Defense Against the Dark Arts

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What are the Dark Arts?

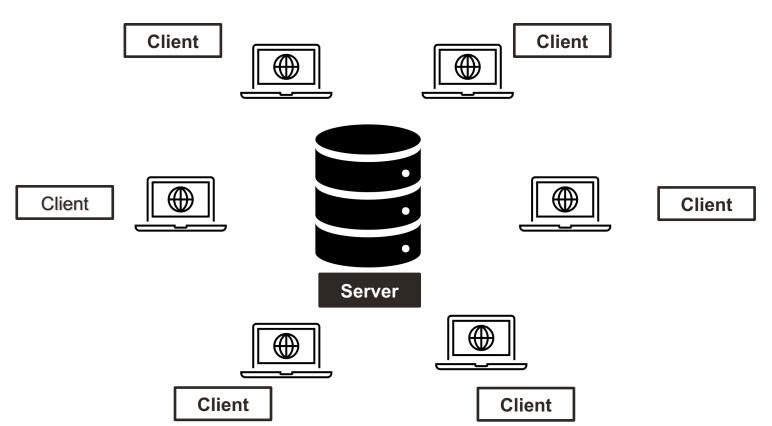


trust perimeter engineering hackers perimeter-less prevent **o**detect Sauthentication phishing

Securing Database Network

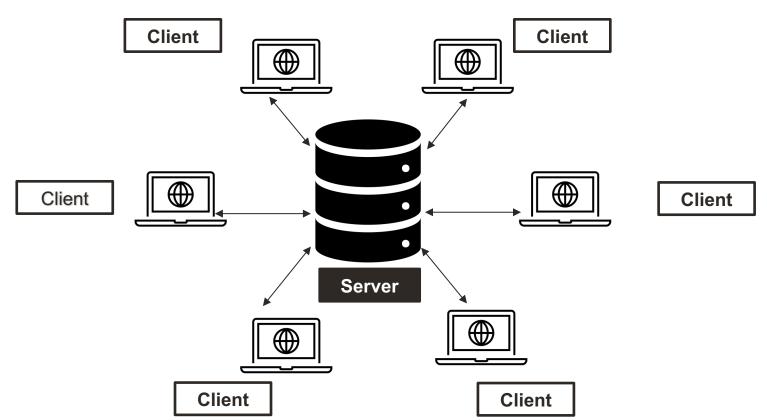


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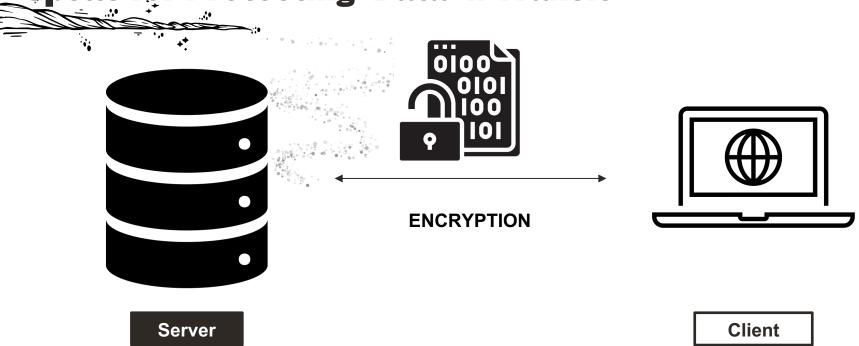




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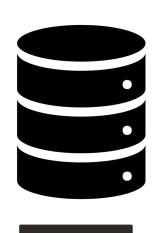




