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Oracle Security Auditing

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Introduction - Commercial Slide.☹

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Agenda

- Part 1 – Overview of database security
  - What is Oracle Security?
  - Why a database must be secured
  - How can a database be breached?
- Part 2 – Conducting a database audit
  - Planning the audit
  - Conducting an Oracle database security audit
  - Analysis
- Part 3 – The correction phase
  - What to do next

What Is Oracle Security?

- **It is about creating a secure database and storing critical / valuable data securely**
- To do this Oracle security is about all of these:
  - Performing a security audit of an Oracle database?
  - Securely configuring an Oracle database?
  - Designing a secure Oracle system before implementation?
  - Using some of the key security features
    - Audit, encryption, RBAC, FGA, VPD…

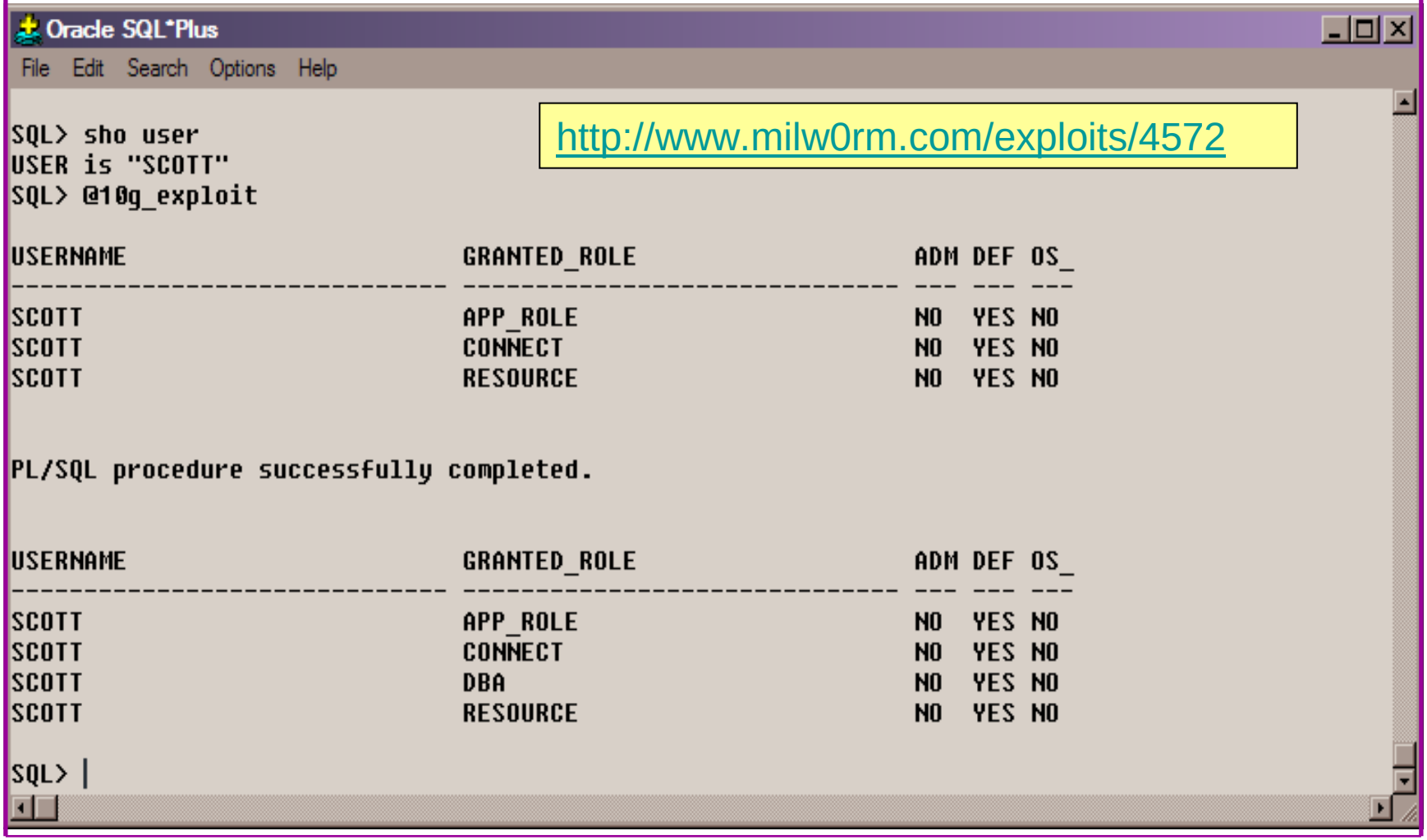
Internal Or External Attacks

- Internal attacks are shown to exceed external attacks in many recent surveys, Delloite surveys the top 100 finance institutes
- The reality is likely to be worse as surveys do not capture all details or all companies
- Data is often the target now not system access; this could be for identity theft to clone identities
- With Oracle databases external attacks are harder and are likely to involve
  - application injection or
  - Buffer Overflow or
  - Protocol attacks
- Internal attacks could use any method for exploitation. The issues are why:
  - True hackers gain access logically or physically
  - Power users have too many privileges
  - Development staff, DBA's
  - **Internal staff have access already!!**

How Easy Is It To Attack?

- Many and varied attack vectors
- Passwords are the simplest – find, guess, crack
- Bugs that can be exploited
- SQL injection
- Denial of Service
- Exploit poor configuration – access OS files, services
- Network protocol attacks
- Buffer overflows, SQL buffer overflows
- Cursor injection
- More ?

Example Exploit



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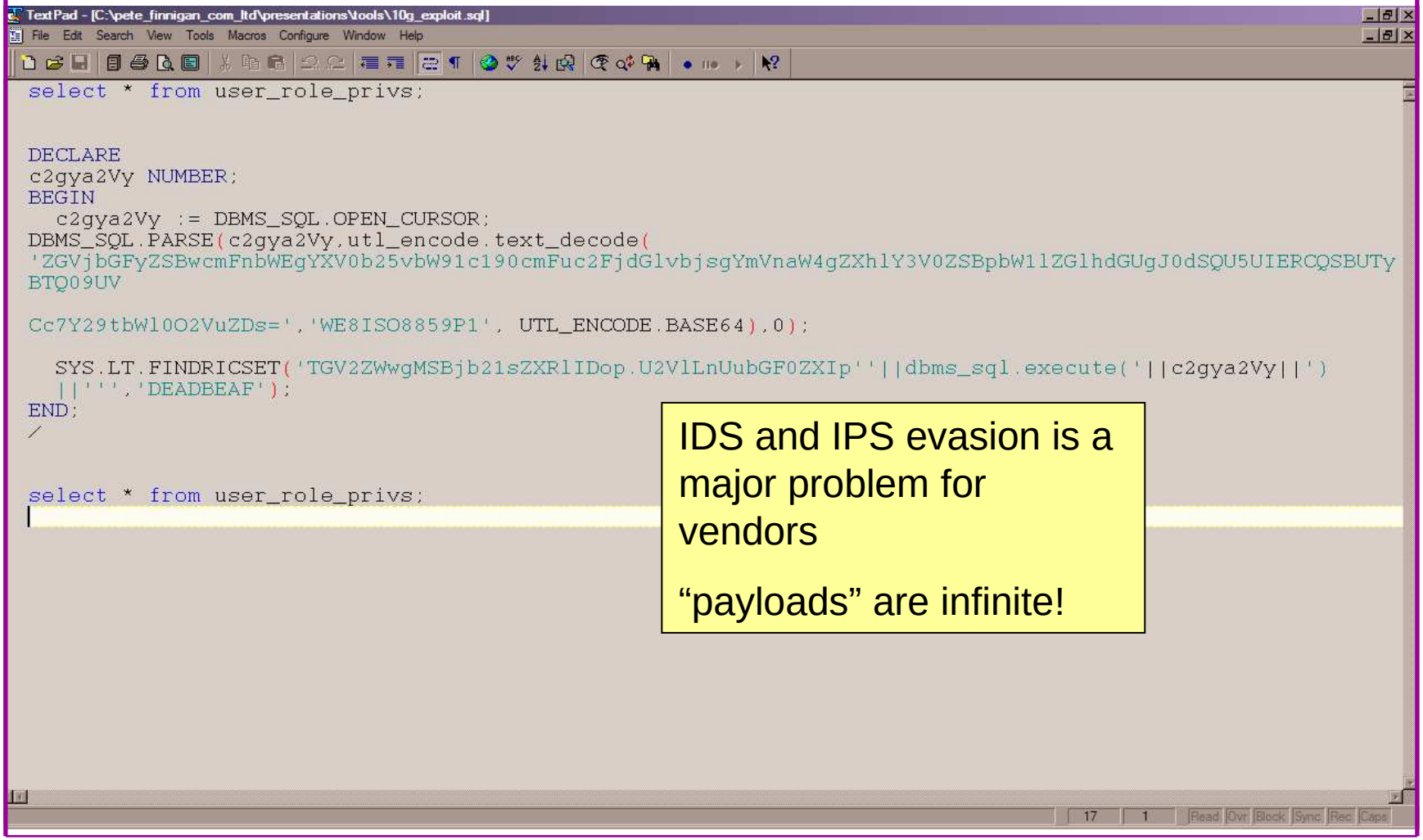


IDS and IPS evasion is a major problem for vendors

“payloads” are infinite!

