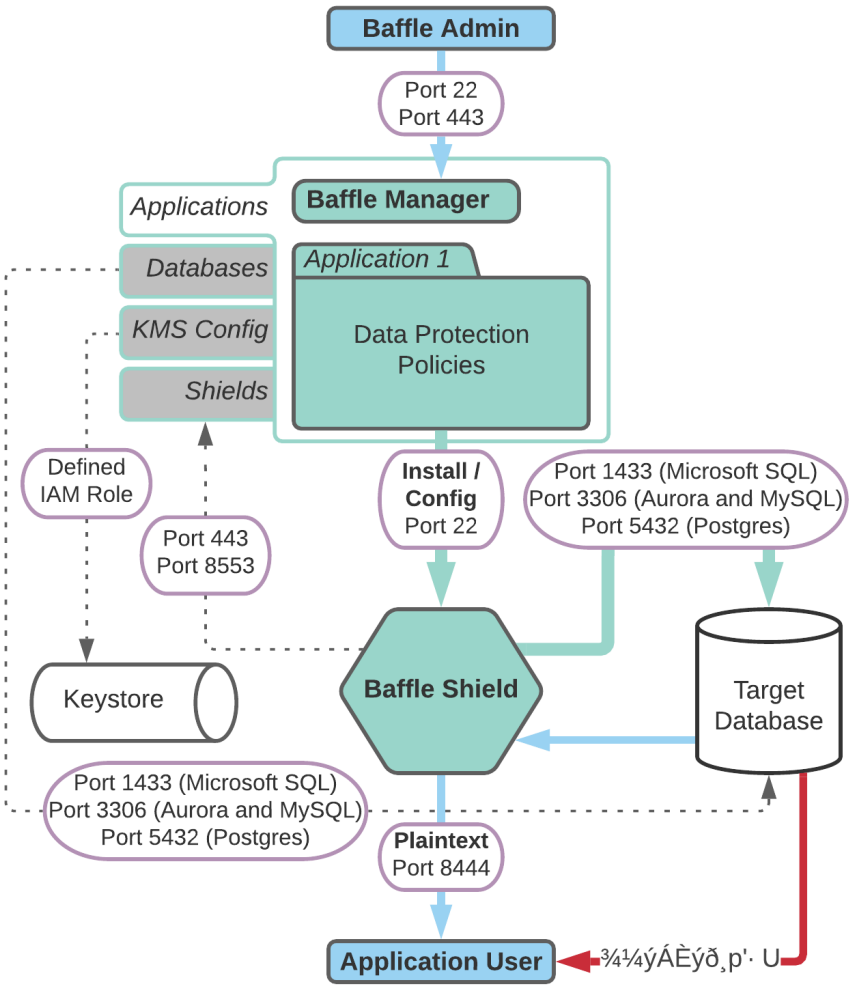
Pre-Requisites and Minimum System Requirements

Whether you use Baffle Professional Services to perform your deployment testing, or your organization does so independently as part of planning, ensure that your test environment meets the following system requirements at minimum.

Baffle Component	Operating System	vCPU	Memory	Initial Space	Java
Baffle Manager	CentOS 7	2	8 GB	64 GB	OpenJDK Java 1.8
Baffle Shield	RHEL 7 or CentOS 7 equivalent	4	8 GB	64 GB[1]	OpenJDK Java 1.8
Database Platform	AWS RDS, Azure SQL and other supported database platforms[2]	16	256 GB	512 GB	OpenJDK Java 1.8
Prerequisite Information for Data Encryption					
Data Schema	• Number of columns to be encrypted • Data types and column field names • Number of rows in table(s) • Database size; Indexing, if any				
Application	• Identify the application and associated data for testing (for example, Microsoft SQL Server 2014 or later) • Set aside a copy of the application and data to expedite troubleshooting and diagnostics. • Provide test data that is encoded using UTF-8 character set.				
Key Storage	• Provide a supported key storage solution (see Key Management Support in "Baffle Release Notes") • Provide associated encryption keys • Host in AWS and make available to Baffle infrastructure				

[2]Additional supported database platforms listings are available from support@baffle.io

Baffle Architecture and Communication



Port Requirements

Baffle Manager enables encryption policies and configurations by communicating with the Baffle Shield and your databases. Baffle Manager constructs a privacy schema that maps key IDs to data columns, thus enabling encryption in a simplified manner.

The following table lists the ports that must allow connections in order for Baffle Manager to communicate.

Host	Port Required	Direction	Purpose
Baffle Manager	22	Inbound	Console access for admin
Baffle Manager	443	Inbound	Web interface access for admin
Baffle Manager	8553	Inbound	Baffle Shield client access
Baffle Manager	22	Outbound	Baffle Shield configuration
Baffle Manager	1433	Outbound	Database schema mapping
Baffle Manager	5696	Outbound	(Optional) KeySecure access
Baffle Shield	22	Inbound	Console and Baffle Manager access
Baffle Shield	8444	Inbound	Application communication
Baffle Shield	1433	Outbound	Database access[1]
Baffle Shield	3306	Outbound	Database access[2]
Baffle Shield	5432	Outbound	Database access[3]
Baffle Shield	5696	Outbound	KeySecure access
Baffle Shield	8553	Outbound	Baffle Manager communications
Database Server[1]	1433	Inbound	Baffle Manager and Baffle Shield access
Database Server[2]	3306	Inbound	Baffle Manager and Baffle Shield access
Database Server[3]	5432	Inbound	Baffle Manager and Baffle Shield access
KeySecure	5696	Inbound	(Optional) Baffle Manager and Baffle Shield key config and retrieval

[1] For Microsoft SQL Server default port communications

[2] For MySQL, MariaDB or Aurora server default port communications

[3]For Postgres server default port communications

Configuration Walkthrough (AWS)

Section 1. Launch and configure the Baffle Manager AMI from AWS Marketplace

1. Search for Baffle in the AWS Marketplace, or click the following link to begin setup – Baffle Data Protection Services

2. Launch a Baffle Manager instance with the following settings.

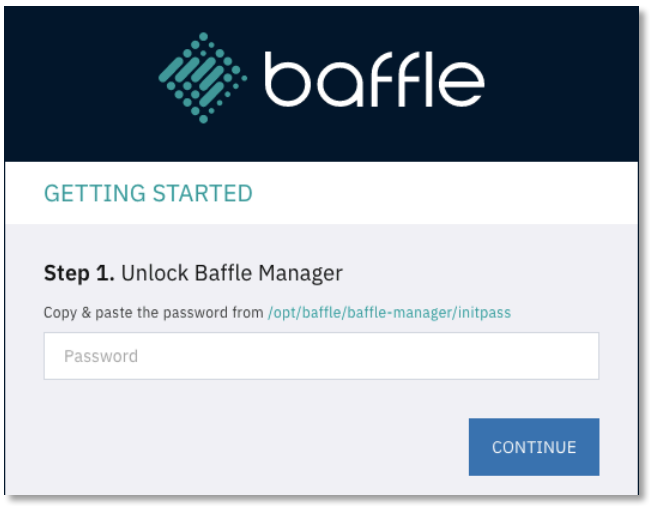
    a. Create a new security group on the VPC based on 'seller settings'. This configuration opens the necessary ports for Baffle Manager. Set the range of IP addresses that will be permitted access.

    b. Ensure you have saved the selected key pair to access the Baffle Manager.

3. Once the instance is running, navigate to the site via HTTPS. Use the public IP address of the instance. For example, https://192.168.1.1 as an address.

    If you are unable to connect to the instance via HTTPS, check your security group inbound rules.

    Because the instance is bootstrapped with a self-signed certificate, you will receive an invalid CA warning. Select the browser option to "proceed". (You will have the opportunity to upload and use your organization's certificate later in this section.) The following screen should appear:



    This indicates that the Baffle Manager is currently in a locked state.

4. To unlock the Baffle Manager, access the system via SSH. Use "baffle" as the username, followed by the public IP address. You will also need the key file that you selected when you set up the instance.