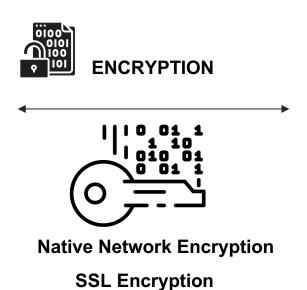






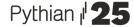


Server

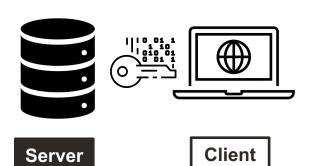




Client



Native Network Encryption



sqlnet.ora

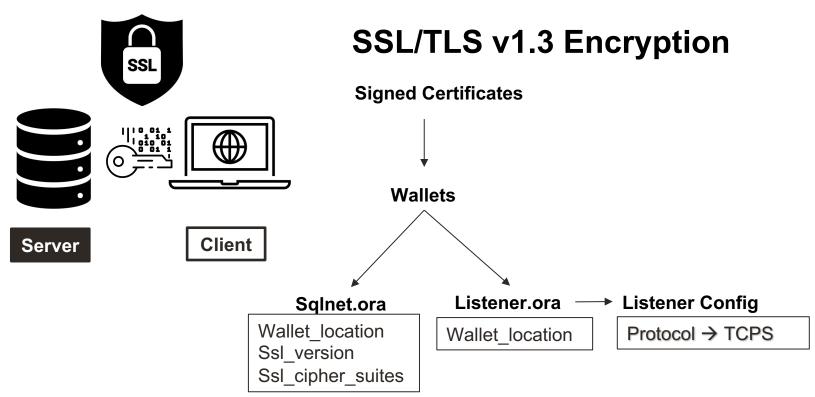
- ENCRYPTION_[server | client]
- ENCRYPTION_TYPES_[server | client]