Stay Ahead Of The Hackers

- When deciding what to audit and how to audit a database you must know what to look for:
  - Existing configuration issues and security vulnerabilities are a target
  - Remember hackers don't follow rules
  - Combination attacks (multi-stage / blended) are common
- The solution: Try and think like a hacker – be suspicious

The Access Issue

- A database can only be accessed if you have three pieces of information
  - The IP Address or hostname
  - The Service name / SID of the database
  - A valid username / password
- Lots of sites I see:
  - Deploy tnsnames to all servers and desktops
  - Allow access to servers (no IP blocking)
  - Create guessable SID/Service name
  - Don’t change default passwords or set weak ones
  - No form of IP blocking and filtering
- Do not do any of these!

11gR1 has broken this!!

Part 2 – Conducting A Database Audit

- Planning and setting up for An Audit
- Selecting a target
- Interview key staff
- Versions, patches and software
- Enumerate users and find passwords
- File system analysis
- Network analysis
- Database configuration

Planning An Audit

- Create a simple plan, include
  - The environments to test
  - The tools to use
  - Decide what to test and how “deep”
  - The results to expect
  - Looking forward
  - What are you going to do with the results?
- Don’t create “war and peace” but provide due diligence, repeatability

The Test Environment

- This is a key decision
- Which environment should be tested?
- A live production system should be chosen
- Some elements can be tested in other systems
  - i.e. a complete clone (standby / DR) can be used to assess configuration
  - The file system and networking and key elements such as passwords / users must be tested in production
- Choose carefully

Building A Toolkit

- There are a few standalone tools available
- I would start with manual queries and simple scripts such as:
  - www.petefinnigan.com/find_all_privs.sql
  - www.petefinnigan.com/who_has_priv.sql
  - www.petefinnigan.com/who_can_access.sql
  - www.petefinnigan.com/who_has_role.sql
  - www.petefinnigan.com/check_parameter.sql
- Hand code simple queries as well

Checklists – Basis For The Audit

- There are a number of good checklists to define what to check:
- CIS Benchmark - http://www.cisecurity.org/bench_oracle.html
- SANS S.C.O.R.E - http://www.sans.org/score/oraclechecklist.php
- Oracle's own checklist - http://www.oracle.com/technology/deploy/security/pdf/twp_security_checklist_db_database_20071108.pdf
- DoD STIG - http://iase.disa.mil/stigs/stig/database-stig-v8r1.zip
- Oracle Database security, audit and control features – ISBN 1-893209-58-X

Decide The Scope Of The Test

- What is to be tested (what checks to use)?
- The checklists provide extensive lists of checks
- My advice: keep it simple to start with
  - Concentrate on the “LOW FRUIT”
  - Key issues
    - Passwords
    - Simple configuration issues
    - RBAC issues

Results?

- Before you start you should asses what you expect as results
- This drives two things:
  - The scale of the test
  - What you can do with the results
- It should help derive
  - What to test for
  - What to expect
- If you decide in advance its easier to cope with the output (example: if you do a test in isolation and find 200 issues, its highly unlikely anyone will deal with them)

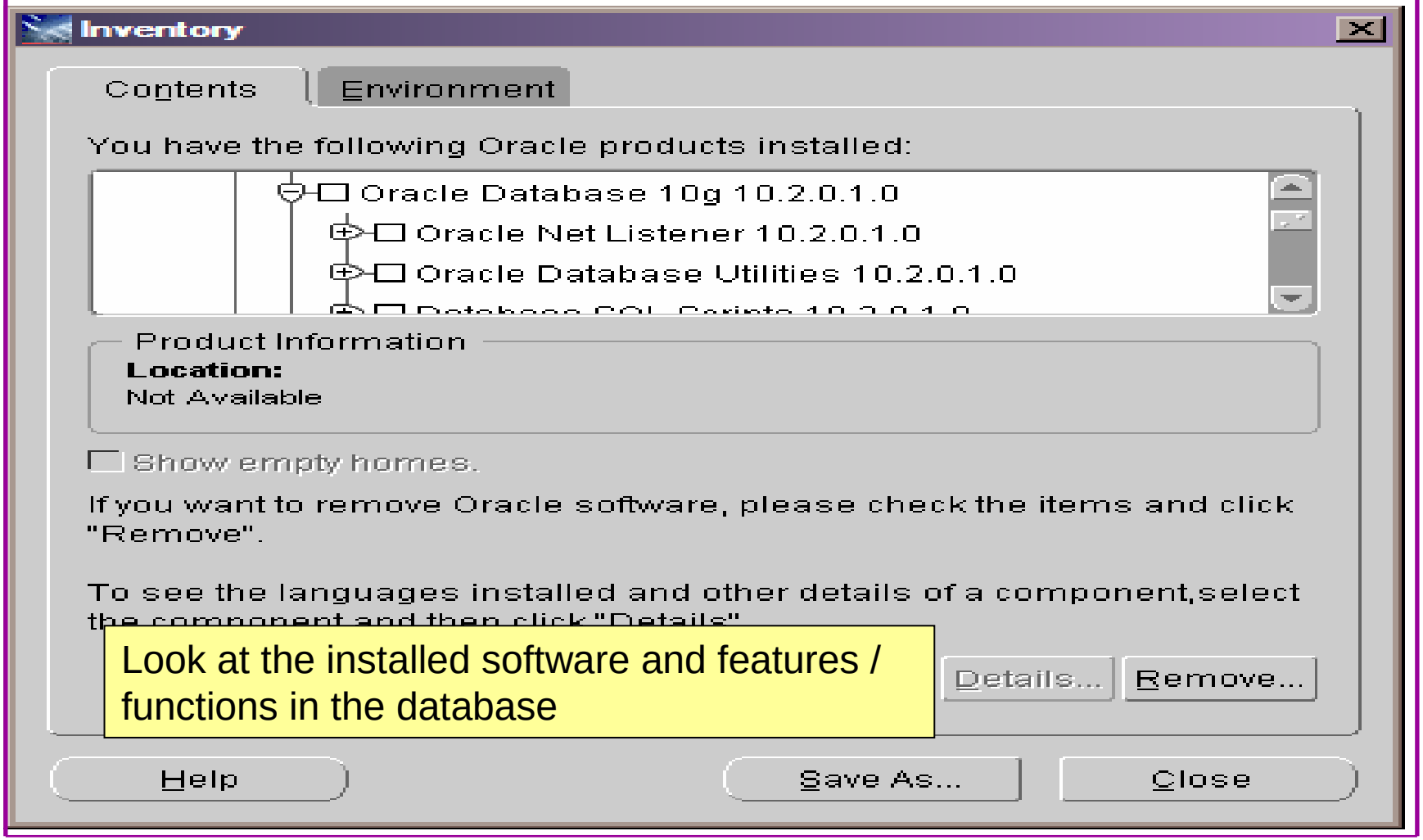
Interview Key Staff

- Perform interviews with key staff
  - DBA
  - Security
  - Applications
- Understand
  - Policies
  - Backups
  - How different groups of staff use and access the database
- The checklists include interview questions
- Prepare an interview list to work to (see the CIS benchmark for examples -

