

Oracle Security

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➤ **Introductions**

- Demonstration Environment Overview
- Security Overview
- OS Security
- Database Security
- 9iAS Security
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Who are you?

- DBAs
- Developers (Java, Oracle Tools, MS VB, ASP, .NET)
- System Administrators
- Network Administrators
- Security Administrators

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Demo Environment

100Mbit Ethernet

Windows XP
Oracle 9.2.0 client
Oracle 8.1.7 client

Sun SPARC v100
Solaris 8
Oracle 9.2.0 database

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Security Overview

- Who needs security?
- Who is responsible for security?
- What is the cost of security?

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Operating System Security

- High-level examination
- Think like an attacker and use their tools
- Nmap, Nessus, tripwire, ... (a very long list)
- Use ssh, scp, sftp for terminal access to *nix systems and consider using it for Windows systems too (www.cygwin.com)

OS Security Resources

- www.sans.org: Mailing lists, research, excellent conferences and training
- www.giac.org: Certification information
- www.securityfocus.com: Collection of security information
- www.cisecurity.org: Center for Internet Security
- www.cert.org: Advisories, alerts, etc.

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DB Security: Security-related initialization parameters

- OS Authentication: remote_os_authent, remote_os_roles, os_roles
- Remote Management: remote_login_passwordfile
- Filesystem access: utl_file_dir
- Auditing: audit_trail

DB Security: Default User Accounts

- DBSNMP: select_catalog_role
- OUTLN: execute any procedure
- CTXSYS: dba, resource
- WKSYS: drop user, drop tablespace
- WMSYS: unlimited tablespace
- MDSYS: drop user, drop tablespace
- RMAN: alter session, unlimited tablespace

DB Security: Privilege Exploits

- ALTER SESSION SET EVENTS
'IMMEDIATE TRACE NAME
SYSTEMSTATE LEVEL 10';
- SELECT * FROM sys.link\$;
- ALTER DATABASE DATAFILE '/a/file.dbf'
OFFLINE DROP;

DB Security: Privilege Exploits

- ALTER SYSTEM
 - kill session 'sid,serial#'
 - enable restricted session
 - set transactions = 4
 - archive log stop
 - flush shared_pool

DB Security: Profiles

- Use profiles to:
 - limit failed login attempts
 - limit password life time
 - limit password reuse
 - set a password verification function

DB Security: Network Security

- Set (encrypted) password on TNS listeners
- TCP.VALIDNODE_CHECKING,
TCP.INVITED_NODES,
TCP.EXCLUDED_NODES (sqlnet.ora)
- SQLNET.TRACE_LEVEL_* (DoS)
- TRACE_LEVEL_LISTENER (DoS)
- Use encryption, strong authentication if possible (Advanced Security Option)

DB Security: Application Security

- Secure Application Role (identified by procedure)
- Non-default password-authenticated role
- Login Triggers to set roles (possibly check a table for privilege level)
- Shared schemas (Enterprise Users)
- Proxy users (n-tier environments)
- Use regular DB users and AUTHID CURRENT_USER in PL/SQL
- Exclusive use of PL/SQL for all table access

DB Security: Data Security

- DBMS_OBSFUCATION_TOOLKIT
- Application Encryption (client or midtier)
- PL/SQL-only interfaces to all data
- Fine-grained Access Control (FGAC)
- Virtual Private Database (VPD)
- Oracle Label Security (OLS): add-on option

DB Security: Data Security

- DBMS_OBSFUCATION_TOOLKIT
 - Offers PL/SQL procedures to encrypt and decrypt strings of data
 - PROs: Not even the DBA can read the data, Backups are safer from prying eyes, DES3 is considered relatively strong
 - CONs: “secure key storage” is difficult, only DES or DES3 algorithms supported, PL/SQL programming knowledge required

DB Security: Data Security

- Application Encryption (client or midtier)
 - Methods: Java offers JCE, Microsoft (VB, VBScript, ASP, C++) offers CryptoAPI
 - Pros: In 2-tier, can replace ASO functionality; network encryption not necessary, key storage can be easily kept outside the DB, many different algorithms available
 - Cons: requires powerful client/midtier, can lead to difficult-to-support application implementations

