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# The Right Method To Secure An Oracle Database By

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## Why Am I Qualified To Speak

- PeteFinnigan.com Ltd, Est 2003.
- http://www.petefinnigan.com
- First "Oracle security" blog.
- Specialists in researching and securing Oracle databases providing consultancy and training
  - Database scanner software authors and vendors.
- Author of Oracle security step-by-step book; coauthor of Expert Oracle practices.
- Published many papers, regular speaker (UK, USA, Slovenia, Norway, Iceland, Finland and more).
- Member of the Oak Table Network.



#### Quick Quiz!

- How many people here know "where" their key data is held?
- How many people here understand exactly "who" can see or "modify" key data?
- How many people here understand the true "privilege model" employed to protect "key data"?

#### Agenda

- Hardening databases by checklist
- Problems with checklists
- "The right method"
- Data flow
- Privilege/access assessment
- conclusions

## Why We Need Security

- The target is often data not the "DBA" role
- The exploits we see on the internet work but stealing data is much more "real" and easy
- It is easy to steal, not rocket science, no skill
- Real theft does not require complex techniques either
- What do you think happens in real life?
  - Exploits can be downloaded for free
  - Stealing is easy because systems are open

#### Traditional Approach

- Hardening by checklist good idea?
- A number of them available
  - SANS Step-by-step guide
  - SANS S.C.O.R.E.
  - CIS benchmark
  - DoD Stig
  - IT Governance book
  - Oracle's own checklist

#### **Problems With Checklists**

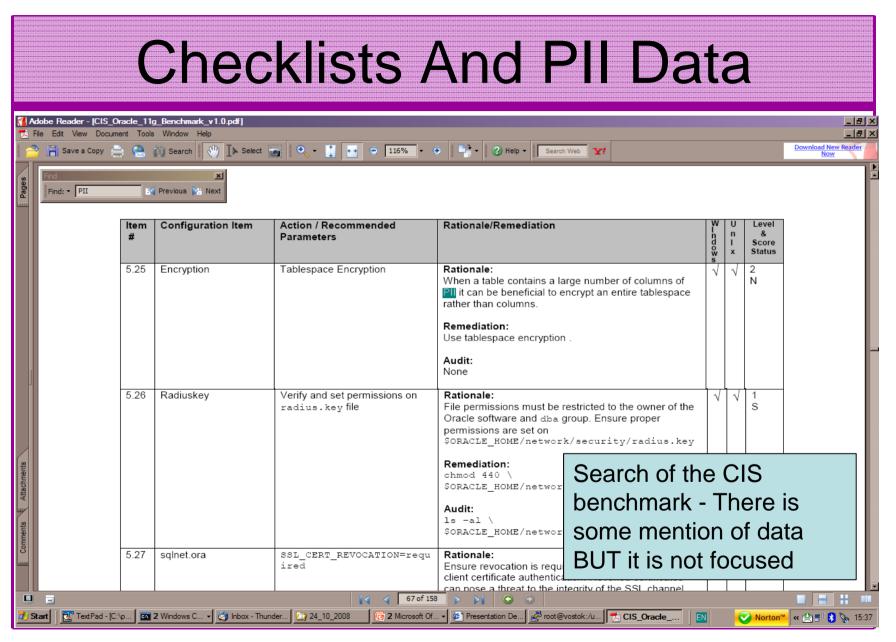
- Not many checklists exist for Oracle databases
- Most are from same initial source or are very similar
- Some structure there but not good enough
  - "tip based rather than method based"
- Lists don't focus on securing the data
- Difficult to implement for a large number of databases
- CIS for instance has 158 pages