Line up the key people in advance

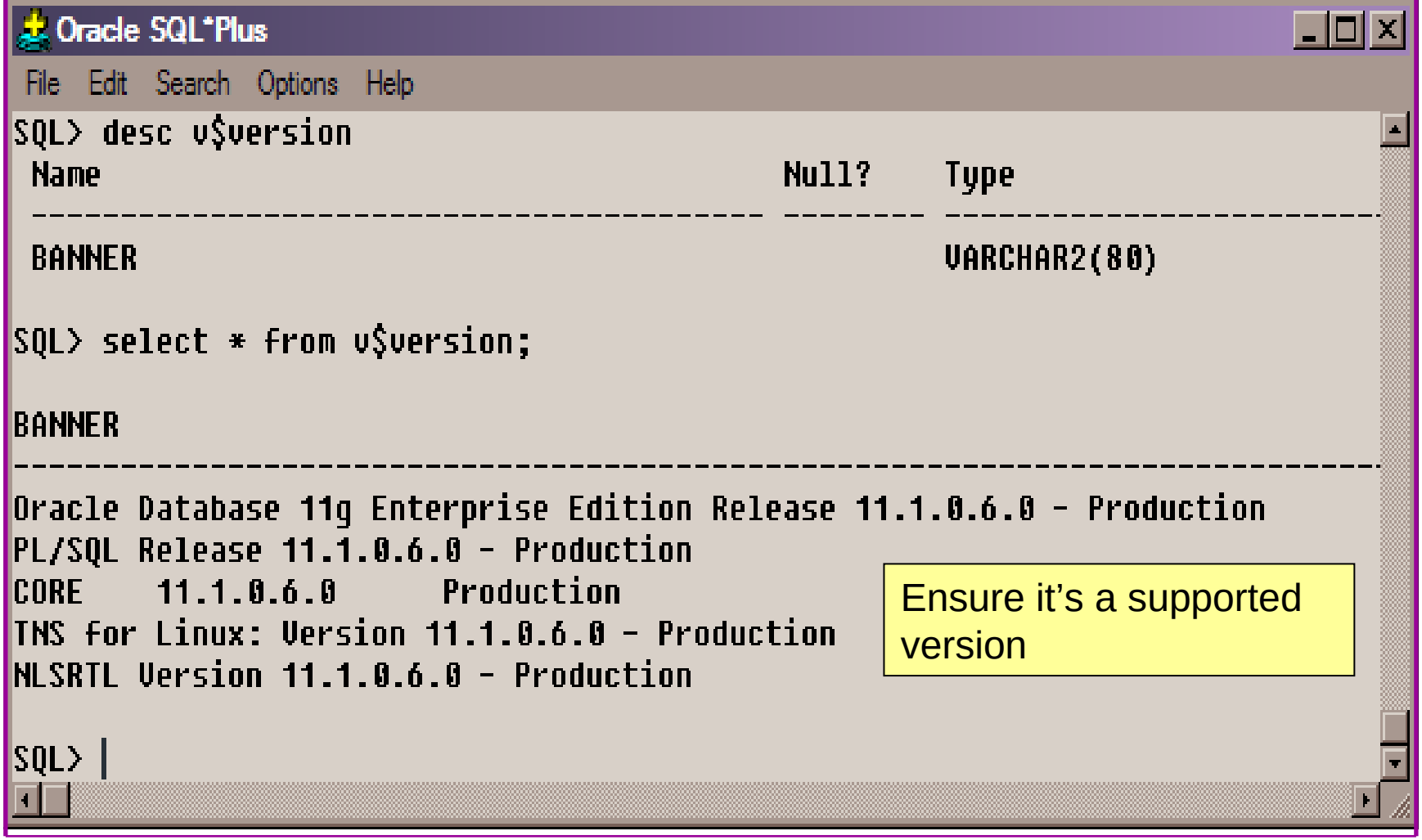
Don't base only on internal policies

Software Installed



Look at the installed software and features / functions in the database

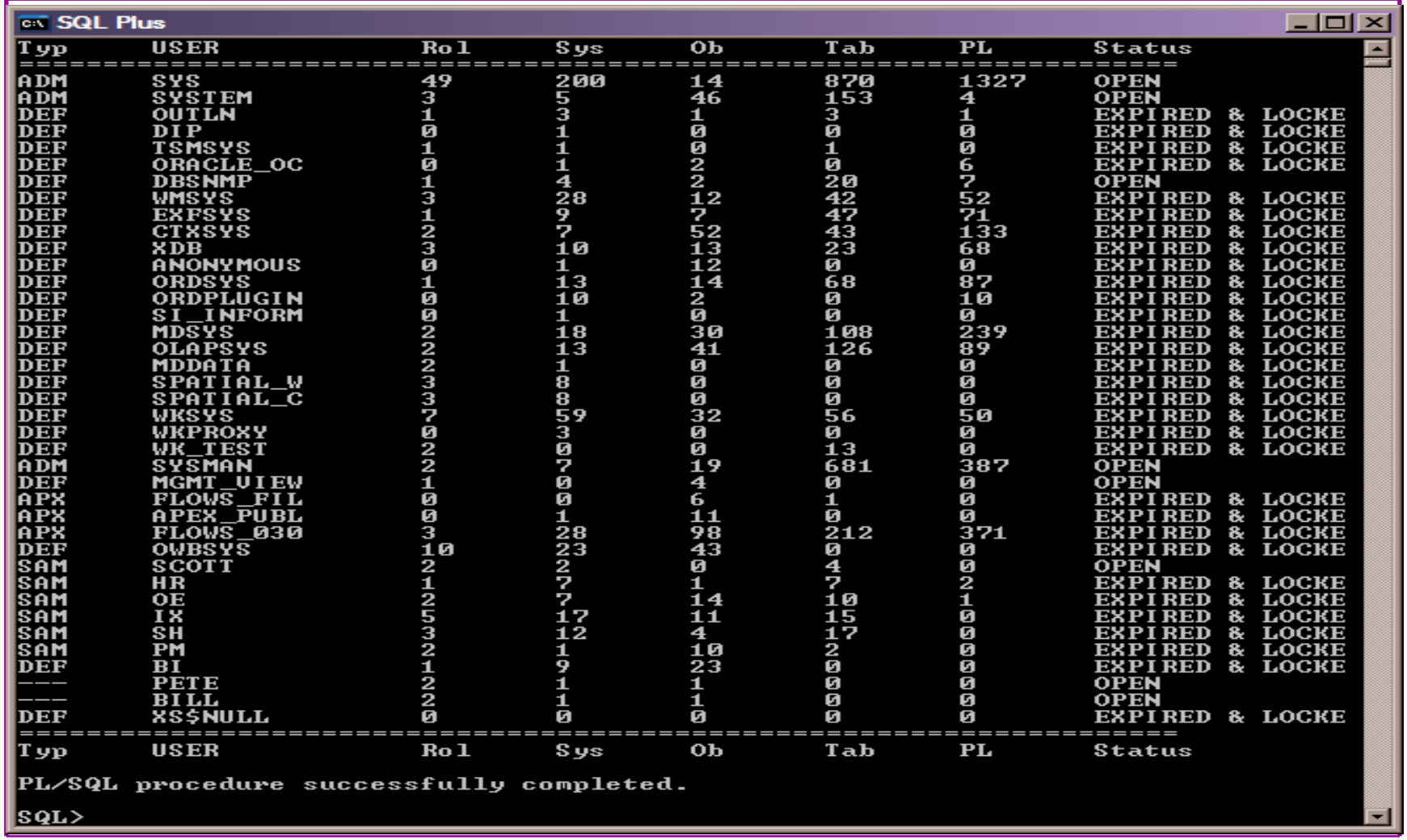
Database Version



Patch Status

- DBA_REGISTRY_HISTORY (should work now since Jan 2006 CPU)
- Opatch –lsinventory
- Checksum packages, functions, procedures, libraries, views
  - Rorascanner has example code
  - Some Commercial tools do this
  - Problems – if PL/SQL is not updated in CPU
  - Time based approaches with last_ddl_time
- Ask the DBA we are not trying to break in

User Enumeration



Auditing Passwords

- Three types of checks (ok 4)
  - Password=username
  - Password=default password
  - Password=dictionary word
  - Password is too short
- Default check tools or password cracker?
- Password cracker
  - http://soonerorlater.hu/index.khtml?article_id=513
  - http://www.red-database-security.com/software/checkpwd.html
  - http://www.toolcrypt.org/tools/orabf/orabf-v0.7.6.zip

Password Cracker (1)