The initial password supplied for a connection is always encrypted











```
orapki wallet add -wallet /opt/oracle/admin/testdb/wallet -trusted_cert -cert ./labworkl_certificate_interm1.cer -pwd ******
orapki wallet add -wallet /opt/oracle/admin/testdb/wallet -trusted_cert -cert ./labworkl_certificate_interm2.cer -pwd *****
orapki wallet add -wallet /opt/oracle/admin/testdb/wallet -user_cert -cert labworkl_certificate.cer -pwd *****

$ orapki wallet display -wallet /opt/oracle/admin/testdb/wallet

Enter wallet password:
Requested Certificates:
User Certificates:
User Certificates:
Subject: CN=labwork1.subnet.vcn.oraclevcn.com
Trusted Certificates:
Subject: CN=InCommon RSA Server CA,OU=InCommon,O=Internet2,L=Ann Arbor,ST=MI,C=US
Subject: CN=AAA Certificate Services,O=Comodo CA Limited,L=Salford,ST=Greater Manchester,C=GB
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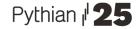




SSL/TLS v1.3 Encryption

Listener Modifications

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$ srvctl modify listener -p "TCP:1521/TCPS:2484"
$ srvctl modify scan_listener -p "TCP:1521/TCPS:2484"
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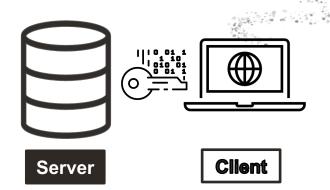




Spells for Maintaining Integrity of 'Data In Transit'



Network Data Integrity



sqlnet.ora

- CRYPTO_CHECKSUM_[server | client]
- CRYPTO_CHECKSUM _TYPES_[server | client]



If data is altered
Data Modification, Replay Attack







Network Data Integrity

select NETWORK_SERVICE_BANNER from v\$session_connect_info where sid = sys_context('USERENV','SID');

NETWORK SERVICE BANNER

TCP/IP NT Protocol Adapter for Linux: Version 19.0.0.0.0 - Production

Encryption service for Linux: Version 19.0.0.0.0 - Production

AES128 Encryption service adapter for Linux: Version 19.0.0.0.0 - Production

Crypto-checksumming service for Linux: Version 19.0.0.0.0 - Production

MD5 Crypto-checksumming service adapter for Linux: Version 19.0.0.0.0 - Production

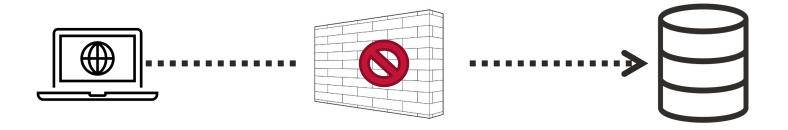




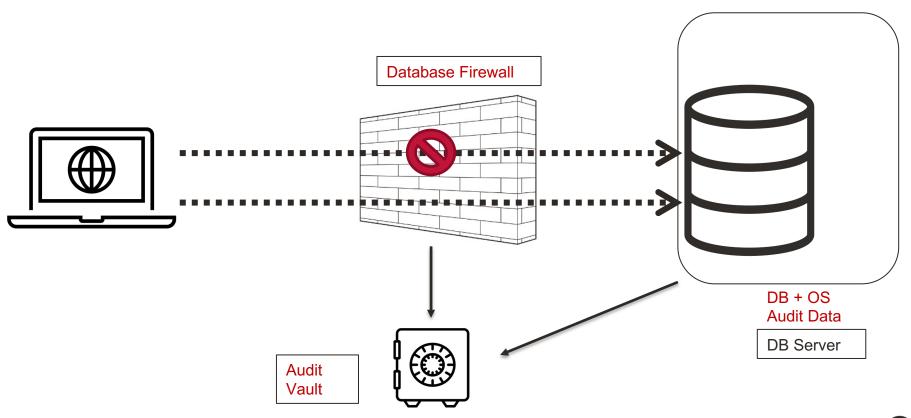
Spells for Filtering connections



- Oracle Audit Vault and Database Firewall (AVDF)
- "AVDF is a complete Database Activity Monitoring (DAM) solution that combines native audit data with network-based SQL traffic capture."

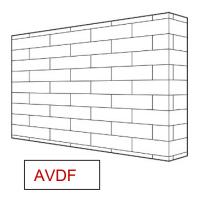


AVDF



AVDF - Benefits

- Collect, Analyze, and Report
- Use of Machine Learning for Anomaly Detection
- Control of Traffic to the Database
- Ability to prevent SQL Injection Attacks





CVE – Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures

Published Vulnerabilities

Bad Actors know about this !!!

- Oracle Releases Quarterly patches- for all its products
 - OS
 - Servers as well as workstations
 - Database, OEM, Exadata, ODA
 - Tuesday closest to 17th of Jan, Apr, July, Oct
 - Do Not Forget to Apply OJVM!





PSU, RU, RUR, Exadata Bundle Patches, Windows Bundle Patches, ODA Bundle Patches......





Security Patches

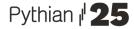
https://www.oracle.com/security-alerts/cpujul2022.html#AppendixDB

Affected Products and Patch Information

Security vulnerabilities addressed by this Critical Patch Update affect the products listed below. The product area is shown in the Patch Availability Document column.

