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## Oracle Security Auditing

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## Introduction - Commercial Slide. ☹️

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- Founded February 2003
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- Specialists in researching and securing Oracle databases providing consultancy and training
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- Author of Oracle security step-by-step
- Published many papers, regular speaker (UK, USA, Slovenia, Norway, more)
- Member of the Oak Table Network



## 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, Deloitte 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

```

SQL> sho user
USER is "SCOTT"
SQL> @f0g_exploit

-----
USERNAME      GRANTED_ROLE      ADM DEF OS
-----
SCOTT          APP_ROLE           NO YES NO
SCOTT          CONNECT           NO YES NO
SCOTT          RESOURCE          NO YES NO

PL/SQL procedure successfully completed.

-----
USERNAME      GRANTED_ROLE      ADM DEF OS
-----
SCOTT          APP_ROLE           NO YES NO
SCOTT          CONNECT           NO YES NO
SCOTT          DBA                NO YES NO
SCOTT          RESOURCE          NO YES NO

SQL>
  
```

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## Example Exploit (2)

```

select * from user_role_privs;

DECLARE
c2yza2Vy NUMBER;
RESIN
c3yza2Vy := DBMS_SQL.OPEN_CURSOR;
DBMS_SQL.PARSE(c3yza2Vy,sql_code,TEXT_DECODE);
'00716dFy28wcaF2W6yVY8l2v8k91c191c8Pdc1Fj8G1vb1agW8Vna4gZ2h1Y3V0Z28PpbW11Z31h4dUg1845QUS1IERCQ8E7Y
BTQ09UV
C07129cbW1002VwZde'' 'HE#130#859P1' , UTL_ENCODE.BASE64, 0);
SYS.LT.FINDINSET('T0V29wq85B1b1e28R11Dop_U2V1LmJukGFvZlP''||dbms_sql.execute('||c2yza2Vy||')
||'...DBMS_SQL');
select * from user_role_privs;
  
```

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## 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

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## The Access Issue

- A database can only be accessed if you have three pieces of information
  - The IP Address or hostname 11gR1 has broken this!!
  - 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!

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## 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

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## 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

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## 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

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## 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](http://www.petefinnigan.com/find_all_privs.sql)
  - [www.petefinnigan.com/who\\_has\\_priv.sql](http://www.petefinnigan.com/who_has_priv.sql)
  - [www.petefinnigan.com/who\\_can\\_access.sql](http://www.petefinnigan.com/who_can_access.sql)
  - [www.petefinnigan.com/who\\_has\\_role.sql](http://www.petefinnigan.com/who_has_role.sql)
  - [www.petefinnigan.com/check\\_parameter.sql](http://www.petefinnigan.com/check_parameter.sql)
- Hand code simple queries as well

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## 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](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](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

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## 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

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## Results?

- Before you start you should assess 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)

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## 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

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## Password Cracker (2)

```
C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe
C:\nas2lo\release_code_cracker\woraauthbf_0.2>woraauthbf -p i1g_test2.txt -t i1g
i1g -n 5 -c alphanum
The number of processors is 2
Number of pwds to check is 69466176
Number of pwds to check by thread is 34733088
Password file: i1g_test2.txt, charset: alphanum, maximum length: 5, type: i1g10g
Start: 0 End: 30234088
Start: 30233088 End: 60466176
Password found: SCOTT:Cr3k:OR011G:vostok
Elapsed time: 11s
Checked passwords: 1070392
Password / Second: 1006300
C:\nas2lo\release_code_cracker\woraauthbf_0.2>
```

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

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## 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

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## Finding Passwords

```
root@vostok:/oracle/11g
root@vostok:/oracle/11g# find $ORACLE_HOME -name "*" -type f -print | while read x
do
echo "filename is $x" >>/tmp/pwd.lis
done
egrep -l 'connect[sqlplus]"identified by"' $x >>/tmp/pwd.lis 2>/dev/null
done
```

This is one of the key searches  
Also search the process lists  
Also search history