Run in SQL*Plus

http://soonerorlater.hu/download/woraauthbf_src_0.2.zip

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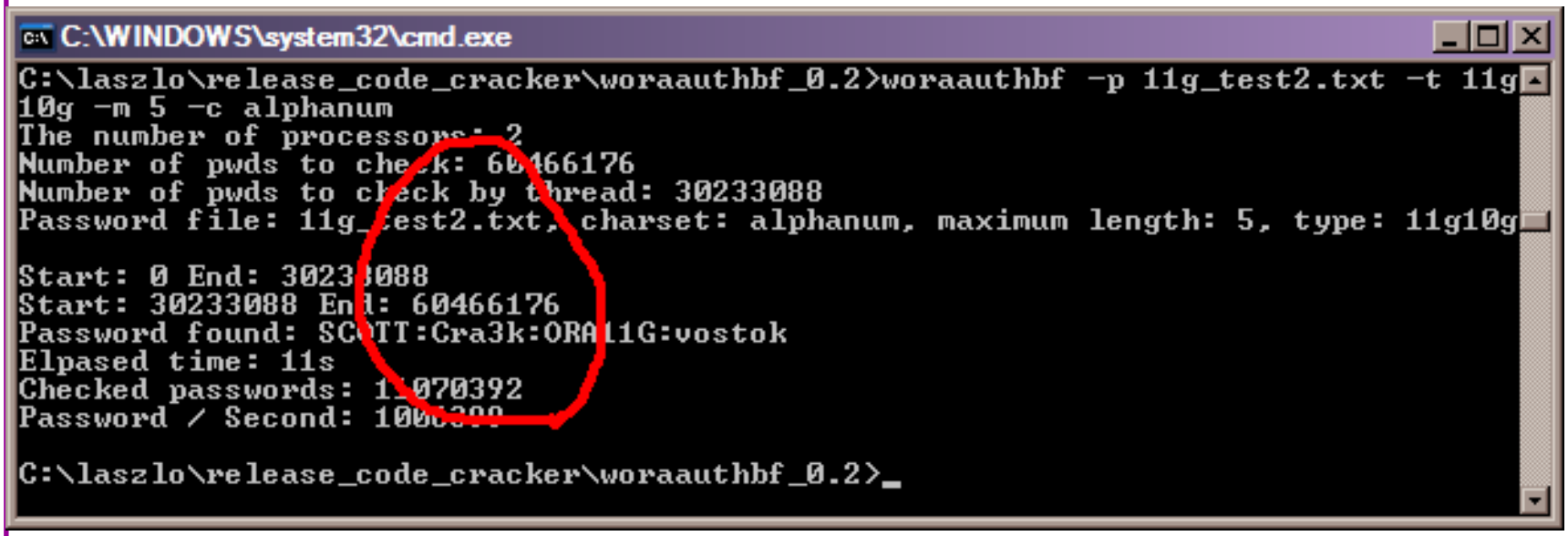
```
Select u.name||':'||u.password
   ||':'||substr(u.spare4,3,63)
   ||':'||d.name||':‘
   ||sys_context('USERENV','SERVER_HOST')||':'
from sys.user$ u, sys.V_$DATABASE d where u.type#=1;
```

Create a text file with the results – mine is called 11g_test.txt

```
SCOTT:9B5981663723A979:71C46D7FD2AB8A607A93489E899C0
   8FFDA75B147030761978E640EF57C35:ORA11G:vostok:
```

Then run the cracker

Password Cracker (2)



As you can see the password is found – running at over 1million hashes per second

Use a default password list or dictionary file

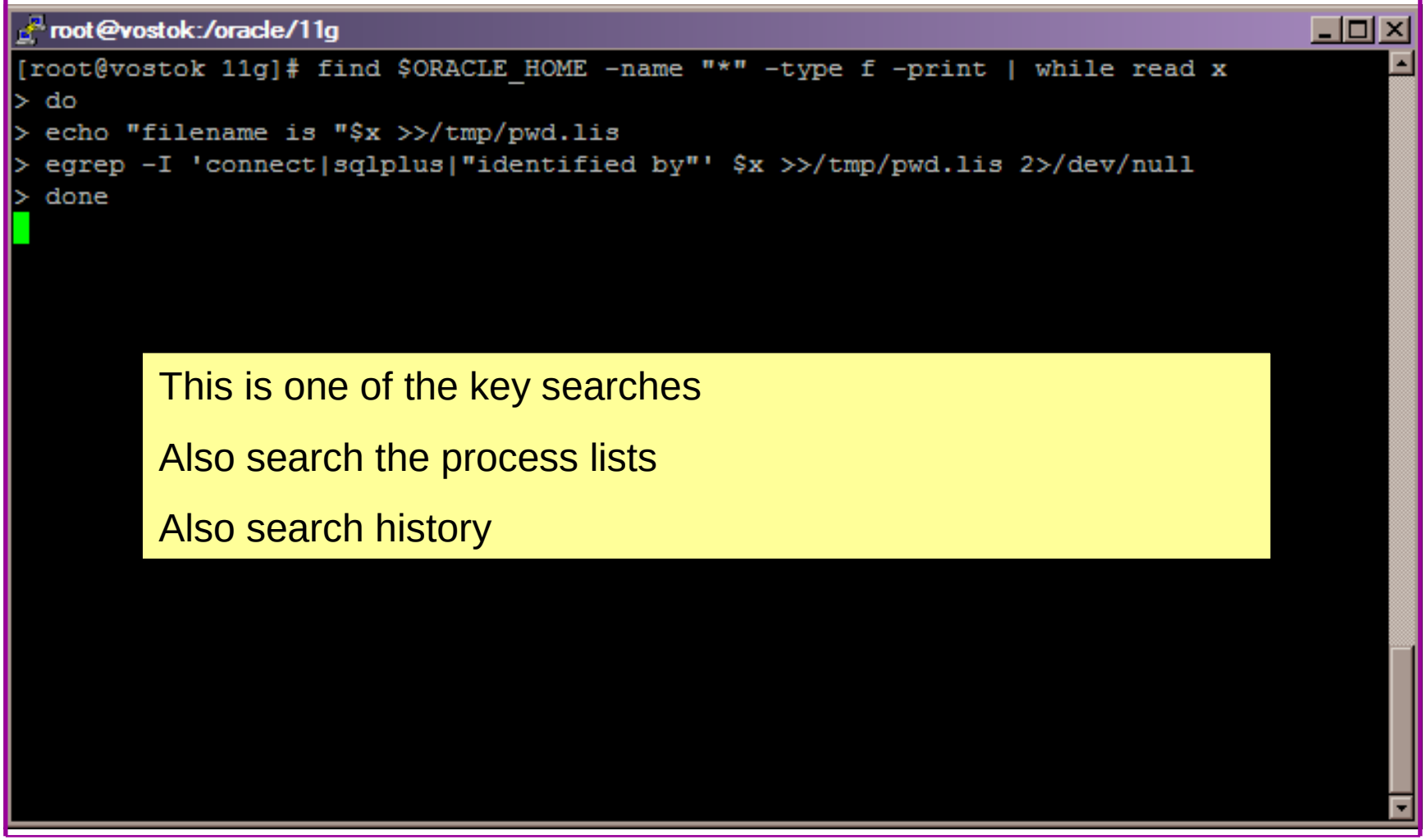
Woraauthbf can also be used to crack from authentication sessions

Woraauthbf can be used in dictionary or brute force mode

File System Audit

- Finding passwords
- Permissions on the file system
- Suid issues
- Umask settings
- Lock down Key binaries and files
- Look for data held outside the database
- OSDBA membership
- These are a starter for 10: Much more can be done (e.g. I check for @80 separate issues at the OS level); see the checklists for ideas