DB Security: FGAC

- Fine-grained Access Control (FGAC)
 - Applies a `WHERE` predicate to all statements against a particular object automatically
 - You must write the function to produce the `WHERE` clause
 - `DBMS_RLS` is the package implementing the APIs for policies
 - Pros: Powerful architecture, “Free”, no way to bypass it with adhoc tool
 - Cons: Requires some PL/SQL programming

DB Security: Data Security

- Virtual Private Database (VPD)
 - Designed as a “dynamic view” by appending WHERE clauses to every statement against a particular table. WHERE clause is produced by a function you write
 - Can be used to allow multiple companies to use the same application database (and same tables), but separate data (think hosting)
 - Pros: Once implemented, very safe, “Free”
 - Cons: Design phase can be difficult, some PL/SQL programming is necessary

DB Security: Data Security

- VPD (cont.)
 - VPD is a group of features: FGAC, application context, and global application context

DB Security: Data Security

- Oracle Label Security (OLS)
 - Built on top of VPD, but requires no coding
 - Add-on \$\$\$ option
 - Used heavily by military and government
 - Performance trade-off
 - Tested security compliance

DB Security: FGA

- Fine-grained Auditing (FGA)
 - Records audit events based on specific data accessed (DBA_FGA_AUDIT_TRAIL)
 - Audit events recorded without any code
 - Can also invoke a custom procedure to do almost anything (for example, send a pager alert)

DB Security: FGA Example

```
CREATE PROCEDURE sec.log_id (schema
    varchar2, table varchar2, policy varchar2)
    AS BEGIN
UTIL_ALERT_PAGER(schema, table, policy);
END;
/***** add the policy *****/
DBMS_FGA.ADD_POLICY( object_schema => 'hr',
    object_name => 'emp',
    policy_name => 'chk_hr_emp',
    audit_condition => 'dept = ''SALES'' ',
    audit_column => 'salary',
    handler_schema => 'sec',
    handler_module => 'log_id',
    enable => TRUE);
```

DB Security: Backups

- Secure backup location (disk or tape)
- Offsite security (if you have offsite storage)
- Transportation security (to/from offsite), think Finance and Healthcare
- File permissions on DB host
- Safety of standby site is just as important as running production site

DB Security: Archived Redo Logs

- Archived redo logs contain all the data in your database
- Even without catalog, useful information can be gleaned from Logminer
- Back them up just as carefully as datafiles
- Ensure they are created with proper OS privileges and permissions

DB Security: Advanced Security Option (ASO)

- Provides:
 - Authentication options: SSL, Kerberos, Biometrics (some versions), Entrust PKI, RADIUS, Smart Cards, Token Cards (SecurID)
 - Network Encryption: DES, 3DES, RC4, AES
 - Checksumming: SHA, MD5
 - Enterprise Users: Global roles, global users

If you were asleep...

- Lock/drop unused database accounts
- Verify password strength
- Check for TNS listener password
- Check OS group privileges
- Keep up-to-date patch levels
- Investigate security of backups
- Investigate application security options
- Use lowest privilege levels necessary

DB Security: Resources

- Server Documentation (yes, really): Developer's Guide, ASO Guide, much better in recent versions than previous ones
- www.sans.org: CVE, Summary Reports include Oracle bugs/vulnerabilities
- metalink.oracle.com: of course 😊
- otn.oracle.com/deploy/security/alerts.htm: postings of current Oracle security alerts

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9iAS Security

- Turn off all non-necessary services (find them all first)
- Do not run the server as root
- Exclude UTL_% and DBMS_% from mod_plsql DADs
- Change all default passwords (OEM, OID, DAS, webcache, portal, mod_plsql users)
- Use most restrictive file permissions possible on all config files (until server breaks)

9iAS Security

- Ensure status URLs (internal and external) are protected by IP address (allow, deny)
- Watch for security alert announcements and patch server ASAP
- Ensure that all network firewalls are as restrictive as possible
- Use only encrypted methods for username/password transmission (HTTPS for web, SSH for terminal)

Q & A

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