5. Once you have connected to the instance via SSH, issue the following command to retrieve the unlock code.

```
sudo more /opt/baffle/baffle-manager/initpass
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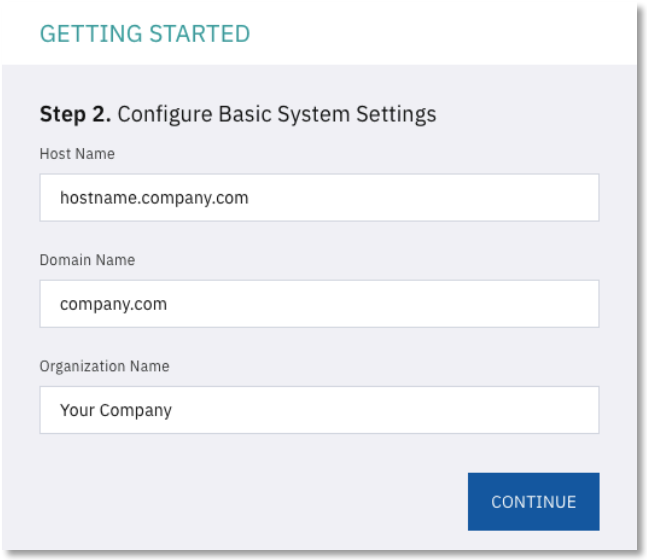
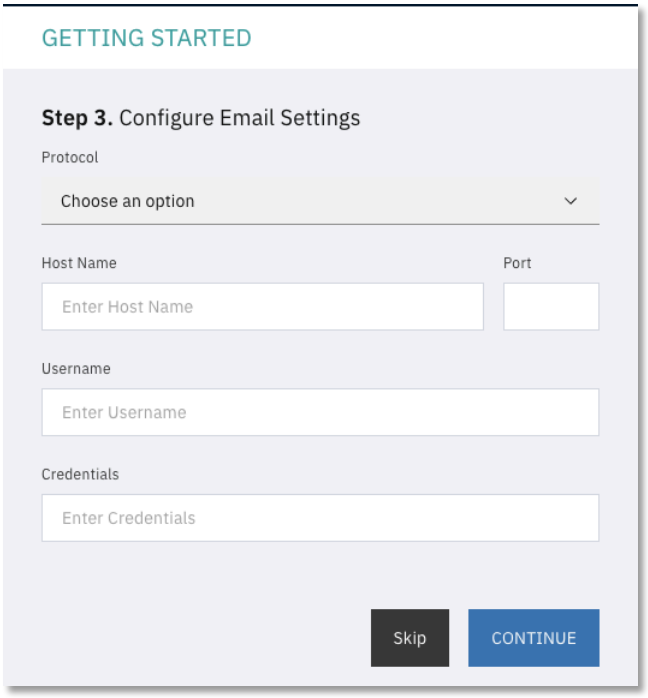
6. In your browser, paste the unlock code into the password field and click CONTINUE.

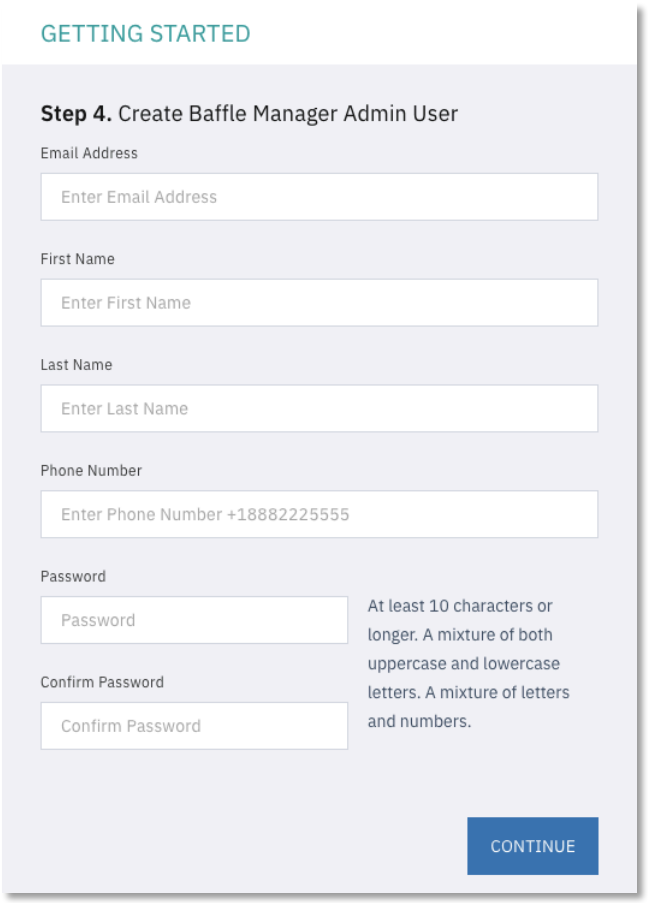
7. **Configure System Settings.** You will be prompted for hostname and domain settings. All system users must have this domain name as part of this email going forward.



8. **Configure Email Settings.** This allows Baffle Manager to send emails to provide notifications and for password resets. Enter the SMTP server to use as well as the credential to use to authentication to the SMTP server.

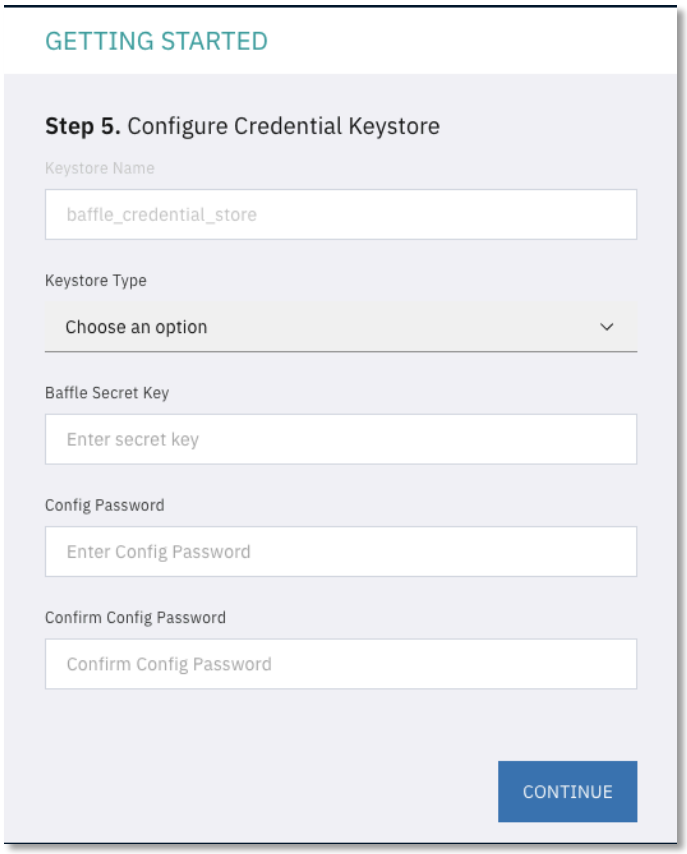


9. **Create Admin Account.** The screen below prompts you to create the initial Baffle Manager administrator account. This account is used to configure the subsequent components such as the key management store, data store connections, and Baffle Shields.

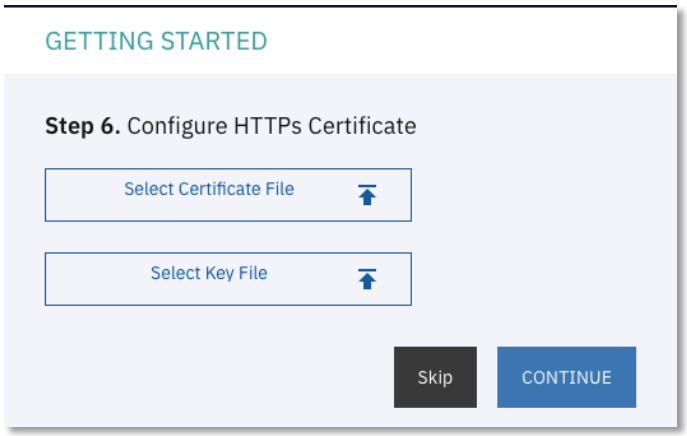


10. **Configure Credential Keystore.** This configuration screen establishes an encrypted credential store for any system access credential or access key that the Baffle Manager or Baffle Shield utilize.

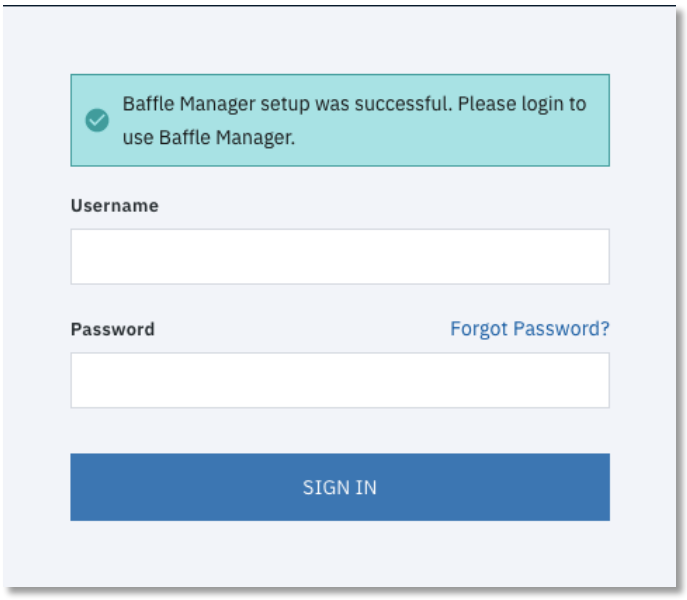
    Select LOCAL for Keystore type. For Secret Key, enter any random string which will be used to generate a random key to encrypt the Keystore Config Password. For Config Password, enter a secure password or passphrase to secure the actual keystore.



11. **Install SSL Certificate.** This configuration step allows you to install an SSL certificate to secure access to the Baffle Manager web interface. Upload the certificate and key file for your organization or respective CA to enable SSL for the Baffle Manager console.



12. This should complete the initial setup process and bring you to the login page.



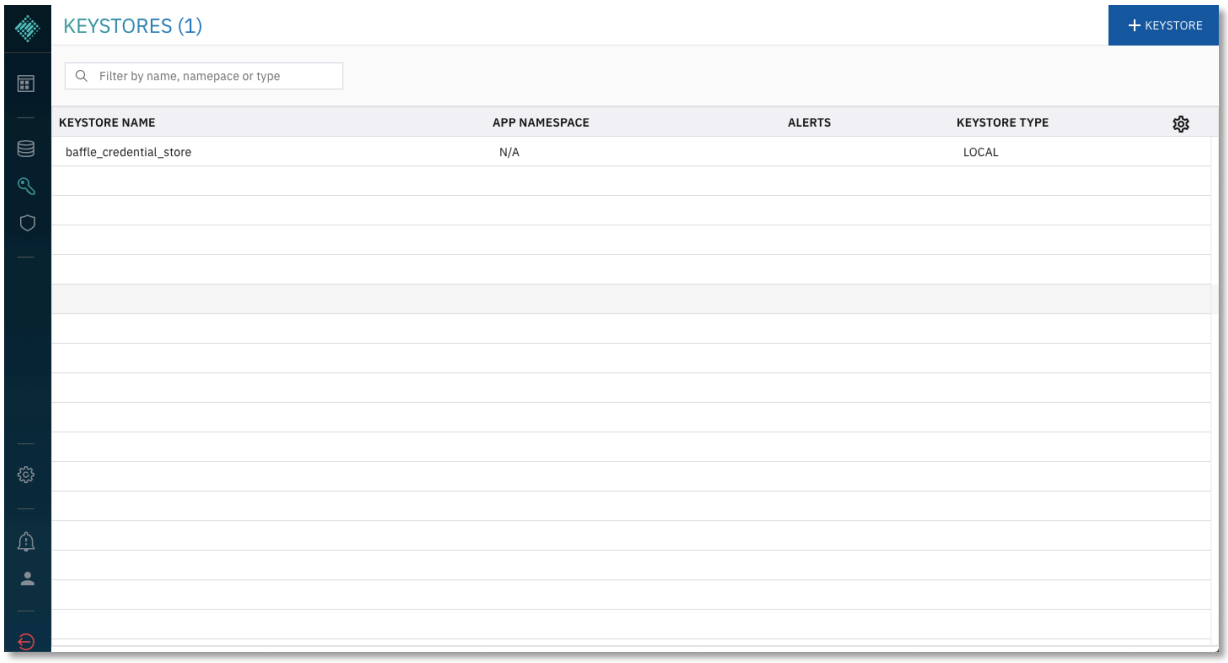
13. Enter the credentials for the administrator account you created in Step 9 to login and continue the configuration process.

Section 2. Connect to a Keystore

Before you can enroll your applications, add databases and enable encryption, you must enroll your Keystore so that Baffle Manager can access and/or create data encryption keys (DEKs) that will be used to protect your data.

Baffle Data Protection Services supports various Keystore vendors using industry standard protocols such as KMIP, PKCS#11, and REST APIs. Follow the steps below to enroll a Keystore for use with Baffle Shields and databases.

1. **Display a list of configured keystores**. After logging into Baffle Manager, click the key icon on the left hand navigation panel. If this is the first time you are enrolling a Keystore, there will only exist the “baffle_credential_store” that was created in the previous section.



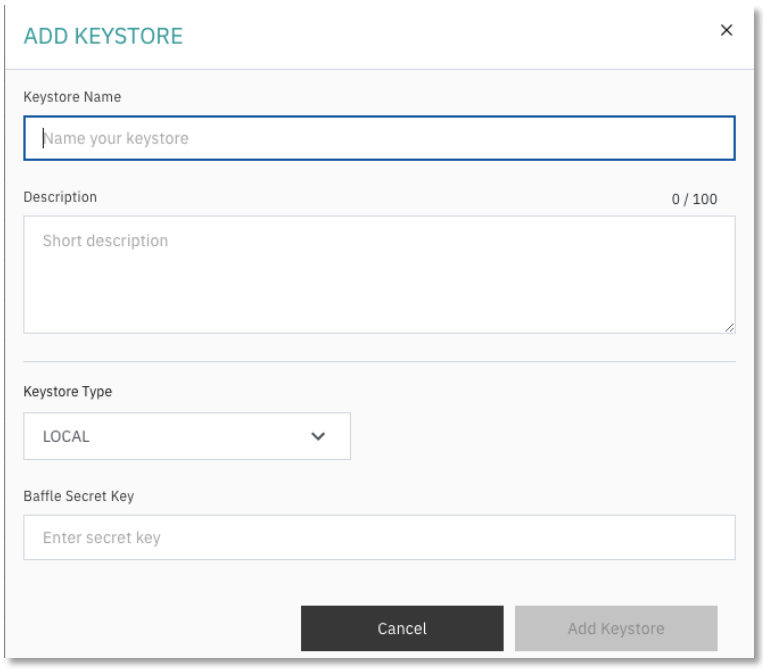
   Click on the +KEYSTORE button in the top right corner to add a new Keystore.

2. **Enter a Keystore name** and description.

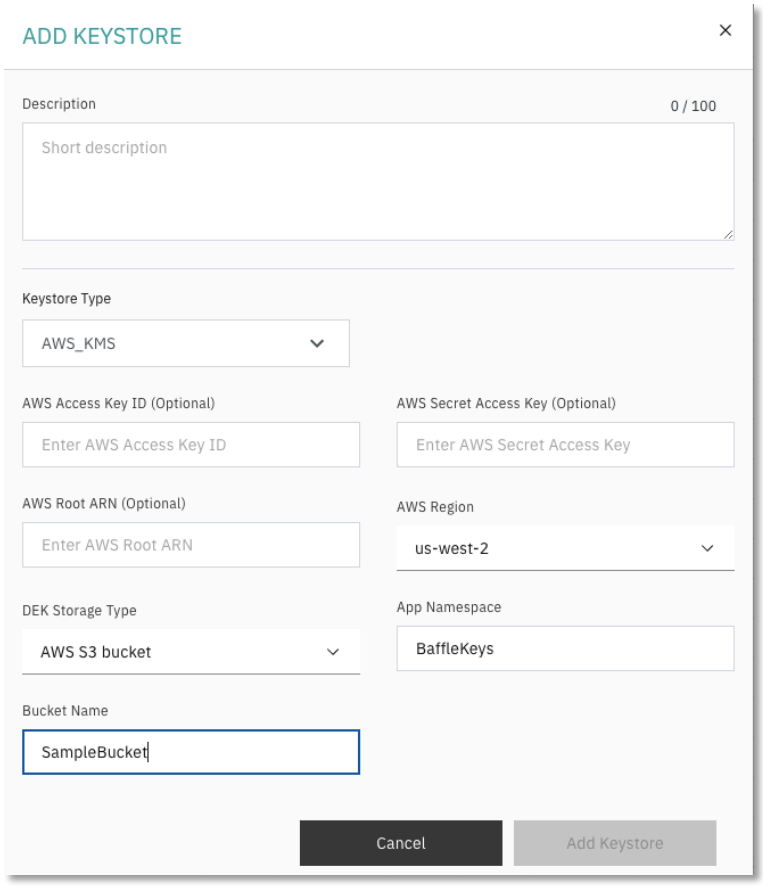
3. **Specify the Keystore Type** from the dropdown menu and enter respective parameters for the Keystore selected.
   Keystore parameters are specific to the Keystore type or vendor.

4. When completed, click on “**Add Keystore**”.

Example of a Local Keystore configuration:



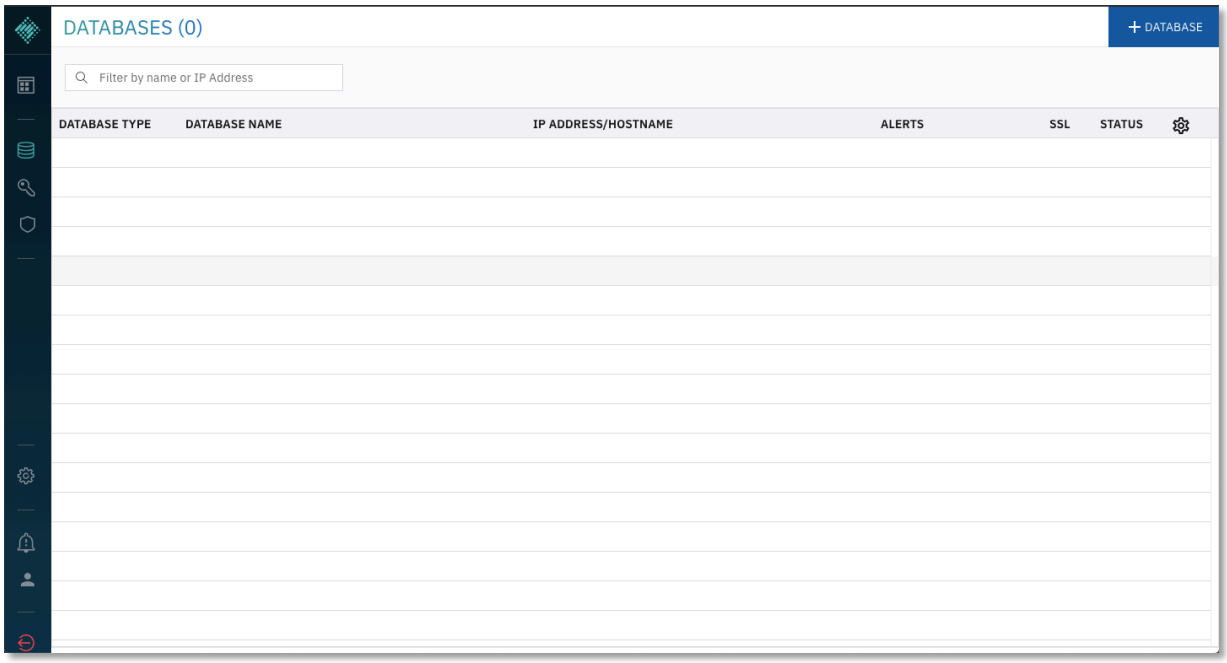
Example of an AWS KMS configuration:



Section 3. Connect to a Data Store

In this section, you will configure a connection to a database. This connection will allow Baffle Manager to enumerate fields or columns that can be selected as part of a data privacy policy, in order to enable field level encryption.

1. **Display the list of configured databases.** Click on the database icon on the left hand navigation panel to display a list of configured data stores.



2. **Enroll a database**. Click on the +DATABASE button to add a Data Store. Enter a database name and description.

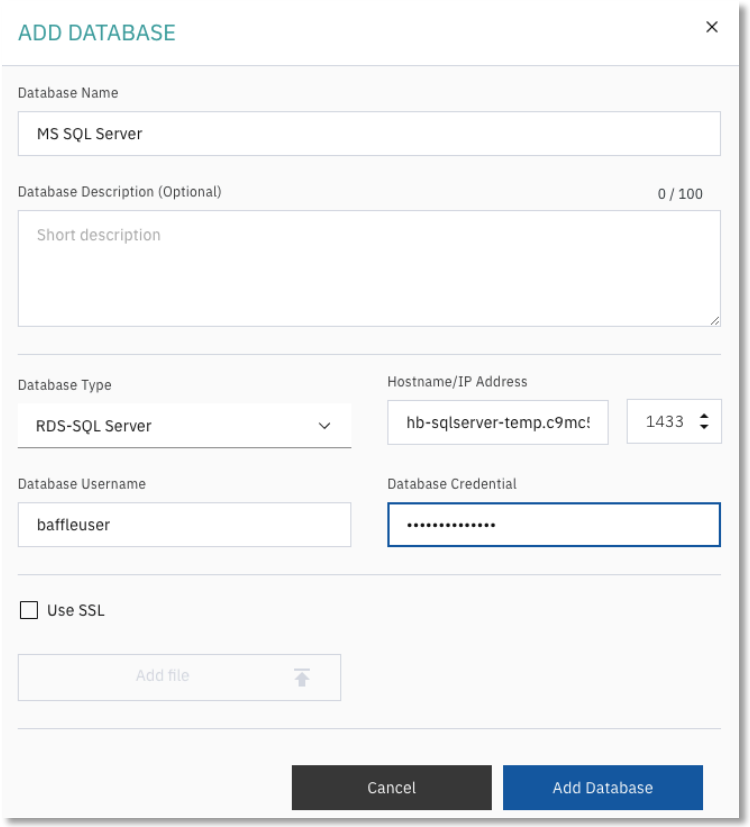
    a. Specify the database type. Then enter the hostname or IP and port of the database. Default database ports are found on page 5.

    b. Enter the database user credentials. **It is recommended that you create a new user on your database for use with Baffle.** See Appendix A (page 26) for details.

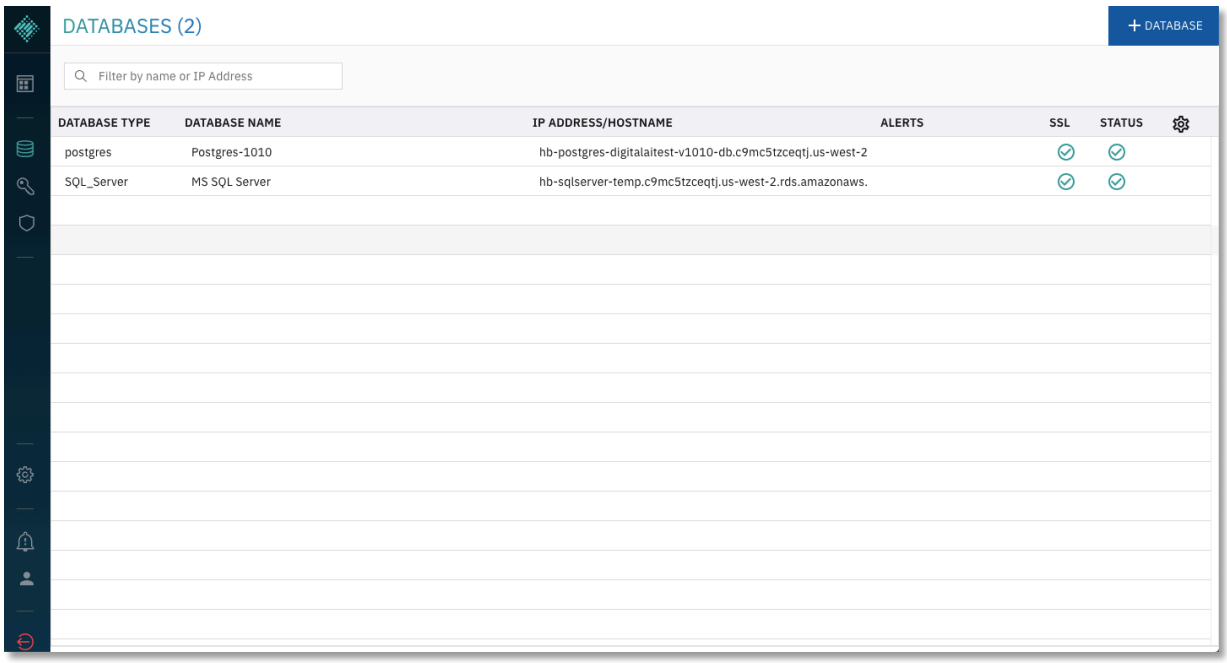
    To allow users on your database with less privileges to access the encrypted data, see Appendix B (page 27).

    c. Select Use SSL to enable an SSL/TLS connection to the database.

    Below is an example of a Microsoft SQL Server configuration.



3. Click **Add Database** to complete enrollment. The new database should be listed along with the other configured databases as shown below.



Section 4. Launch and Configure a Baffle Shield AMI

This section walks through the installation and configuration of a Baffle Shield. The Shield will be used to enforce a Data Protection Policy, encrypting the data in the databases that were configured in the previous section.

1. **Configure an AMI instance** to run the Baffle Shield.

    a. Launch a new AMI instance from EC2 that is appropriately sized for your environment. Run the AMI with a CentOS 7 operating system.

    b. Issue the following bootstrap commands in the Advanced Details section during the instance setup process.