#### Time "vs" Clever

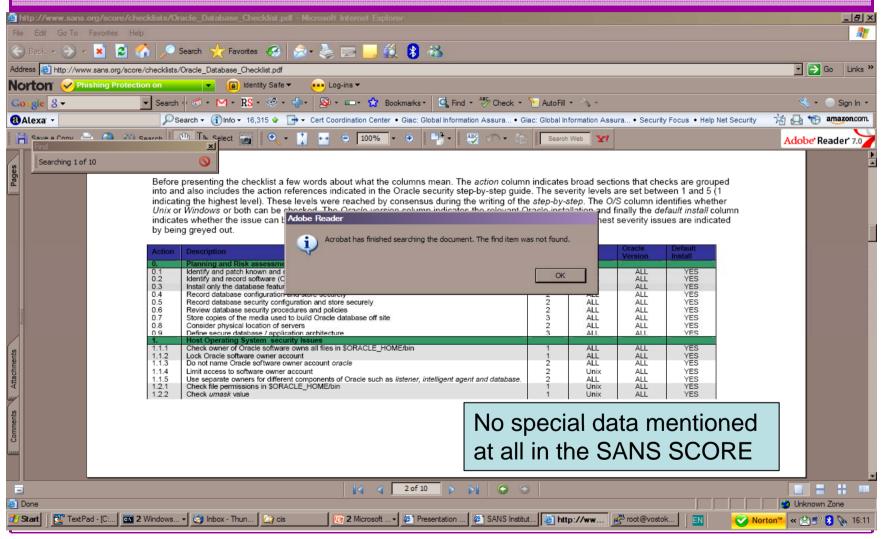
- Time solution
  - Could spend man years on even a single database
  - Finding solutions for each issue is not as simple as applying what it says in the document
- Clever solution
  - Technical solutions need to be specified
  - Onion based approach is good
  - Basic hardening in parallel

#### **Examples Of Problems**

- Two examples:
  - Check 3.0.2 in CIS states "all files in \$ORACLE\_HOME/bin directory must have privileges of 0755 or less – fine - but the solution states "chmod 0755 \$ORACLE\_HOME/bin/\*" – is it a good idea?
  - 2) Solutions are not as simple as indicated. For instance fixing a weak password should also include, fix the password, management, hard coded passwords, audit, policy....



# Checklists And Special Data



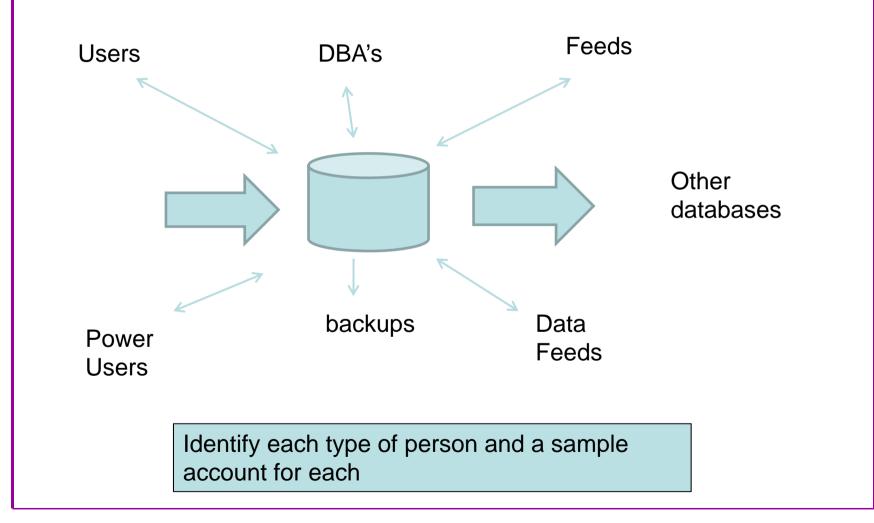
#### The Right Method To Secure

- Start with "the data"
- Understand "data flow" and "access"
- Understand the problem of securing "your data"
- Hardening should be part of the solution **BUT** not **THE** solution
- Checklists do not mention "your" data

#### Complex But Simple Solutions Needed

- Overarching solutions are needed
- Remove all types of access from the data
- Ensure only those who should see, can see the data
- Unfortunately it's not that simple as there are:
  - Many paths to the data
  - Many copies of data
  - Data stored or in transit that is accessible
  - Data copied outside of the database

#### **Understand Architecture**



# **Data Access Models** $\Diamond$ View **API View API** Data Data **Data Table** (Copy)

#### Data Access Is Not "Flat"

- Data model is not flat remove the blinkers
- Access rights are also not flat
- Data is often replicated
  - In other tables in interfaces flexfields …
  - Indexes
  - Shared memory
  - Data files
  - Operating system
  - Many more…