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## File Permissions

```
root@vostok:/oracle/11g
root@vostok/11g# find $ORACLE_HOME -perm 777 -exec file {} \;
/oracle/11g/bin/ldbuilder: symbolic link to '/oracle/11g/ldr/ldbuilder/ldbuilder'
/oracle/11g/jdk/jre/javaws/javaws: symbolic link to './bin/javaws'
/oracle/11g/jdk/jre/lib/1386/client/libjsig.so: symbolic link to './libjsig.so'
/oracle/11g/jdk/jre/lib/1386/server/libjsig.so: symbolic link to './libjsig.so'
/oracle/11g/lib/libagtsn.so: symbolic link to 'libagtsn.so.1.0'
/oracle/11g/lib/libclntsh.so: symbolic link to '/oracle/11g/lib/libclntsh.so.11.1'
/oracle/11g/lib/libocci.so: symbolic link to 'libocci.so.11.1'
/oracle/11g/lib/libodmi.so: symbolic link to 'libodmi.so'
/oracle/11g/lib/libclntsh.so.10.1: symbolic link to '/oracle/11g/lib/libclntsh.so'
/oracle/11g/lib/liboraadkbase.so: symbolic link to 'liboraadkbase.so.11.1'
/oracle/11g/lib/liboraadk.so: symbolic link to 'liboraadk.so.11.1'
/oracle/11g/precomp/public/SQLCA.H: symbolic link to 'sqlca.h'
/oracle/11g/precomp/public/SQLDA.H: symbolic link to 'sqlda.h'
/ora
/ora
/ora
/ora
Test for 777 perms
Files in ORACLE_HOME should be 750 or less
Binaries 755 or less
No one reads and follows the post installation steps
```

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## SUID and SGID

```
root@vostok:/oracle/11g/bin
root@vostok/bin# find $ORACLE_HOME -perm -4000 -print 2>/dev/null
/oracle/11g/bin/oradism
/oracle/11g/bin/oracle
/oracle/11g/bin/emtgct12
/oracle/11g/bin/nmb
/oracle/11g/bin/nmhs
/oracle/11g/bin/nmo
/oracle/11g/bin/ocjob
/oracle/11g/bin/psau
root@vostok/bin# find $ORACLE_HOME -perm -2000 -print 2>/dev/null
/oracle/11g/bin/oracle
/oracle/11g/bin/emtgct12
/oracle/11g/bin/nmb
/oracle/11g/bin/nmo
root@vostok/bin#
```

Beware of non-standard SUID binaries  
Beware of "0" binaries  
Change the permissions on those binaries not used

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## Network Audit

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

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## Port, Name and Services

### STATUS of the LISTENER

```

Alias                LISTENER
Version              TNSLSNR for Linux: Versi
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 Authentication
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 "ORAL1G" has 1 instance(s).
  Instance "ORAL1G", status READY, has 1 handler(s) for this service...
Service "ORAL1GxDB" has 1 instance(s).
  Instance "ORAL1G", status READY, has 1 handler(s) for this service...
Service "ORAL1G_XPT" has 1 instance(s).
  Instance "ORAL1G", status READY, has 1 handler(s) for this service...
    
```

Sidguesser can guess a SID and cannot be blocked easily  
Duplicate services

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## Listener password

```

# Listener ora Network Configuration File: c:\ora11g\
# Generated by Oracle configuration tools.

SID_LIST_LISTENER =
(SID_LIST =
(SID_DESC =
(SID_NAME = PLSExtProc)
(ORACLE_HOME = c:\oracle_10gr2)
(PROGRAM = extproc)
)
)
)

LISTENER =
(DESCRIPTION_LIST =
(DESCRIPTION =
(ADDRESS = (PROTOCOL = IPC)(KEY = EXTPROC1))
(ADDRESS = (PROTOCOL = TCP)(HOST = oracle_hack_box)(PORT = 1521))
)
)
)

#-----ADDED BY TNSLSNR 21-NOV-2007 14:20:09-----
PASSWORD_LISTENER = 00E118A6A8E020A6
#-----
    
```