```
#!/bin/bash
sudo su
yum install java-1.8.0-openjdk-devel -y
yum install mysql -y
yum install nano -y
yum install postgresql -y
yum install unzip -y
curl "https://awscli.amazonaws.com/awscli-exe-linux-x86_64.zip" -
o "awscliv2.zip"
unzip awscliv2.zip
./aws/install
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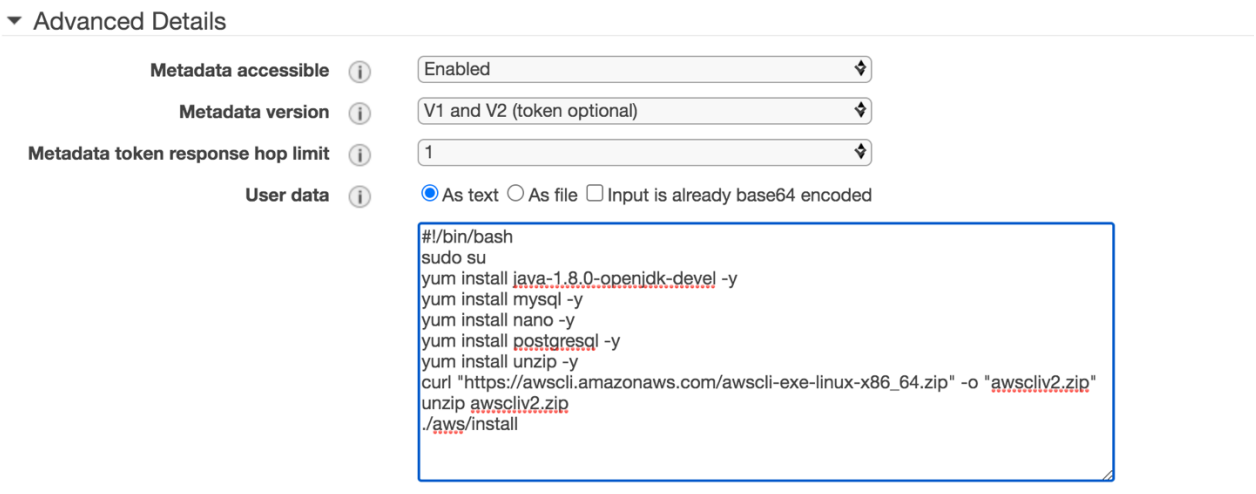
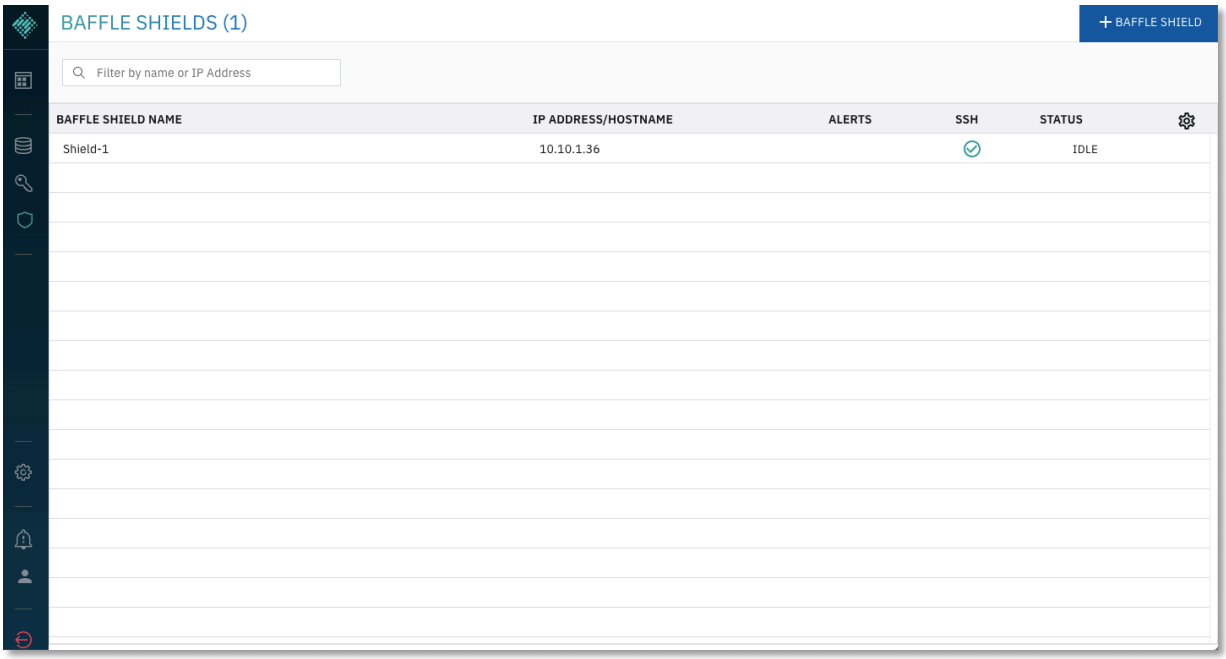