#### How / Who

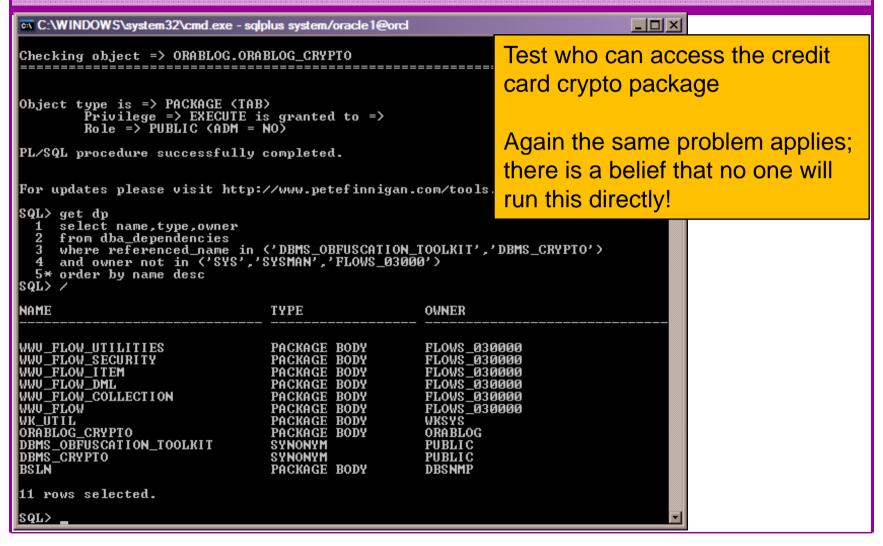
- The data must be identified (found?)
- The access paths must be found
- The "people" real people identified
- Map to these to database user accounts
- Assess who can access data and how
- Only now can we hope to secure data

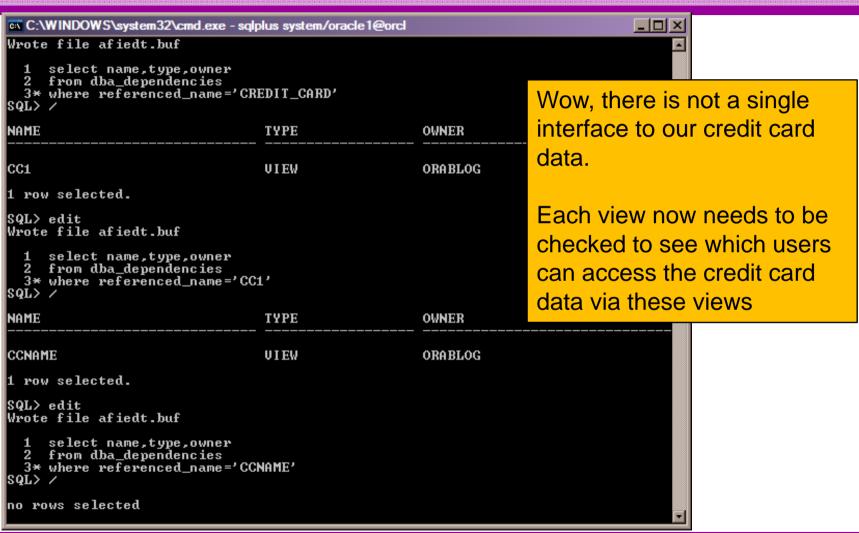
- We are going to investigate in depth the issues around a simple credit card table
- We need to
  - find the credit card details table
  - Find duplicate copies of credit card data
  - Assess who can access all of the data
  - Look for other places the data exists
  - More...
- Even these issues are only the "tip of the iceberg" though!
- Lets dig deeper

