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New research has found that Google Cloud API keys, typically designated as project identifiers for billing purposes, could be abused to authenticate to sensitive Gemini endpoints and access private data.

The findings come from Truffle Security, which discovered nearly 3,000 Google API keys (identified by the prefix "Alza") embedded in client-side code to provide Google-related services like

<https://thehackernews.com/2026/02/thousands-of-public-google-cloud-api.html>

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That's pretty concerning because a lot of teams treat public Google Cloud API keys like they're harmless, but if they can be abused to hit sensitive Gemini endpoints, that turns a simple exposure into a real security issue. It's a good reminder that API keys should always be tightly restricted, monitored, and never trusted just because they're used in client-side code.