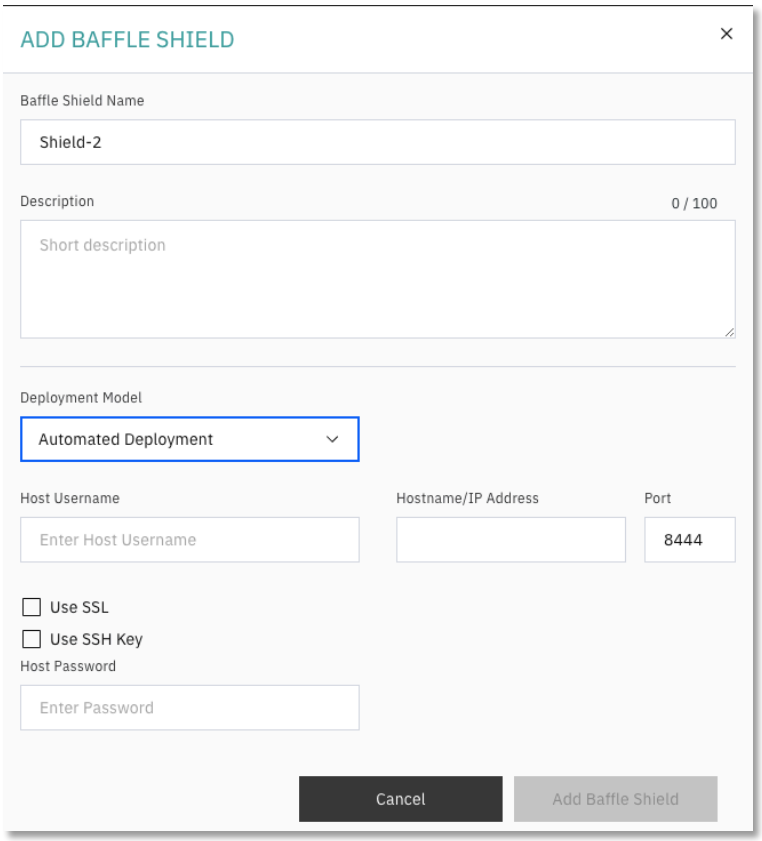
    c. Ensure the security group for your Baffle Shield allows inbound connections from Baffle Manager (on port 22) and the Data Protection Policy, or Application, that you will set up in the next section (port 8444).