Please click on the links in the Patch Availability Document column below to access the documentation for patch availability information and installation instructions.

Affected Products and Versions	Patch Availability Document
Autonomous Health Framework	Oracle Autonomous Health Framework
Big Data Spatial and Graph, versions prior to 23.1	Database
Enterprise Manager Base Platform, versions 13.4.0.0, 13.5.0.0	Enterprise Manager
Enterprise Manager for MySQL Database	Enterprise Manager
Enterprise Manager Ops Center, version 12.4.0.0	Enterprise Manager
JD Edwards EnterpriseOne Orchestrator, versions 9.2.6.3 and prior	JD Edwards
JD Edwards EnterpriseOne Tools, versions 9.2.6.3 and prior	JD Edwards
MySQL Cluster, versions 7.4.36 and prior, 7.5.26 and prior, 7.6.22 and prior, 8.0.29 and prior, and 8.0.29 and prior	MySQL
MySQL Enterprise Monitor, versions 8.0.30 and prior	MySQL
MySQL Server, versions 5.7.38 and prior, 8.0.29 and prior	MySQL
MySQL Shell, versions 8.0.28 and prior	MySQL
MySQL Shell for VS Code, versions 1.1.8 and prior	MySQL
MySQL Workbench, versions 8.0.29 and prior	MySQL
Oracle Agile Engineering Data Management, version 6.2.1.0	Oracle Supply Chain Products
Oracle Agile PLM, version 9.3.6	Oracle Supply Chain Products
Oracle Agile Product Lifecycle Management for Process, versions 6.2.2, 6.2.3	Oracle Supply Chain Products
Oracle Application Express, versions prior to 22.1.1	Database
Oracle Application Testing Suite, version 13.3.0.1	Enterprise Manager





Oracle provides severity ratings – known as **Base Score**, for each vulnerability (based on CVSS 3.1)

Oracle Database Server Risk Matrix

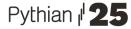
This Critical Patch Update contains 9 new security patches plus additional third party patches noted below for Oracle Database Products. 1 of these vulnerabilities may be remotely exploitable without authentication, i.e., may be exploited over a network without requiring user credentials. 1 of these patches is applicable to client-only installations, i.e., installations that do not have the Oracle Database Server installed. The English text form of this Risk Matrix can be found here.

CVE#	Component	Package and/or Privilege Required	Protocol	Remote Exploit without Auth.?	CVSS VERSION 3.1 RISK (see Risk Matrix Definitions)									Supported	
					Base Score	Attack Vector	Attack Complex	Privs Req'd	User Interact	Scope	Confid- entiality	Inte- grity	Avail- ability	Versions Affected	Notes
CVE-2020-35169	Oracle Database - Enterprise Edition	None	TCPS	Yes	9.1	Network	Low	None	None	Un- changed	High	High	None	12.1.0.2, 19c, 21c	
CVE-2022-21510	Oracle Database - Enterprise Edition Sharding	Local Logon	None	No	8.8	Local	Low	Low	None	Changed	High	High	High	None	See Note 1
CVE-2022-21511	Oracle Database - Enterprise Edition Recovery	EXECUTE ON DBMS_IR.EXECUTESQLSCRIPT	Oracle Net	No	7.2	Network	Low	High	None	Un- changed	High	High	High	None	See Note 1
CVE-2022-21565	Java VM	Create Procedure	Oracle Net	No	6.5	Network	Low	Low	None	Un- changed	None	High	None	12.1.0.2, 19c, 21c	
CVE-2022-24729	Oracle Application Express (CKEditor)	User Account	НТТР	No	5.7	Network	Low	Low	Required	Un- changed	None	None	High	Prior 1	- 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0



The problem with storing password in scripts