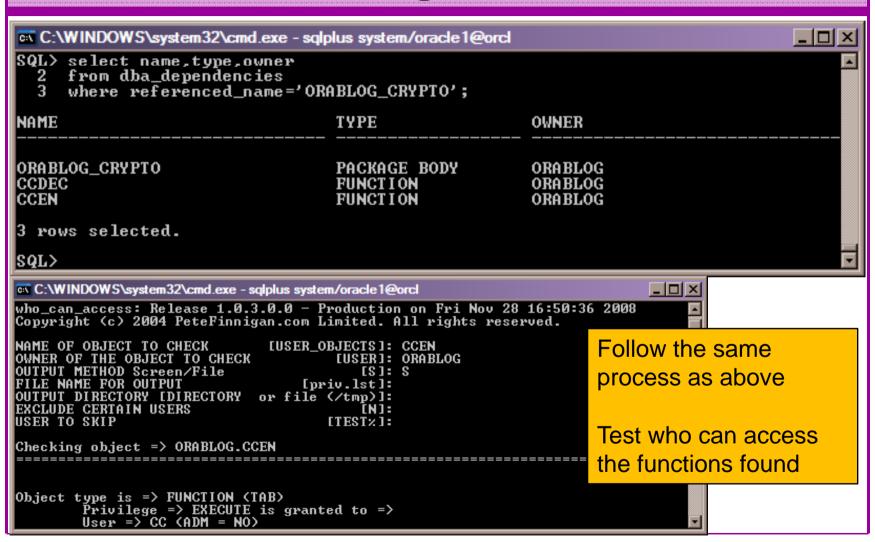
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C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe - sqlplus system/oracle1@orcl
                                                                               who_can_access: Release 1.0.3.0.0 - Production on Fri Nov 28 16:25:13 2008
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NAME OF OBJECT TO CHECK
                               [USER_OBJECTS]: CREDIT_CARD
     OF THE OBJECT TO CHECK
                                       [USER]: ORABLOG
   PUT METHOD Screen/File
                                           121: 2
                                                         Look for the credit cards
                                   [priv.lst]:
      DIRECTORY [DIRECTORY or file (/tmp)]:
EXCLUDE CERTAIN USERS
                                                         This problem is often
USER TO SKIP
                                      [TESTz]:
                                                         seen. The developers
Checking object => ORABLOG.CREDIT CARD
                                                         think that everyone
                                                         accesses the data via
                                                         their application.
Object type is => TABLE (TAB)
        Privilege => SELECT is granted to => Role => PUBLIC (ADM = NO)
                                                         The encrypted data
PL/SQL procedure successfully completed.
                                                         could be stolen and
                                                         cracked off line
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                                                         any user
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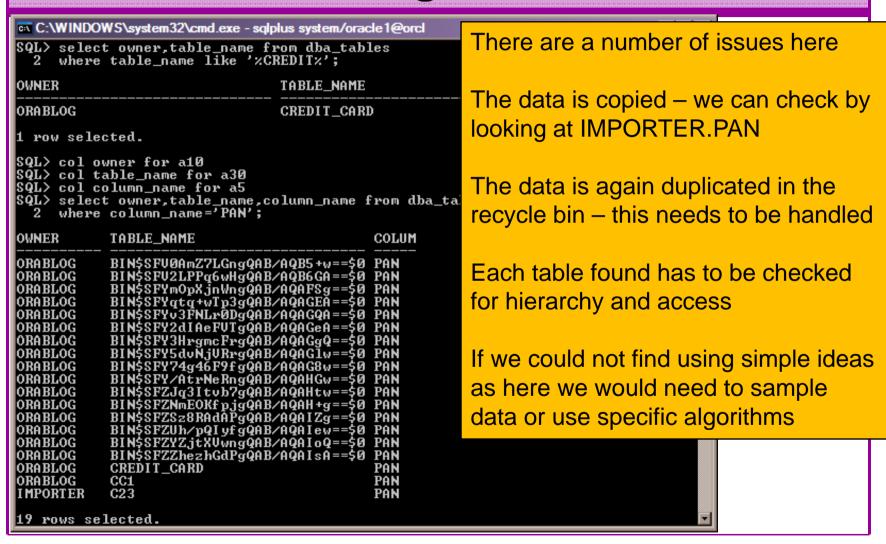
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Sweeping privileges are still dangerous for our data – o7\_dictionary\_accessibility prevents some hacks but does not stop sweeping data access

Remember there are other privileges; INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE...

Remember other privileges still that would allow data theft; TRIGGERS, EXECUTE PROCEDURE...