    d. Once you complete the setup process, allow the instance a few minutes to initialize.

2. **Connect the Baffle Shield to Baffle Manager.** Once the instance is running, return to your Baffle Manager admin interface. Click on the shield icon on the left hand navigation panel. This will display a list of connected Baffle Shields. Click on the +BAFFLE SHIELD button in the upper right hand corner.



3. **Configure Baffle Shield.** Enter a name and description.



a. Select “Automated Deployment” for Deployment Model**.**

b. Enter the Username “centos” to access the Baffle Shield EC2 Instance.

c. Enter the IP Address of the Baffle Shield you have just launched. If your Shield runs in the same VPC as your Baffle Manager instance, it is recommended that you use the private IP address here.

d. Enter a port number that the Baffle Shield will use to listen for application connections. The default port is 8444.

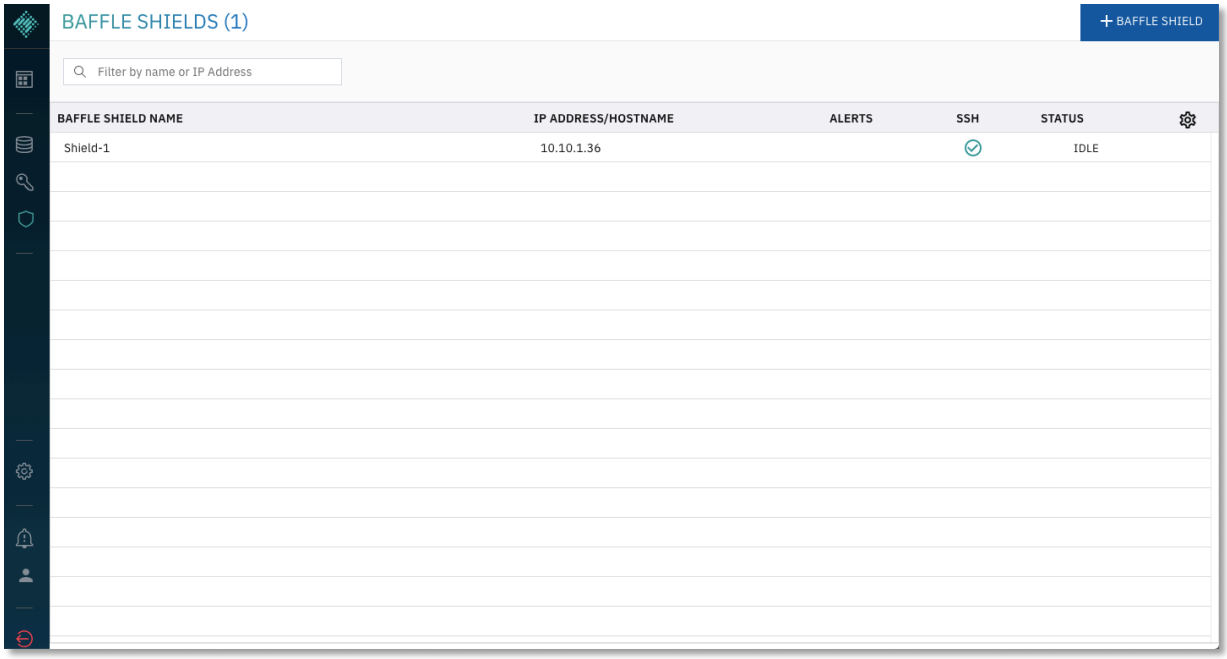
e. Select “Use SSL” if the data store connection uses SSL.

f. Select “Use SSH Key” and upload the key that you selected when you set up the Shield instance.

g. Optionally, a username and password can be used to access the Baffle Shield.

4. Click **Add Baffle Shield** to complete the process. The new Shield will be added to the list of configured Baffle Shields.

   If the Baffle Manager is unable to connect to the shield, ensure that your security group permits access.

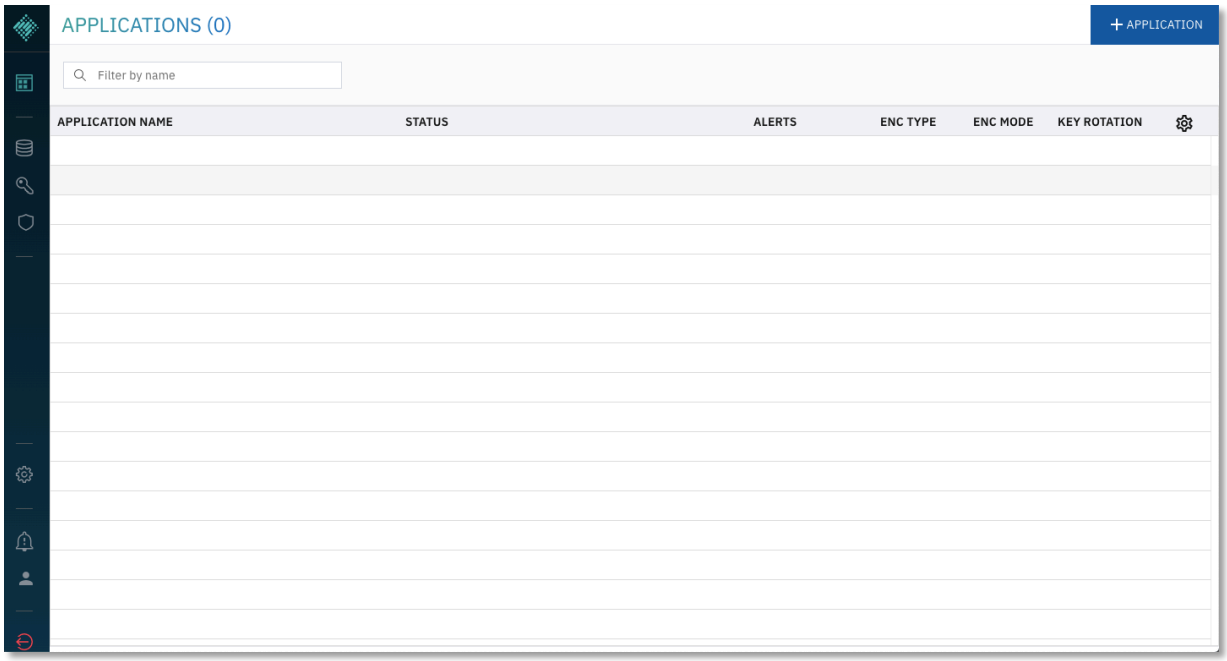


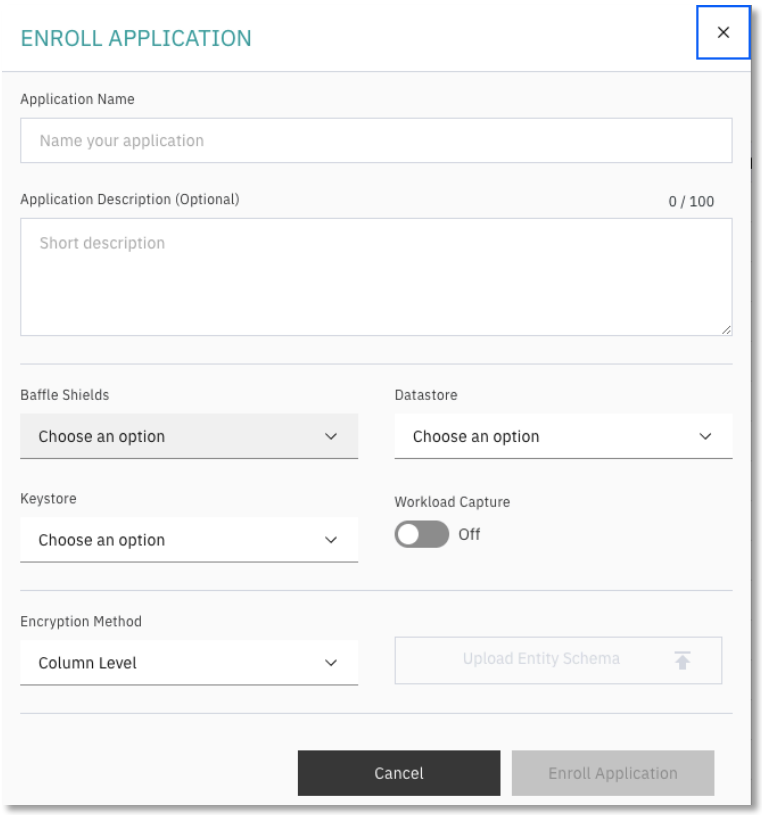
Section 5. Define a Data Protection Policy and Encrypt your Data