```
-bash-4.2$ ls -ltrh
total 4.0K
-rw-r--r-. 1 oracle oinstall 25 Jul 5 19:09 some-script.sh
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-bash-4.2$
-bash-4.2$
-bash-4.2$ grep -i config some-script.sh
. ./.some-script.config
-bash-4.2$
-bash-4.2$
-bash-4.2$ cat ./.some-script.config
PASSWORD=critical password
-bash-4.2$
```



The problem with storing password in scripts

```
-bash-4.2$ strings /proc/841/environ | grep -i rman

RMAN_PASSWORD=mypassword

RMAN_USER=c##rman
```





"Secure External Password Store (SEPS)"



WALLET

- Oracle Wallet Manager (OWM)
- mkstore
- orapki

```
$mkstore -wrl /opt/oracle/admin/testdb/wallet -listCredential
Oracle Secret Store Tool Release 19.0.0.0.0 - Production
Version 19.3.0.0.0
Copyright (c) 2004, 2019, Oracle and/or its affiliates. All rights reserved.
Enter wallet password:
List credential (index: connect_string username)
1: testdb_bkp sys
```



"Secure External Password Store (SEPS)"



SQLNET.ORA

- WALLET OVERRIDE=TRUE
- WALLET LOCATION= the location of your wallet

TNSNAMES.ORA

MY_WALLET_DIRECTORY = < the location of your wallet >

\$ sqlplus /@testdb_bkp



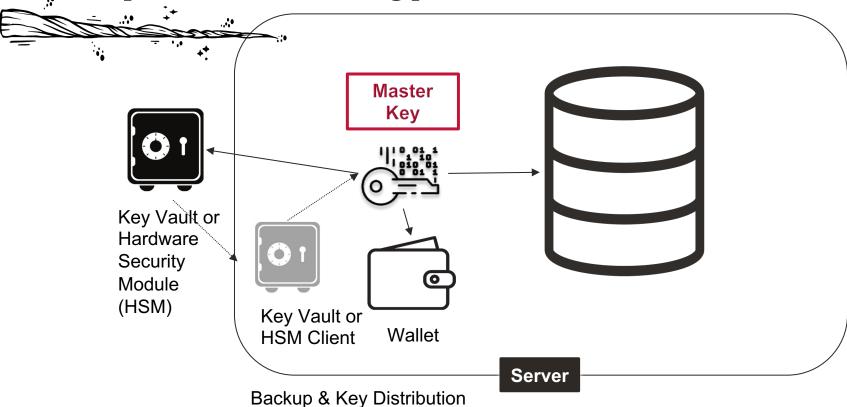


Data at Rest - How is that vulnerable?



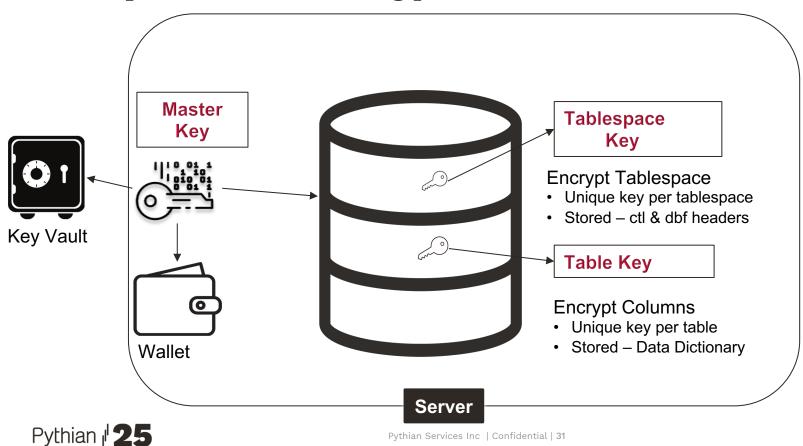
- Access to unencrypted datafiles on your storage
- Compromised Database backups
- Compromised Database Exports

Transparent Data Encryption





Transparent Data Encryption

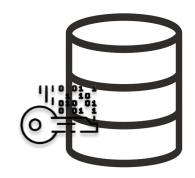


Transparent Data Encryption

Integrated with Compression, Datapump, RMAN!

Save the TDE Key based on your backup retention!

You will need them if you restore

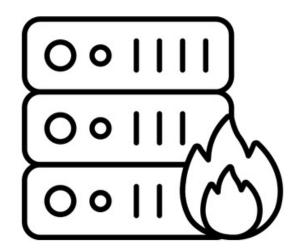


Advanced Security Option



OS & Audit Logs

- A bad actor with root or super privileges could edit the audit log and mask the audited actions
- Edit/modification of the messages, syslog files to hide suspicious activity

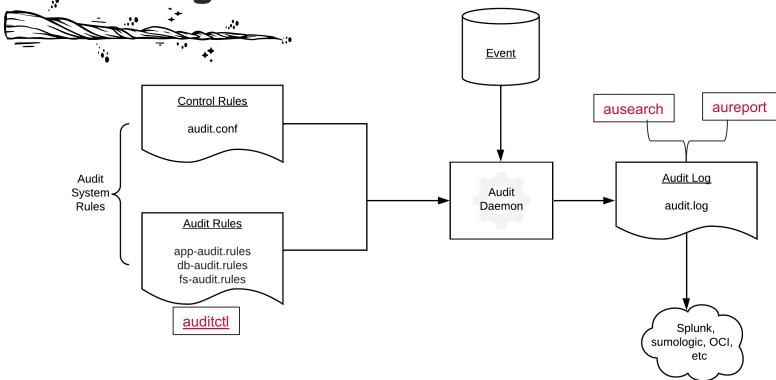








Save the logs to an external location



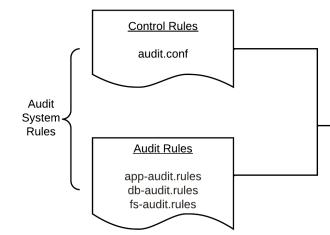




OS Logs & Auditing

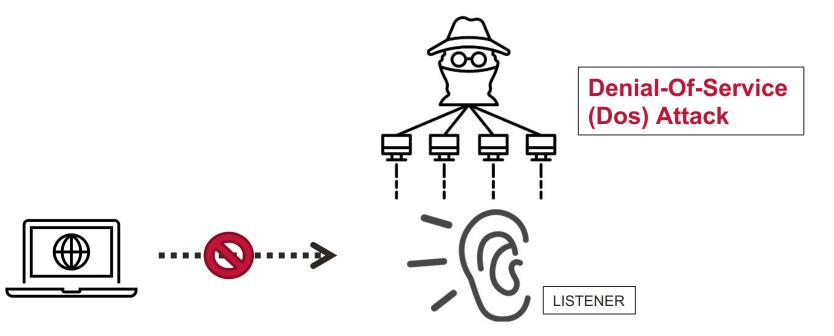
- Examples Audit Rules for user actions
 - O Audit all OS Commands by users in the group "DBA"
 - O Audit all OS Commands by oracle & grid accounts
 - O Audit all OS Commands under sudo /sudo su shells
- Examples Audit Rules for DB files
 - O Rule to Audit any changes to the Files like parameter, listener, oratab, sudoers, audit config, rsyslog, messages,
- Lock the config!

Rule to Audit any changes to the database parameter files
-w /u01/app/oracle/admin/<sid>/pfile/init_sid.ora -p wa -k sid-init-change