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C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe - sqlplus system/oracle1@orcl
                                                                                                                                                                                                                            _ | D | X
Privilege => SELECT ANY TABLE has been granted to =>
                    Role => DBA (ADM = YES) which is granted to =>
User => SYS (ADM = YES)
User => SYSMAN (ADM = NO)
                   User => SYSMAN (ADM = NO)
User => AA (ADM = NO)
User => SYSTEM (ADM = YES)
Role => APPROLE (ADM = NO) which is granted to =>
User => BB (ADM = NO)
User => AA (ADM = NO)
User => AA (ADM = NO)
User => SYSTEM (ADM = YES)
User => SYS (ADM = NO)
User => SYS (ADM = YES)
Role => IMP_FULL_DATABASE (ADM = NO) which is granted to =>
User => SYS (ADM = YES)
User => WKSYS (ADM = NO)
User => IMPORTER (ADM = NO)
User => IMPORTER (ADM = NO)
User => DBA (ADM = NO) which is granted to =>
User => SYS (ADM = YES)
                                                                     User => SYS (ADM = YES)
                                           User => SYS (ADM = YES)
User => SYSMAN (ADM = NO)
User => AA (ADM = NO)
User => AB (ADM = NO)
User => SYSTEM (ADM = YES)
Role => APPROLE (ADM = NO) which is granted to =>
User => BB (ADM = NO)
User => BB (ADM = NO)
User => AA (ADM = NO)
User => SYSTEM (ADM = YES)
Role => DATAPUMP_IMP_FULL_DATABASE (ADM = NO) which is granted t
                                                                   Role => DBA (ADM = NO) which is granted to =>
User => SYS (ADM = YES)
User => SYSMAN (ADM = NO)
User => AA (ADM = NO)
User => SYSTEM (ADM = YES)
Role => APPROLE (ADM = NO) which is granted to
                    User => BB (ADM = NO)
User => AA (ADM = NO)
User => SYSTEM (ADM = YES)
User => SYS (ADM = YES)
User => WKSYS (ADM = NO)
User => ORASCAN (ADM = NO)
Role => EXP_FULL_DATABASE (ADM = NO)
Role => DATAPUMP_EXP_FULL_DATABASE (ADM = NO) which is granted to
                                                                    User => SYS (ADM = YES)
Role => DBA (ADM = NO) which is granted to =>
User => SYS (ADM = YES)
                                                                                            User => SYSMAN (ADM = NO)
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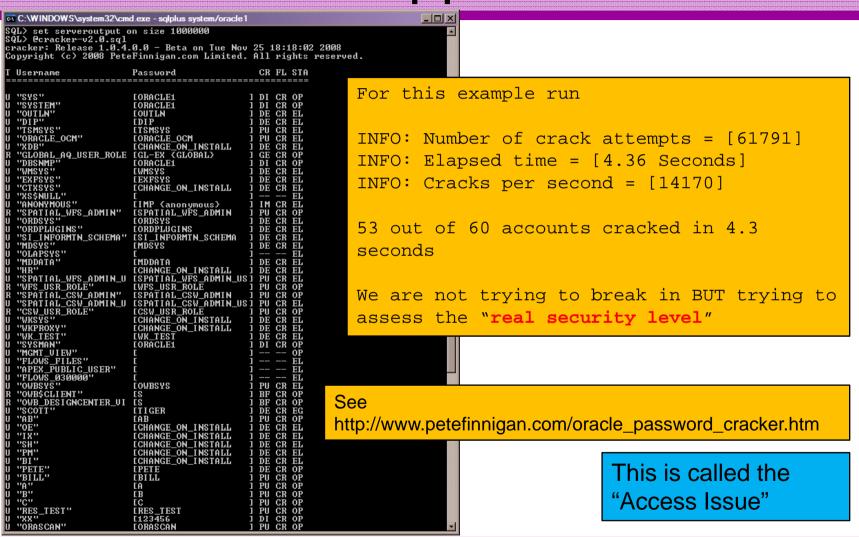
 The credit card data can be exposed via export, list files or any other OS / client based resource