Now, all the components of Baffle's Advanced Data Protection have been established. This section brings these components together, creating a Data Protection Policy. This policy selects columns for encryption and keys that will be used for the encryption process. Upon completion of the Data Protection Policy, you can migrate data through a Baffle Shield and encrypt the existing data in your data store.

The creation of a Data Protection Policy establishes a Privacy Schema that Baffle Shields use to present the original data schema to a respective application while handling the encrypt and decrypt operations transparently for the configured fields.

1. **Add an Application to create a Data Protection Policy.** Click on the Applications Icon in the left hand navigation panel. The defined Data Protection Policies are displayed as Applications. Click on +APPLICATION.





2. **Enroll Application.** Enter a name and description.

    a. Choose the Baffle Shield from the drop down that was configured in the previous section.

    b. Select the Data Store which you will encrypt.

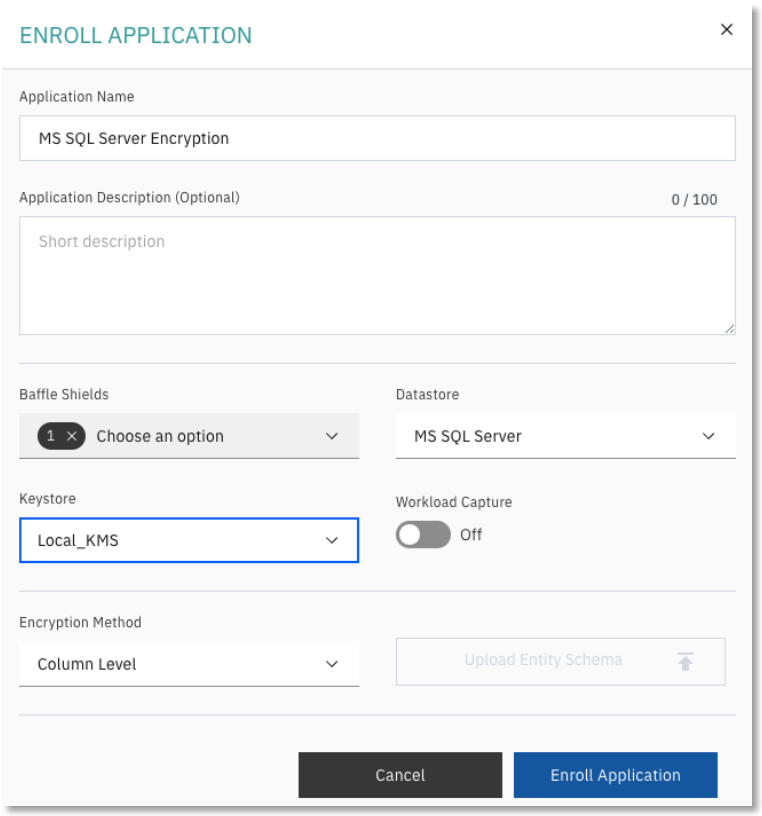
    c. Select the Keystore to be used as a source for data encryption keys.

    d. Specify the operational mode for the Baffle Shied. Leave Workload Capture Off, unless profiling an application.

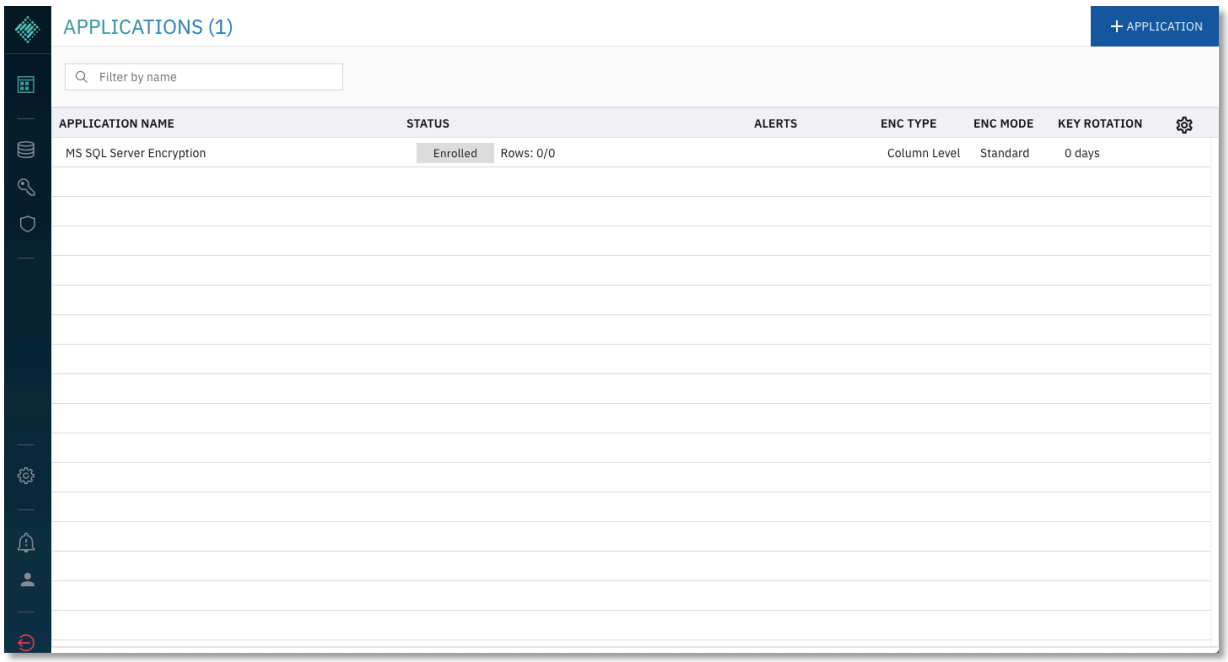
    e. Specify Column Level for the Encryption Method.

    f. Click Enroll Application.

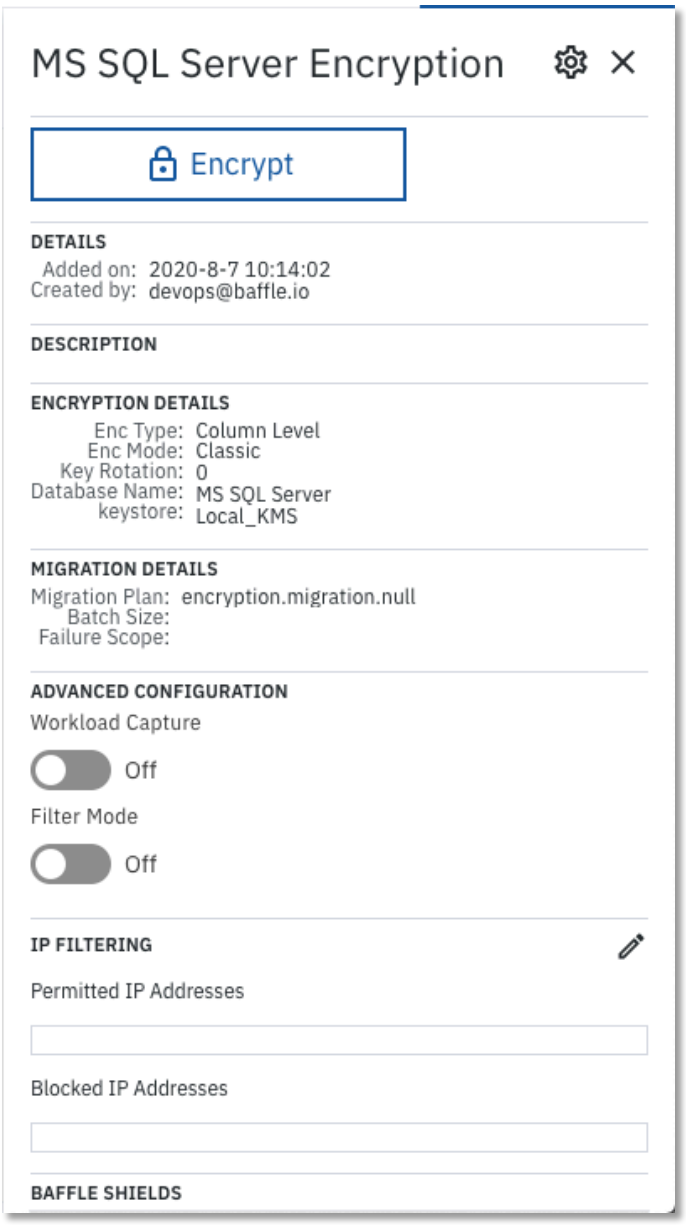
Below is an example of creating a Data Protection Policy for Microsoft SQL Server.