Finding Passwords

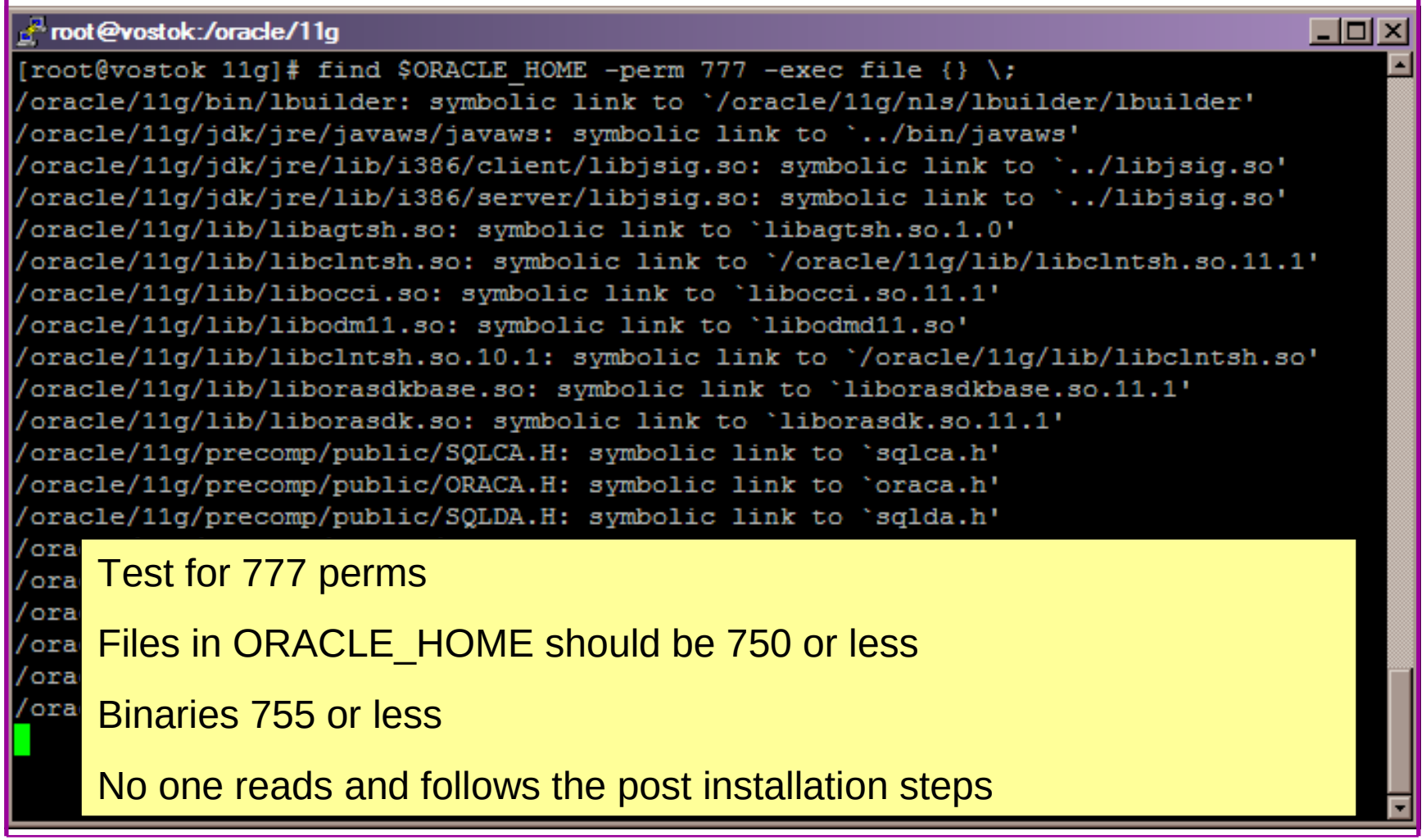


This is one of the key searches

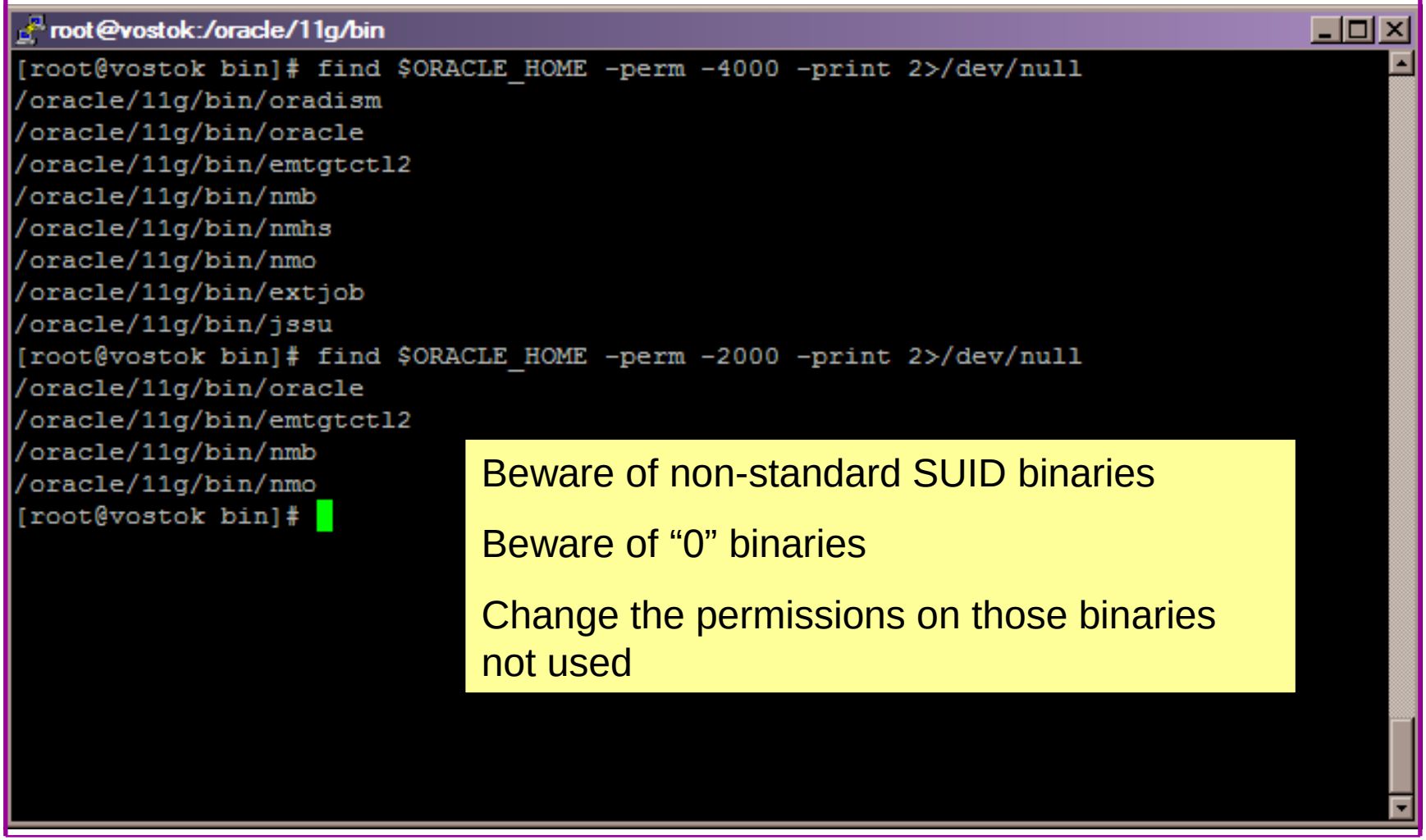
Also search the process lists

Also search history

File Permissions



SUID and SGID



Network Audit

- Listener
  - port
  - listener name
  - service name
- Listener password or local authentication
- Admin restrictions
- Extproc and services
- Logging on
- Valid node checking