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orablog@vostok:^
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ABLE "CREDIT CARD"
CREATE TABLE "CREDIT CARD" ("NAME ON CARD" VARCHAR2(100), "FIRST NAME" VARCHAR2
50), "LAST NAME" VARCHAR2(50), "PAN" RAW(100)) PCTFREE 10 PCTUSED 40 INITRANS
MAXTRANS 255 STORAGE (INITIAL 65536 FREELISTS 1 FREELIST GROUPS 1 BUFFER POOL DE
FAULT) TABLESPACE "ORABLOG DATA" LOGGING NOCOMPRESS
INSERT INTO "CREDIT CARD" ("NAME ON CARD", "FIRST NAME", "LAST NAME", "PAN") VAL
UES (:1, :2, :3, :4)
  @^A^@d^@Â$^@^A^@^A^@2^@Â$^@^A^@^A^@2^@Â$^@^A^@^W^@d^@^@^@^@^@^M^@Pete Finniga
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GRANT SELECT ON "CREDIT CARD" TO PUBLIC
  BEGIN DBMS STATS.SET TABLE STATS(NULL, '"CREDIT CARD"', NULL, NULL, NULL, 5, 5, 53,
6); END;
ANALSTATS TR "CREDIT CARD"
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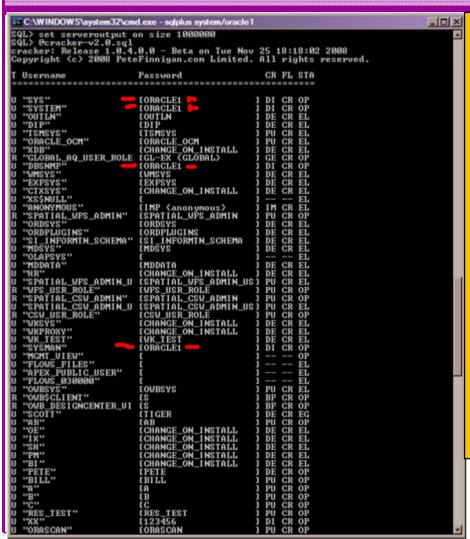
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                                                                           The credit cards can also
SQL> get cc
  1 select sql_id,sql_text
2 from v$sqltext
                                                                          be exposed in shared
     where sq\bar{l}_id in (
                                                                          memory and many other
     select sql_id
  5 from v$sqltext
  6 where upper(sql_text) like '%PAN%')
                                                                          places
  7* order by sql_id, piece
SQL> /
SQL ID
                SQL TEXT
                                                                           Privileges that allow
2rn9a7dg9utp4 select sgl_text from v$sgltext where upper(sgl_text
2rn9a7dg9utp4 '
2rn9a7dg9utp4 '
2ssufvzd2ukz9 select sql_id,sql_text from v$sqltext where sql_id
2ssufvzd2ukz9 ql_id from v$sqltext where upper(sql_text) like '%F
                                                                           access to dynamic data
                                                                          or meta-data must be
2ssufvzd2ukz9 y sql_id,piece
5bswhj9fzgba3 select name_on_card,orablog.orablog_crypto.decrypt(
                                                                          reviewed
5bswhj9fzgba3 blog.credit_card
6xn2s57zw4m5b delete from opancillary$ where obj#=:1
7p7ssdnkvxwvt SELECT occupant_name. occupant_desc. schema_name.
7p7ssdnkvxwvt
                  move_procedure, move_procedure_desc, space_usage_kbytes
7p7ssdnkvxwvt FROM gv$sysaux_occupants
7p7ssdnkvxwvt 'INSTANCE')
by6du29yyb 7
                                                            WHERE inst id = USERENU(
bp6du39yghp7y select sgl_id.sgl_text from v$sgltext where upper(sgl_text) like
bp6du39yghp7y 'xPANx'
dxnnwy4497nh5 select name_on_card.orablog.orablog_crypto.decrypt(pan) from ora
dxnnwy4497nh5 blog.credit_card where orablog.orablog_crypto.decrypt(pan)='4049
dxnnwy4497nh5 990855468731'
f7b9n.jbspa6g4 select name_on_card.orablog.orablog_crypto.decrypt(pan) from ora
f?b9njbspa6g4 blog.credit_card where orablog.orablog_crypto.decrypt(pan) like
f7b9n.jbspa6g4 '%4049%'
22 rows selected.
SQL>
```

- Securing data is not complex but we must take care of all access paths to the data
- We must consider the hierarchy
- We must consider sweeping privileges
- We must consider data leakage
- We must consider data replication
- There is more...unfortunately...
- In summary securing specific data ("any data")
  is first about knowing where that data is and who
  can access it and how it "flows through the
  system"

#### Users - The Opposite Problem



## **User Password Analysis**



- Shared passwords are a problem
- All privileged accounts have the same password
- This often implies that the same people do one job or multiple people share passwords
- If database links exist they possibly share the same passwords (check dump files)
- Assess not just "what" you see
   BUT also the implications in terms of management and administration
- •This is an example of just one issue

#### Rounding Up

- A simple picture is built of all access to the key data
- All users are assessed and mapped to the data access
- Solutions are very specific but generally
  - Reduce default accounts
  - Reduce access to data
  - Remove duplicate privileges
  - Simplify privilege and access models
  - Generalise

#### Conclusions

- There are a few important lessons we must learn to secure data held in an Oracle database
  - We must secure the "data" not the software (quite obviously we MUST secure the software to achieve "data" security)
  - We must start with the "data" not the software
  - We must understand who/how/why/when "data" could be stolen
- Oracle security is complex though because we must consider "where" the "data" is and "who" can access it and "how"
- Often there are "layers" and "duplication"
- Careful detailed work is often needed

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