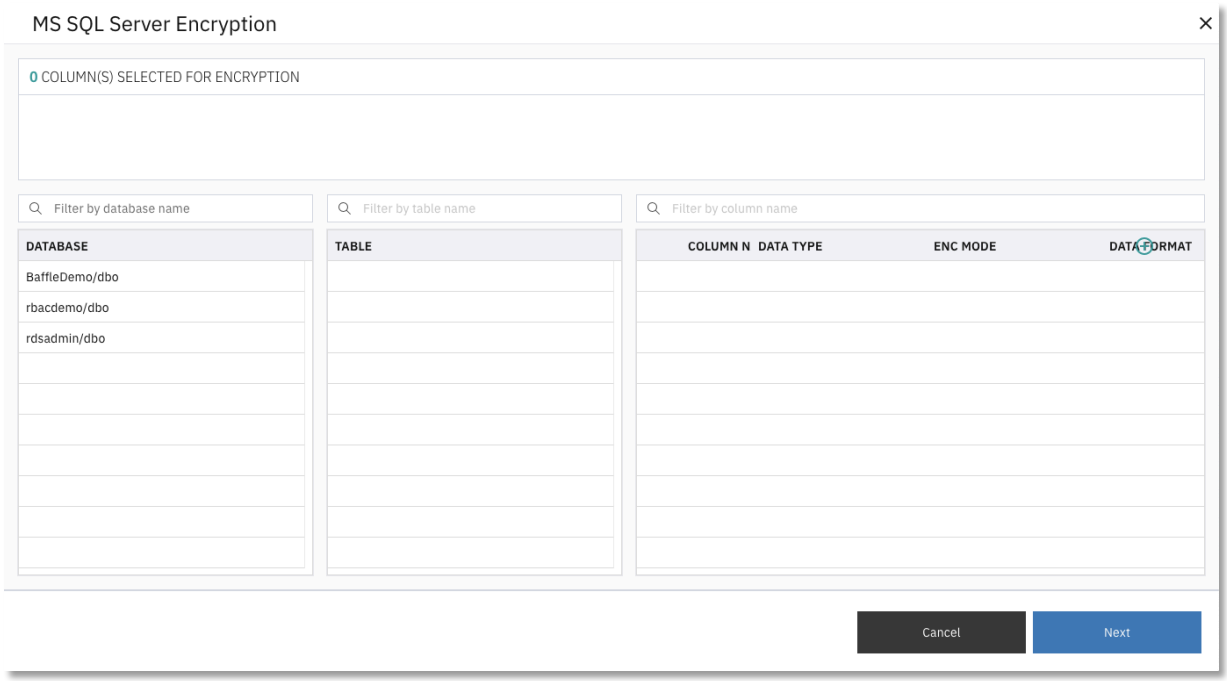
3. The Applications page now displays the new Data Protection Policy.



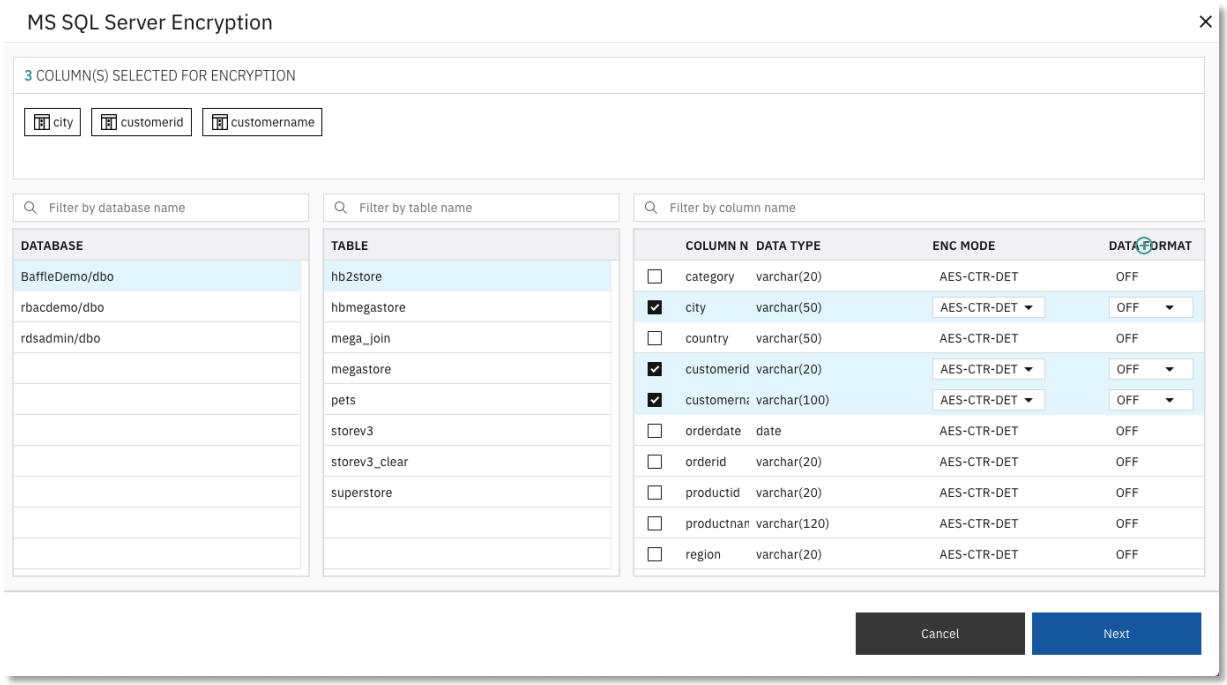
4. **Define the Data Protection Policy.** Click on the Application configured in the steps above. A side bar will display information about the application. Click on the ENCRYPT button to define the policy.



5. **Select fields for encryption.** A data schema navigator will open for the configured data store.

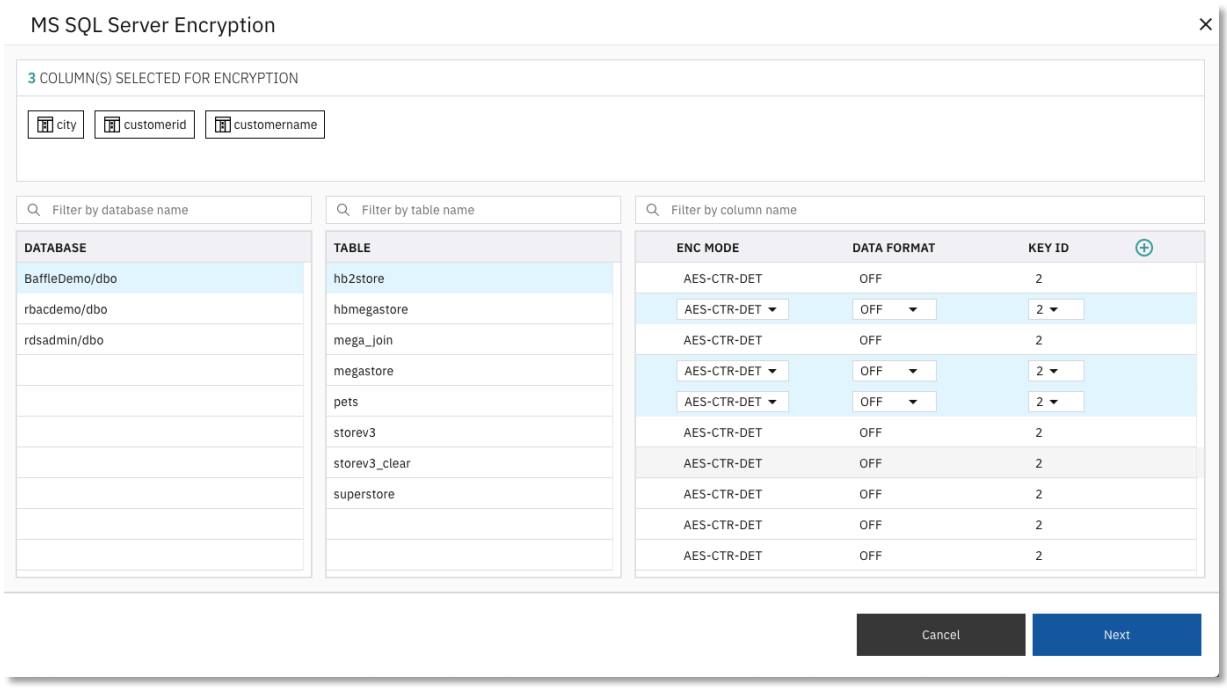


6. **Select the database** and table you wish to encrypt..