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

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## Services

```

c:\CA\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe - lsnrctl
LSNRCTL> services
Connecting to (DESCRIPTION=(ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=IPC)(KEY=EXTPROC)))
Services Summary...
Service "PLSExtProc" has 1 instance(s).
  Instance "PLSExtProc", status UNNOWN, has 1 handler(s) for this service...
  Handler(s):
    "DEDICATED" established:0 refused:0
    LOCAL SERVER
Service "ora10gr2" has 1 instance(s).
  Instance "ora10gr2", status READY, has 1 handler(s) for this service...
  Handler(s):
    "DEDICATED" established:0 refused:0 state:ready
    LOCAL SERVER
Service "ora10gr2_XPT" has 1 instance(s).
  Instance "ora10gr2_XPT", status READY, has 1 handler(s) for this service...
  Handler(s):
    "D000" established:0 refused:0 current:0 max:1002 state:ready
    DISPATCHER Machine: ORACLE_HACK_BOX pid: 5820
    (ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=tcp)(HOST=oracle_hack_box)(PORT=1638))
Service "ora10gr2_XPT" has 1 instance(s).
  Instance "ora10gr2_XPT", status READY, has 1 handler(s) for this service...
  Handler(s):
    "DEDICATED" established:0 refused:0 state:ready
    LOCAL SERVER
The command completed successfully
LSNRCTL>
    
```

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## 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

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## Users -> Profiles

```

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

USERNAME	ACCOUNT STATUS	PROFILE
MONITOR_VIEW	OPEN	DEFAULT
SYS	OPEN	DEFAULT
SYSTEM	OPEN	MONITORING_PROF
DBSNMP	OPEN	ILE
SYSTEM	OPEN	DEFAULT
SCOTT	OPEN	DEFAULT
TESTUSER	OPEN	DEFAULT
OUTLN	EXPIRED & LOCKED	DEFAULT
MSYS	EXPIRED & LOCKED	DEFAULT
ORDSYS	EXPIRED & LOCKED	DEFAULT
ESI	EXPIRED & LOCKED	DEFAULT
ORMSYS	EXPIRED & LOCKED	DEFAULT
CTXSYS	EXPIRED & LOCKED	DEFAULT
ANONYMOUS	EXPIRED & LOCKED	DEFAULT
XDB	EXPIRED & LOCKED	DEFAULT
ORAPDBLINK	EXPIRED & LOCKED	DEFAULT
SI_INFORMTN_SCHEMA	EXPIRED & LOCKED	DEFAULT
OLAPSYS	EXPIRED & LOCKED	DEFAULT
TSMSYS	EXPIRED & LOCKED	DEFAULT
DI	EXPIRED & LOCKED	DEFAULT
PM	EXPIRED & LOCKED	DEFAULT
MODATA	EXPIRED & LOCKED	DEFAULT
IX	EXPIRED & LOCKED	DEFAULT
ALL	EXPIRED & LOCKED	DEFAULT

No profiles designed on this database  
All accounts have same profile except one

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## Check Parameters

```

Oracle SQL*Plus
check parameter: Release 1.0.2.0.0 - Production on Thu Nov 22 16:22:56 2007
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PARAMETER TO CHECK [utl_file_dir]: os_authent_prefix
CORRECT VALUE [null]:
OUTPUT METHOD Screen/File [S]: S
FILE NAME FOR OUTPUT [priv.15]:
OUTPUT DIRECTORY [DIRECTORY or file (/tmp)]:

Investigating parameter -> os_authent_prefix
Name : os_authent_prefix
Value : OS
Type : STRING
Is Default : DEFAULT VALUE
Is Session modifiable : FALSE
Is System modifiable : FALSE
Is Adjusted : FALSE
Description : prefix for auto-logout accounts
Update Comment :
value ***OS*** is incorrect

PL/SQL procedure successfully completed.

For updates please visit http://www.pete.finnigan.com/tools.htm
SQL>
    
```

Use the checklists to identify what to check  
This parameter setting is not ideal for instance

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## 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

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## 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

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## 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

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## 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!

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create or replace function log\_start(rv\_path  
return utl\_file.file\_type)  
is  
prAGMA UDF;  
begin  
Oracle Security Expertise  
end;

Any Questions?

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create or replace function log\_start(rv\_path  
return utl\_file.file\_type)  
is  
prAGMA UDF;  
begin  
Oracle Security Expertise  
end;

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