Port, Name and Services

```
STATUS of the LISTENER
------------------------
Alias                     LISTENER
Version                   TNSLSNR for Linux: Versio
   Production
Start Date                31-OCT-2007 09:06:14
Uptime                    0 days 4 hr. 56 min. 27 s
Trace Level               off
Security                  ON: Local OS Authenticati
SNMP                      OFF
Listener Parameter File   /oracle/11g/network/admin/listener.ora
Listener Log File
   /oracle/diag/tnslsnr/vostok/listener/alert/log.xml
Listening Endpoints Summary...
  (DESCRIPTION=(ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=ipc)(KEY=EXTPROC1521)))
  (DESCRIPTION=(ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=tcp)(HOST=vostok)(PORT=1521)))
Services Summary...
Service "ORA11G" has 1 instance(s).
  Instance "ORA11G", status READY, has 1 handler(s) for this service...
Service "ORA11GXDB" has 1 instance(s).
  Instance "ORA11G", status READY, has 1 handler(s) for this service...
Service "ORA11G_XPT" has 1 instance(s).
  Instance "ORA11G", status READY, has 1 handler(s) for this service...
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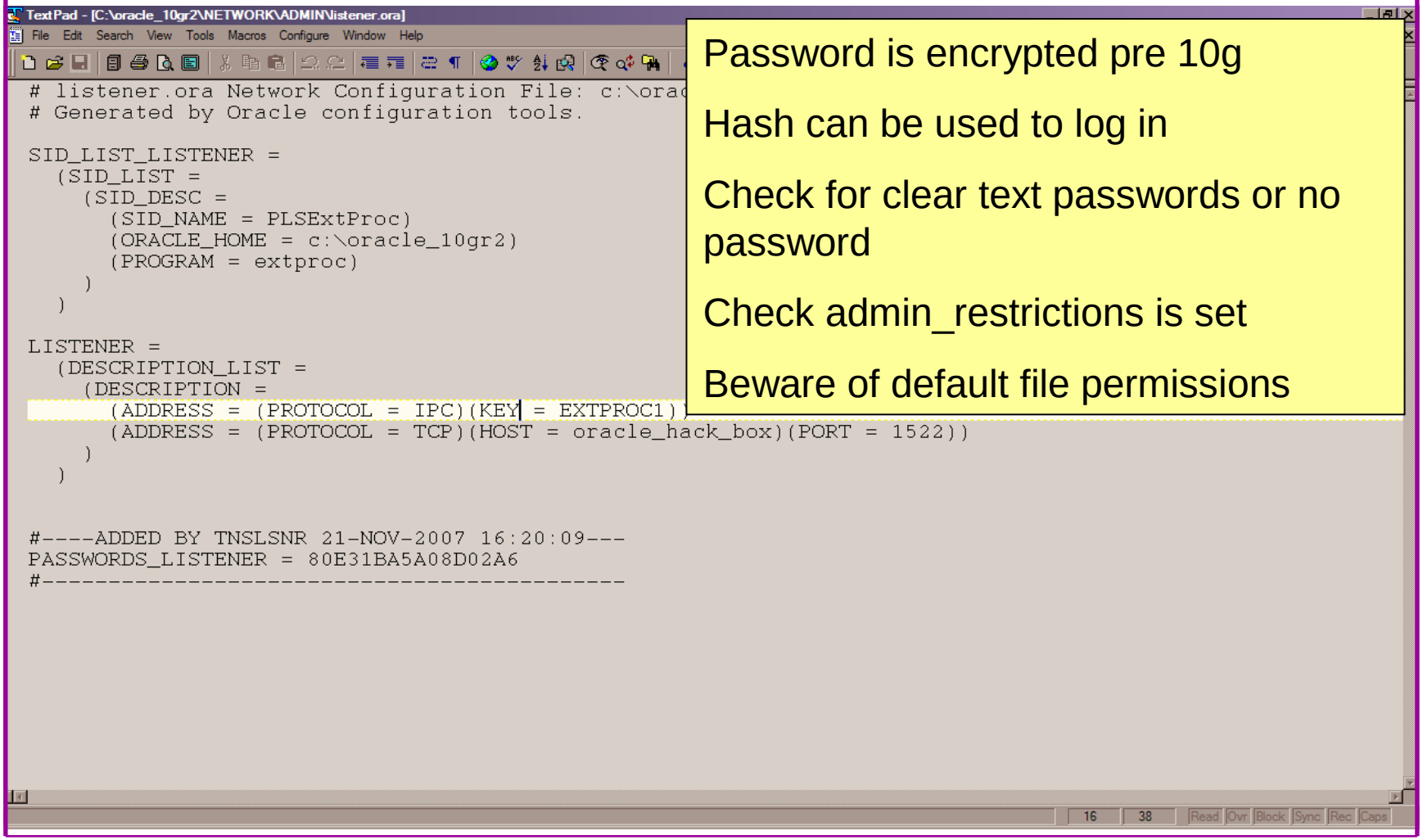
Sidguesser can guess a SID and cannot be blocked easily

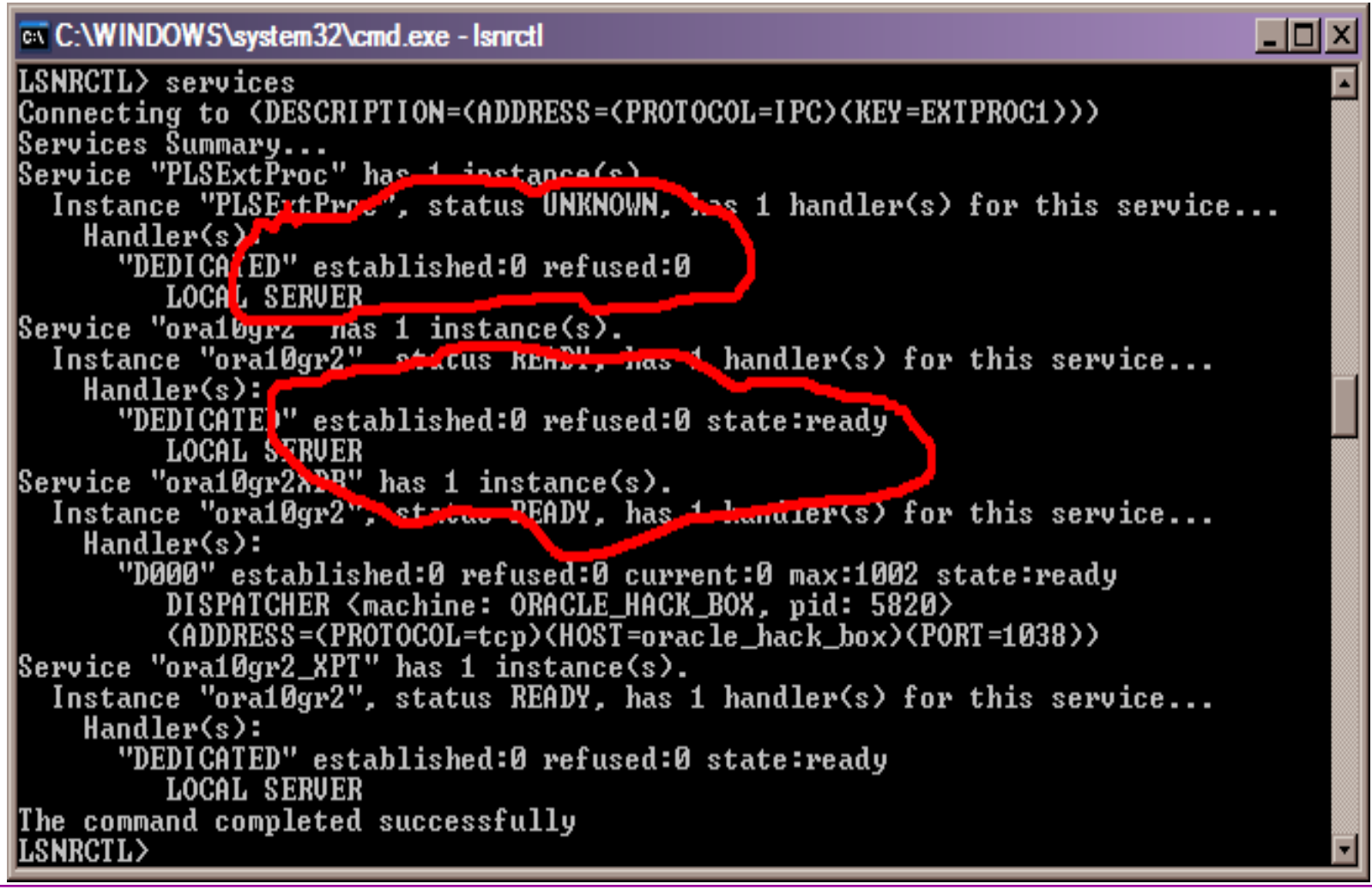
Duplicate services

Listener password



- Password is encrypted pre 10g
- Hash can be used to log in
- Check for clear text passwords or no password
- Check admin_restrictions is set
- Beware of default file permissions

Services



Database Configuration Audit

- Use simple scripts or hand coded commands
- This section can only highlight; use the checklists for a complete list of things to audit
- Check profiles and profile assignment
- Check initialisation Parameters
- Privilege and role assignments
- Much more – see checklists

Users -> Profiles

Oracle SQL*Plus

File Edit Search Options Help

```
SQL> select username,account_status,profile
  2  from dba_users;

USERNAME                       ACCOUNT_STATUS                 PROFILE
------------------------------ ------------------------------ ----------
MGMT_VIEW                      OPEN                           DEFAULT
SYS                            OPEN                           DEFAULT
SYSTEM                         OPEN                           DEFAULT
DBSNMP                         OPEN                           MONITORING_PROF
                                                              ILE

SYSMAN                         OPEN                           DEFAULT
SCOTT                          OPEN                           DEFAULT
X                              OPEN                           DEFAULT
TESTUSER                       OPEN                           DEFAULT
OUTLN                          EXPIRED & LOCKED               DEFAULT
MDSYS                          EXPIRED & LOCKED               DEFAULT
ORDSYS                         EXPIRED & LOCKED               DEFAULT
EXFSYS                         EXPIRED & LOCKED               DEFAULT
DMSYS                          EXPIRED & LOCKED               DEFAULT
WMSYS                          EXPIRED & LOCKED               DEFAULT
CTXSYS                         EXPIRED & LOCKED               DEFAULT
ANONYMOUS                      EXPIRED & LOCKED               DEFAULT
XDB                            EXPIRED & LOCKED               DEFAULT
ORDPLUGINS                     EXPIRED & LOCKED               DEFAULT
SI_INFORMTN_SCHEMA             EXPIRED & LOCKED               DEFAULT
OLAPSYS                        EXPIRED & LOCKED               DEFAULT