Protecting Data

Connecting to your database













- O Listener password deprecated since 12.1 since it enables remote listener administration.
- O OS Based Authentication



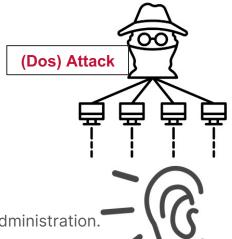
O sqlnet.INBOUND_CONNECT_TIMEOUT

Establish the connection + complete authentication

listener.INBOUND_CONNECT_TIMEOUT_listener_name

Send the connection request to listener

Listener timeout value Lower than sqlnet value!



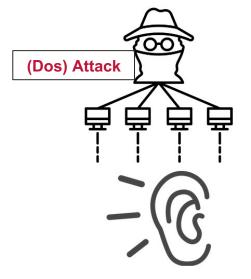






- Restrict the Services that can register with a listener
 - O Prevents registration of malicious services running on remote notes
- Valid Node Checking (VNCR).
- Values
 - O OFF 0
 - O ON 1 LOCAL
 - O SUBNET 2

VALID NODE CHECKING REGISTRATION listener name = ON





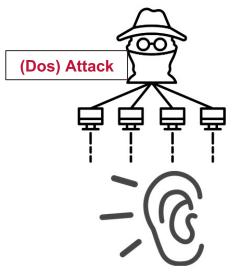


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VALID_NODE_CHECKING_REGISTRATION_listener_name REGISTRATION INVITED NODES listener name

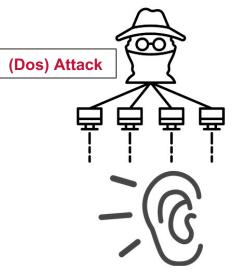




- Secure the \$TNS_ADMIN review file permissions
- Using Logging EFFECTIVELY!
 - O SEC_PROTOCOL_ERROR_TRACE_ACTION = { NONE | TRACE | LOG | ALERT }
- Remove unused Services

a.c. b.m a.c. b.s FROM gw%s MHERE a.s and	username, lient version, a.osuser, achine, b.module, b.programs, lient charset, a.client dri ervice name session connect info a, gvåse de -b.sid a.serial# = b.serial# d.a.AUTHENTICATION TYPE !-' DER BY client_version, user	ver, sssion b				
USERNAME	CLIENT_VERSION CLIENT_DRIVER	OSUSER SERVICE_NAME	MACHINE	MODULE	PROGRAM CL	IENT_CHARGET
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If required – Capture the history



b.username,
a.client_version, a.osuser,
b.machine, b.module, b.program,
a.client_charset , a.client_driver,
b.service_name

FROM gv\$session_connect_info a, gv\$session b
WHERE a.sid = b.sid
and a.serial# = b.serial#
and a.AUTHENTICATION_TYPE '='INTERNAL'
ORDER BY client_version, username;

USERNAME	CLIENT_VERSION CLIENT_DRIVER	OSUSER SERVICE_NAME	MACHINE	MODULE	PROGRAM	CLIENT_CHARSET
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Authentication

- Weak Passwords
- Default Passwords for sys, system and other privileges accounts
- Weak Policies
- Compromised Passwords



Brute Force Attack





Strengthening Authentication



The Obvious

- O Strong Passwords Password Verify Function
 - ora12c_verify_function & ora12c_strong_verify_function utlpwdmg.sql

Create your Own
MOS Doc ID 2475845.1



Brute Force Attack

- Init Parameters
 - SEC_MAX_FAILED_LOGIN_ATTEMPTS
 - SEC_CASE_SENSITIVE_LOGON

Misleading ORA-01017: Invalid username/password;