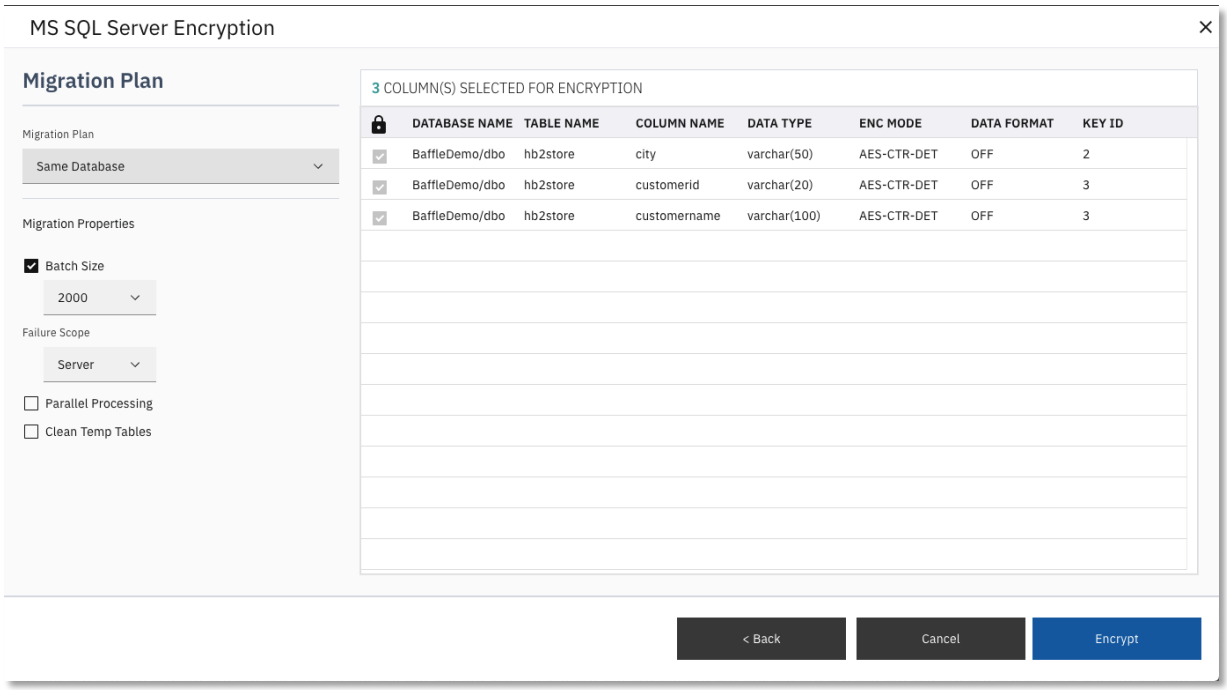


7. **Select columns** for encryption and the respective encryption mode.

8. Optional: Specify Key IDs for use to encrypt specific columns. The default value for Key ID is 2. Note: Key ID 1 is a reserved value for internal purposes.

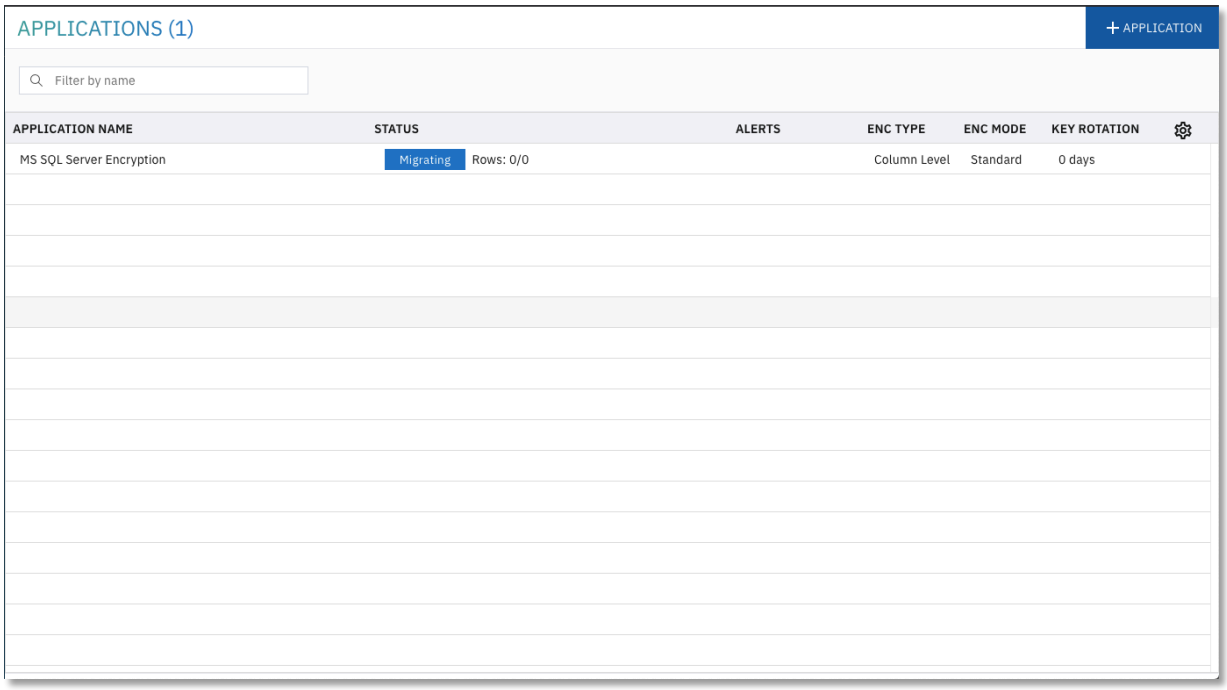


9. Click NEXT to proceed. Click ENCRYPT to start the encryption and migration process.

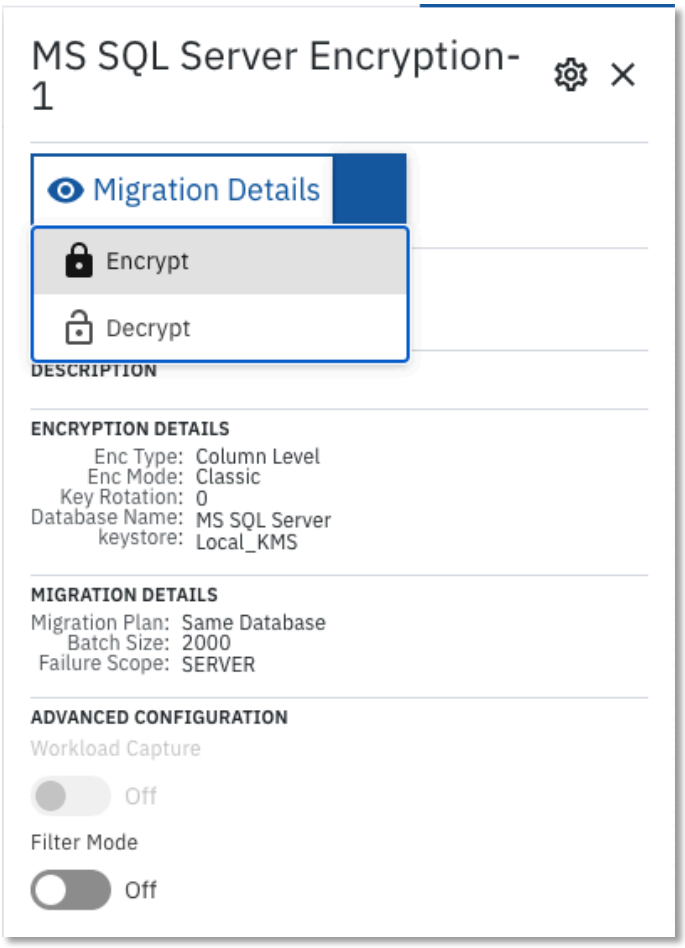


10. The Applications list now indicates the data migration is in progress.

    If migration does not initiate, you may have to configure your database user privileges. See **Appendix A** (page 26).



11. To Decrypt data, click on the application again, and select DECRYPT from the sidebar. Re-select columns for decryption.



Summary

You have now completed configuration of the Baffle Manager, Baffle Shield and created a Data Protection Policy to protect your data.

To confirm your data is encrypted, access the database normally with your SQL client. You should find the columns you selected are now encrypted.

To view the columns in the clear, use your SQL client to connect to the Baffle Shield. Connect using the public IP address of the Shield, port 8444, and the credentials for the database user you submitted in section 3, step 2b. Access the encrypted tables, and you should find the columns are visible.

Appendix

Appendix A: Database Privileges for encryption and migration

In order to carry out encryption and migration, Baffle Shield requires certain user permissions on the database. It is recommended that you create a new user on your database for Baffle Shield to use, rather than assign your database administrator.

Use your SQL client to issue the following grants. Enter the credentials of this new user in section 3, step 2b, so that Baffle Shield has full privileges to encrypt and decrypt the data you select.

1. To create a new user:

    a. `create user '<baffle user>'@'%';`

    b. `set password for '<baffle user>' = password('<password>');`

2. To grant the requisite permissions:

    a. `GRANT USAGE ON *.* TO '<baffle user>'@'%';`

    b. `GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON shadow_information_schema.* TO '<baffle user>'@'%';`

    c. `GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON <target database>.* TO '<baffle user>'@'%' WITH GRANT OPTION;`

    Repeat step c for each database you wish to encrypt. When completed, Baffle Shield has the necessary permissions in order to carry out encryption and migration. Use the credentials of the user specified here.

Appendix B: Minimum Required Database Privileges

These are the minimum required grants for users on your database who need the least access privileges. Use your SQL client to issue the following commands with your admin user. These grants permit the restricted-access user to obtain only the data you specify.

For MySQL and Aurora databases:

1. Issue the following commands.

    a. `GRANT USAGE ON *.* TO '<username>'@'%';`

    b. `GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON shadow_information_schema.* TO '<username>'@'%';`

    c. `GRANT SELECT ON <target database>.<target table> TO '<username>'@'%';`

    Repeat step c for each table you wish to make accessible to the user. When completed, you may connect to the Baffle Shield proxy with this user.

    d. To confirm user privileges, use: `show grants;`

2. OPTIONAL: some databases may require additional information from the user. Take the hash of the user's password with the following:

    a. `SELECT PASSWORD ('<user password>');`

    Insert the hash back into the expressions:

    b. `GRANT USAGE ON *.* TO '<username>'@'%' IDENTIFIED BY PASSWORD '<password hash>';`

    c. `GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON shadow_information_schema.* TO '<username>'@'%' IDENTIFIED BY PASSWORD '<password hash>';`

    d. `GRANT SELECT ON <target database>.<target table> TO '<username>'@'%' IDENTIFIED BY PASSWORD '<password hash>';`

    As before, repeat step d for each table you have selected.