USERNAME                       ACCOUNT_STATUS                 PROFILE
------------------------------ ------------------------------ ----------
TSMSYS                         EXPIRED & LOCKED               DEFAULT
BI                             EXPIRED & LOCKED               DEFAULT
PM                             EXPIRED & LOCKED               DEFAULT
MDDATA                         EXPIRED & LOCKED               DEFAULT
IX                             EXPIRED & LOCKED               DEFAULT
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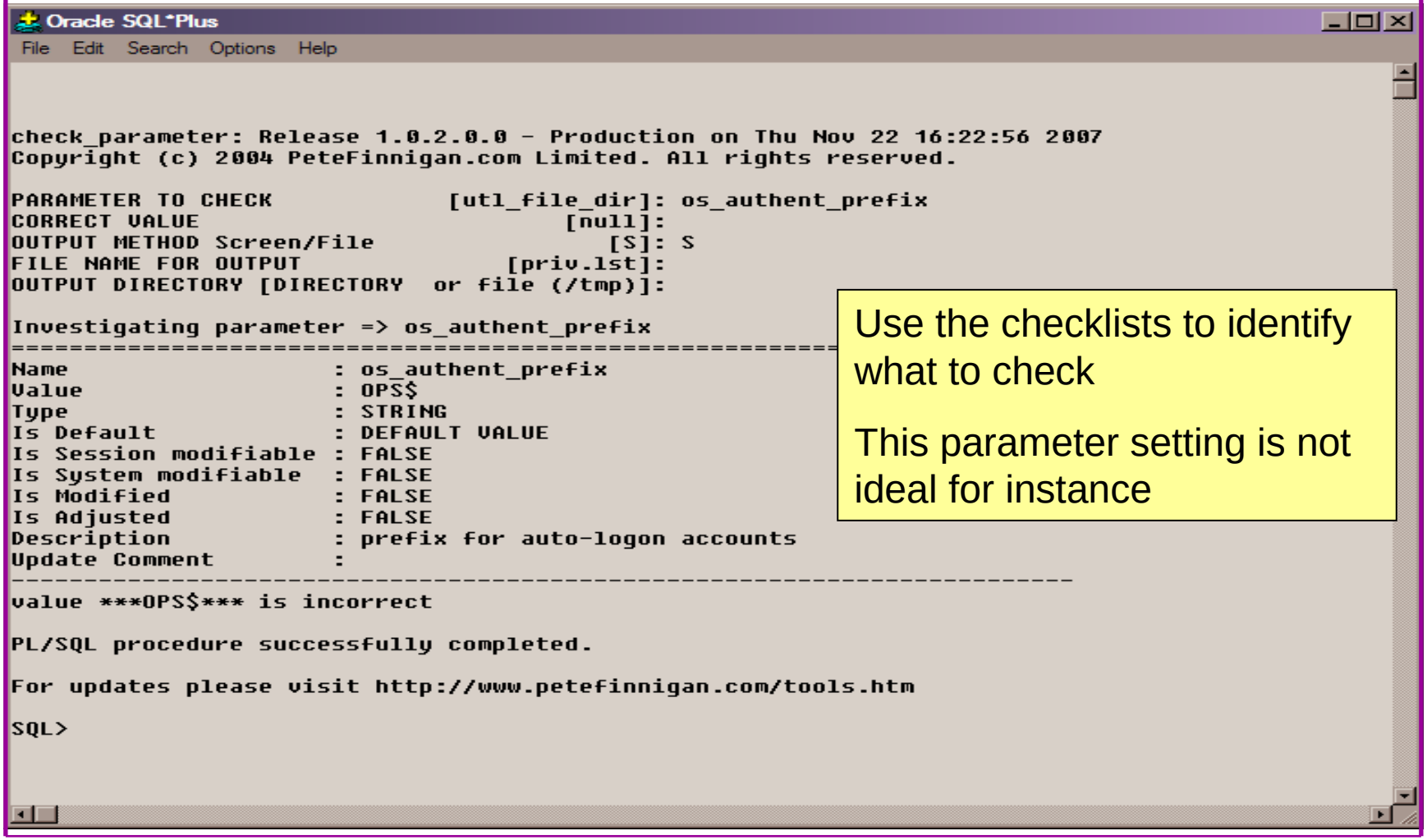
No profiles designed on this database

All accounts have same profile except one

Check Parameters



Use the checklists to identify what to check

This parameter setting is not ideal for instance

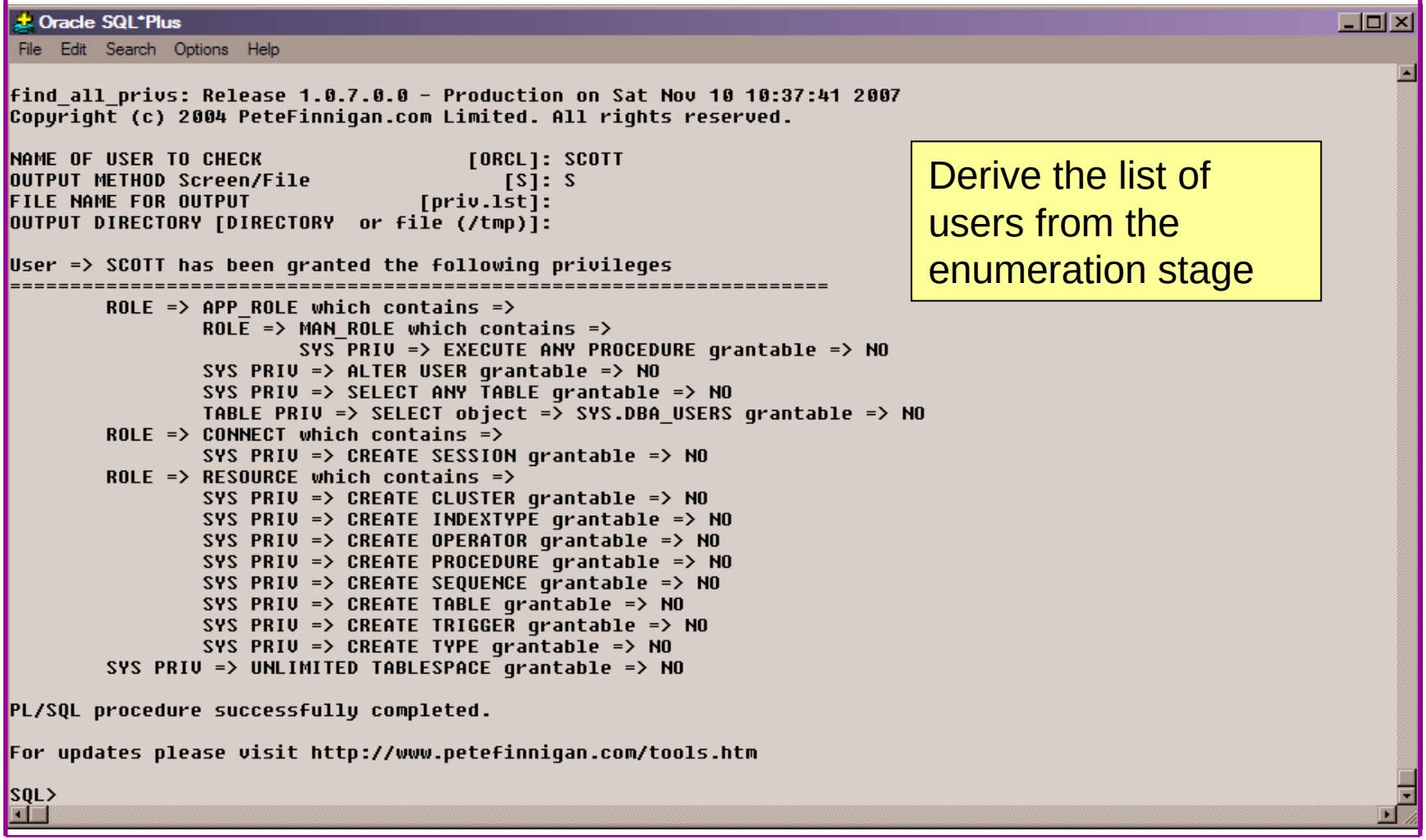
RBAC

- Review the complete RBAC model implemented
- Understand default schemas installed and why
- Understand the application schemas
  - Privileges, objects, resources
- Understand which accounts are Admin / user / Application Admin etc
  - Consider privileges, objects, resources
- lock accounts if possible – check for open accounts
  - reduce attack surface

Defaults

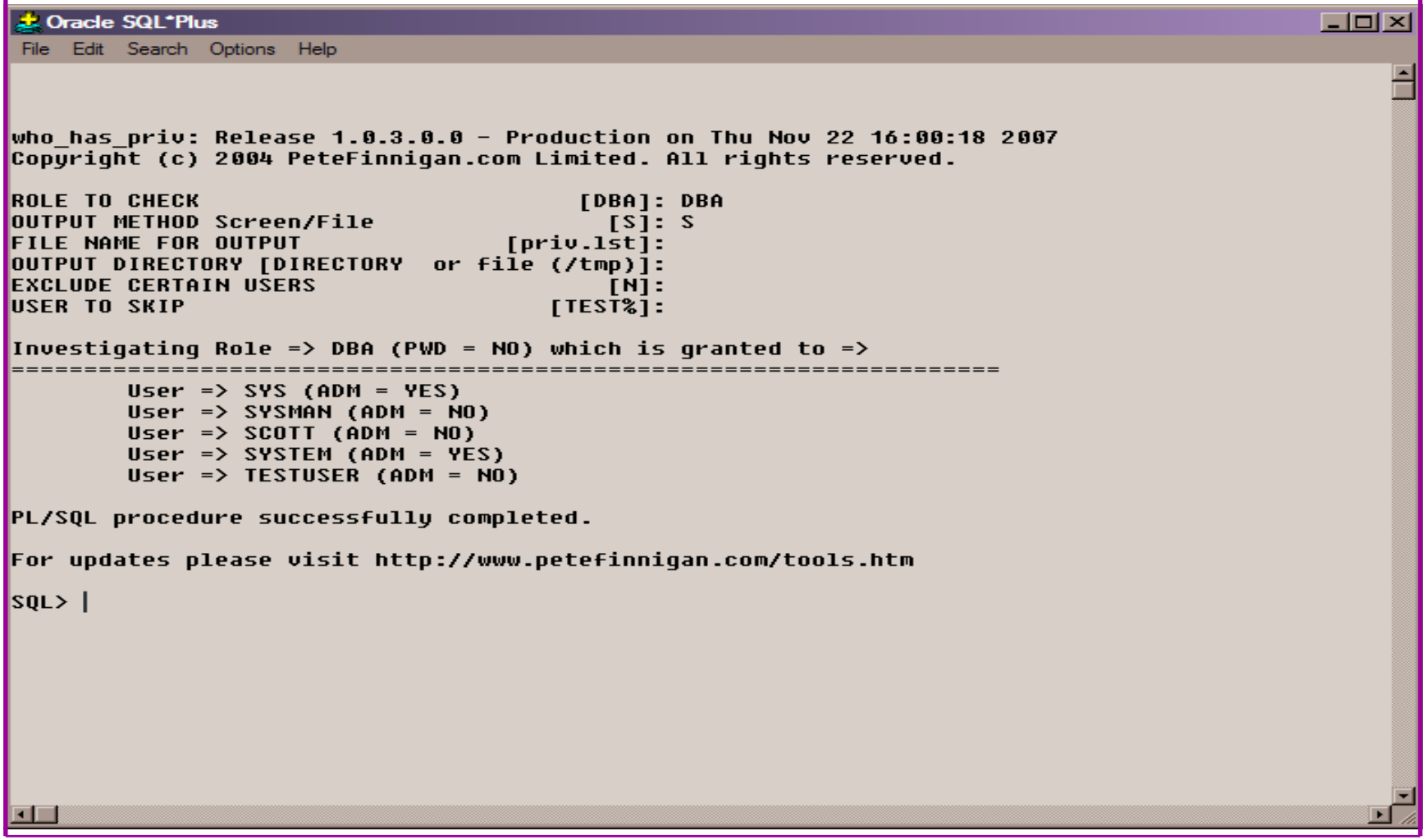
- Defaults are one of the biggest issues in Oracle
- Oracle has the most default accounts for any software
- Tens of thousands of public privileges granted
- Many default roles and privileges
  - Many application developers use default Roles unfortunately
- Reduce the Public privileges as much as possible
- Do not use default accounts
- Do not use default roles including DBA
- Do not use default passwords