Be aware of issues with Password Versions when using SQLNET.ALLOWED_LOGON_VERSION_xx

A Great Blog by Mike Detrich https://mikedietrichde.com/2017/04/24/having-some-fun-with-sec case sensitive

MOS Note: 2040705.1





Strengthening Authentication





Brute Force Attack

- Account Profile
 - O SESSIONS_PER_USER
 - O FAILED_LOGIN_ATTEMPTS
 - O INACTIVE_ACCOUNT_TIME
 - O PASSWORD_ROLLOVER_TIME (Backported to 19.12+!)
- DBA_PROFILES
- Enforcing Best Practices for DBA's as well as users
 - O Use nominative accounts (default)
 - O For Privileged Tasks (use sysdba account)

DBA_USERS -> LAST_LOGIN

Using Strong Authentication

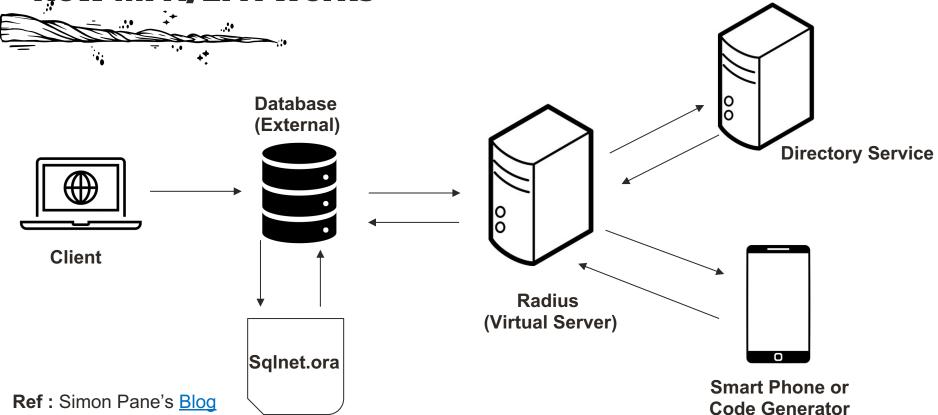


- Global Authentication and authorization.
 - O SSL, Kerberos, or Windows native authentication
 - O Centrally Managed Users (Doc ID 2462012.1)
- External Authentication
 - O OS Based (e.g. SYSDBA, SYSOPER, SYSASM, SYSBACKUP, SYSDG, and SYSKM)
 - O Network Based (e.g. Kerberos , Radius)

Multi Factor Authentication !!



How MFA/2FA Works





Insider Threats

- Employee negligence
- Lack of robust security by a third-party vendor
- Susceptibility to Social Engineering Attack
- Malicious Actions of Employees





Control Data Access



Tools



Choose based on your requirement.

e.g. DBA's shouldn't view the data in application tables.

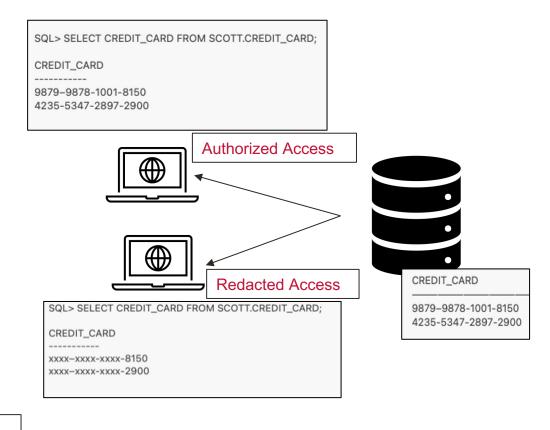
- Separation of Duties, privileged user controls (Data Vault)
- Row-level control (VPD,RAS,OLS)
- Column-level control (VPD,RAS)



Data Redaction

- Dynamic Data Masking of the result-set
- Based on username, IP, application context, and other session factors
- No changes to the data stored.

Advanced Security Option (with TDE)





Hide The Data





Data Redaction

Data Masking

- Substituting or replace the values based on rules
- For non-production, load testing environments
- Mask based on conditions generate random values with the same format, shuffle records

Data Masking & Data Subsetting Pack

Production



CREDIT_CARD

9879-9878-1001-8150 4235-5347-2897-2900

Actual Data

Test



CREDIT_CARD

0000-8759-8524-8150 0000-1000-9854-2900

Dummy Data

Hide The Data



Data Redaction

Data Masking

Data Subsetting

- Remove the values based on rules i.e. Subset
- Size down e.g. Development environment or a customerspecific test
- Can Integrate with Masking
- Conditions, Relative tables size
 i.e 5% of table data, Partitioning

Production



100k records

Actual Data

Dev



10k records

Less than 100 % of Actual Data – can be optionally masked

Data Masking & Data Subsetting Pack

And Remember..

- Elevated Privileges
 - O Grant Execute ANY Procedure

Can lead to users creating procedures that can truncate tables in ANY schema

- SQL92_SECURITY
 - O Set to TRUE

Users have SELECT privilege on a table when executing an UPDATE or DELETE

- SQL Injection Prevention Best Practices
 - O Use BIND Variables
 - O Avoid concatenated inputs for Dynamic SQL
 - O Explore DBMS_ASSERT
- Use Schema-only accounts.
- AUDIT as needed



Mantra! Reduce the Attack Surface







Mantra! Reduce the Attack Surface

Remove Not used database components

e.g. APEX (Doc ID 1518046.1)

- User, roles
- DB links



As a thumb rule, never have anything that you do not need on your database!





DB Security Assessment Tool (DBSAT)



Oracle Database Security Assessment

Highly Confidential

Assessment Date & Time

Date of Data Collection		Date of Report	Reporter Version		
Fri A	Apr 06 2018 21:22:00	Fri Apr 06 2018 21:27:28	2.0.1 (December 2017) - d526		

Database Identity

Name Platform		Database Role	Log Mode	Created		
	Linux x86 64-bit	PRIMARY	ARCHIVELOG	Fri Oct 14 2016 14:27:00		

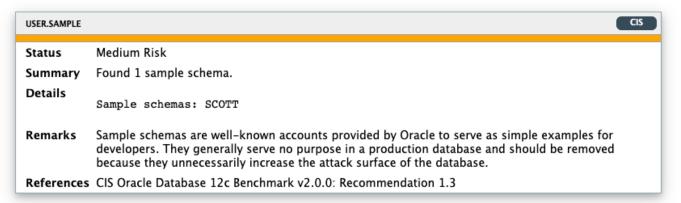
https://www.oracle.com/in/database/technologies/security/dbsat.html

<u>Summary</u>

Section	Pass	Evaluate	Advisory	Low Risk	Medium Risk	High Risk	Total Findings
Basic Information	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
User Accounts	4	0	0	3	4	0	11
Privileges and Roles	3	16	0	0	0	0	19
Authorization Control	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Data Encryption	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
Fine-Grained Access Control	0	0	5	0	0	0	5
Auditing	3	5	1	0	3	0	12
Database Configuration	6	3	0	1	2	1	13
Network Configuration	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
Operating System	2	1	0	1	1	0	5
Total	19	26	9	5	11	2	72

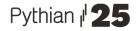


Sample Schemas



Inactive Users

USER.INACTIVE	
Status	Low Risk
Summary	Found 4 unlocked users inactive for more than 30 days.
Details	Inactive users:
Remarks	If a user account is no longer in use, it increases the attack surface of the system unnecessarily while providing no corresponding benefit. Furthermore, unauthorized use is less likely to be noticed when no one is regularly using the account. Accounts that have been unused for more than 30 days should be investigated to determine whether they should remain active.



Other Things

- DBSat provides privilege analysis as well a review of roles and user accounts
- Be on a lookout for Configuration Drift
- Use orachk diff report to keep a lookout on the health of your system





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