Test Users Privileges (SCOTT)

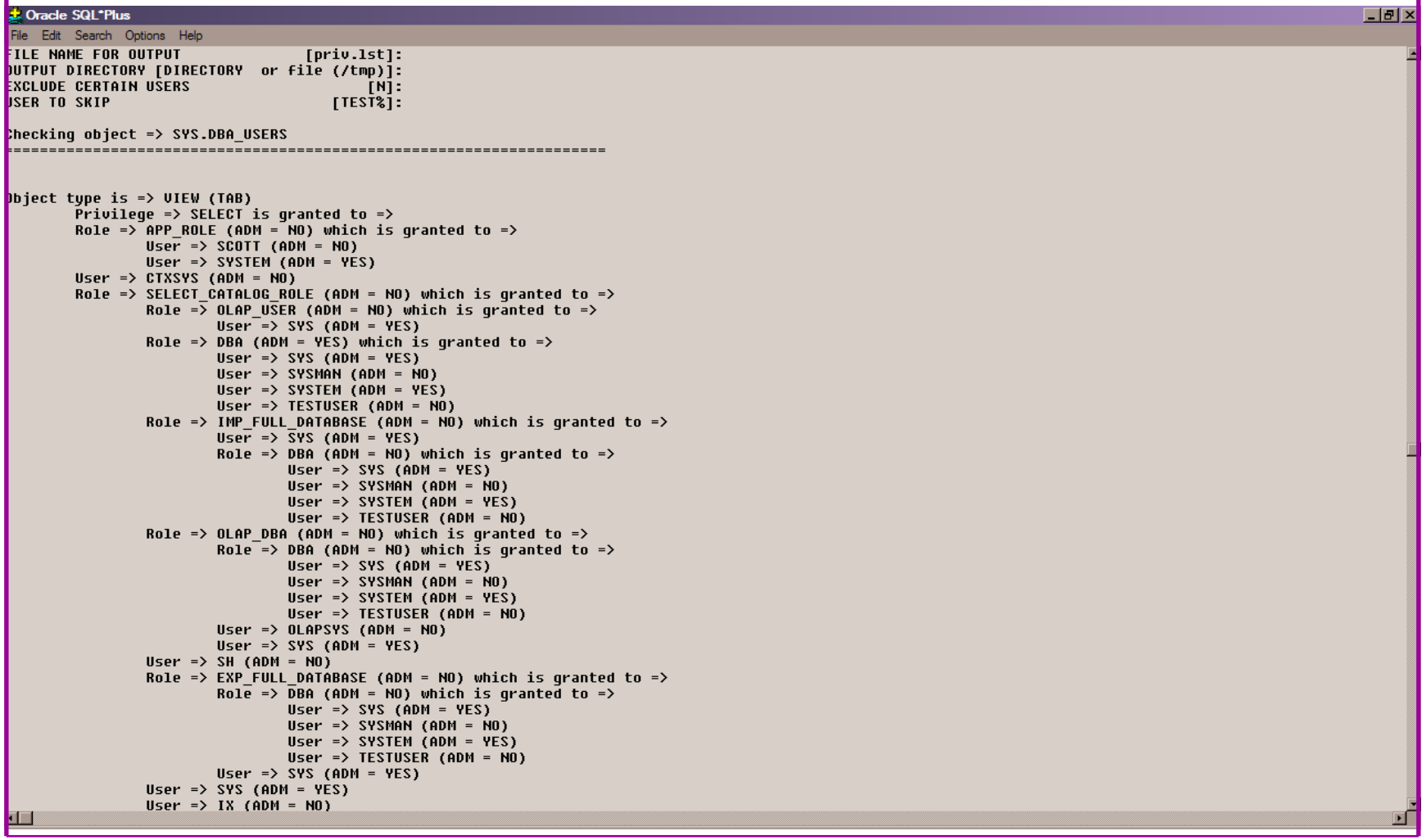


Derive the list of users from the enumeration stage

Who Has Key Roles



Access To Key Data (DBA_USERS)



Key System Privileges

Oracle SQL*Plus

File Edit Search Options Help

```
OUTPUT DIRECTORY [DIRECTORY  or file (/tmp)]:
EXCLUDE CERTAIN USERS                    [N]:
USER TO SKIP                          [TEST%]:

Privilege => SELECT ANY DICTIONARY has been granted to =>
================================================================
        Role => DBA (ADM = YES) which is granted to =>
                User => SYS (ADM = YES)
                User => SYSMAN (ADM = NO)
                User => SCOTT (ADM = NO)
                User => SYSTEM (ADM = YES)
                User => TESTUSER (ADM = NO)
        User => SYSMAN (ADM = NO)
        Role => OLAP_DBA (ADM = NO) which is granted to =>
                Role => DBA (ADM = NO) which is granted to =>
                        User => SYS (ADM = YES)
                        User => SYSMAN (ADM = NO)
                        User => SCOTT (ADM = NO)
                        User => SYSTEM (ADM = YES)
                        User => TESTUSER (ADM = NO)
                User => OLAPSYS (ADM = NO)
                User => SYS (ADM = YES)
        Role => OEM_MONITOR (ADM = NO) which is granted to =>
                User => DBSNMP (ADM = NO)
                User => SYS (ADM = YES)
                Role => OLAP_USER (ADM = NO) which is granted to =>
                        User => SYS (ADM = YES)
        User => DBSNMP (ADM = NO)
        User => IX (ADM = NO)

PL/SQL procedure successfully completed.

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SQL> |
```

Note the problem of multiple-inheritance of privileges

Stage 3 - What To Do Next?

- Write up the audit formally
- Prioritise the findings – Severity 1 – 3?
- Use internal policies to help define
- Other platforms can help (e.g. use your OS experience if you have it)
- Assess risk

Next Step - Create A Policy

- Perform an Oracle database audit
- Define what the key/critical issues are
- Determine / decide what to fix
- Include best practice
- Work on a top 20 basis and cycle (This is effective for new hardening)
- Create a baseline standard
  - A document
  - Scripts – maybe for BMC
  - Commercial tool such as AppDetective

Decide What To Fix

- Perform a risk assessment
- My extensive experience of auditing Oracle databases is that there are:
  - Usually a lot of security issues
  - Usually a lot are serious – i.e. server access could be gained if the issue is not plugged
  - There are constraints on the applications, working practice, practicality of fixing
- The best approach is to classify issues
  - Must fix now (really serious), fix as soon as possible, fix when convenient, maybe more
- Create a top ten / twenty approach

Conclusions

- We didn't mention CPU's – Apply them – they are only part of the problem
- Think like a hacker
- Get the basics right first –
  - Reduce the version / installed product to that necessary
  - Reduce the users / schemas
  - Reduce and design privileges to least privilege principal
  - Lock down basic configurations
  - Audit
  - Clean up
- Use a top 10 approach in fixing, it works!

Any Questions?

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