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Oracle Security MasterClass

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Introduction - Commercial Slide. ☹️

- PeteFinnigan.com Limited
- Founded February 2003
- CEO Pete Finnigan
- Clients UK, States, Europe
- Specialists in researching and securing Oracle databases
- <http://www.petefinnigan.com>
- Consultancy and training available
- Author of Oracle security step-by-step
- Published many papers, regular speaker (UK, USA, Slovenia, Norway, more)
- Member of the Oak Table



Agenda

- Introduction
- Demonstration of how to hack Oracle
- Summary of the issues found during the demo
- Why a database must be secured
- Basic Oracle security tenets
- Conclusions

Demonstration

- Hacking an Oracle database to "steal"

The Issues

- Access is available to the database
- Credentials are guessable
- Default accounts have access to critical data
- Critical data is easy to find
- Poor, weak encryption and protection used
- This is reality, this is what Oracle database security REALLY looks like!!

What Is Oracle Security?

- 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...
- Oracle security is about all of these
 - It is about creating a secure database
 - Storing critical / valuable data securely

The Basic Tenets Of Oracle Security

- Reduce the version / installed product to that necessary
- Reduce the users / schemas
- Reduce and design privileges to least privilege principal
- Lock down direct access
- Lock down basic configurations
- Audit
- Clean up

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Why Do Hackers Steal Data?

- Data is often the target now not system access; this can be for
- Identity theft to clone identities
- Theft of data to access money / banks
- <http://www.petefinnigan.com/weblog/archives/00001129.htm> - 25 million child benefit identities lost on two discs (not stolen but lost)
- Scarborough & Tweed SQL Injection - <http://doj.nh.gov/consumer/pdf/ScarboroughTweed.pdf>
- Insider threat is now greater than external threats

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Internal Or External Attacks

- Internal attacks are shown to exceed external attacks in many recent surveys
- The reality is likely to be worse as surveys do not capture all details or all companies
- 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

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How Easy Is It To Attack?

- Many and varied – the world is your lobster
- 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
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Stay Ahead Of The Hackers

- When deciding what to security audit and how to security audit a database you must know what to look for:
 - Existing configuration issues and 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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General Oracle Security Info

- Vulnerabilities and exploits:
 - SecurityFocus – www.securityfocus.com
 - Milw0rm – www.milw0rm.com
 - PacketStorm – www.packetstorm.org
 - FrSirt – www.frSirt.com
 - NIST – <http://nvd.nist.gov>
 - CERT – www.kb.cert.org/vulns
- Tools – <http://www.petefinnigan.com/tools.htm>
 - Who_has scripts, CIS benchmark, Scuba, rorascanner, Metacortex, cqure, many more
- Papers, blogs, forums, books
- Checklists
 - 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>
- Websites – petefinnigan.com, cqure, RDS, Argeniss, databasesecurity.com

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Role Based Access (RBAC)

- Review the complete RBAC model
- 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
 - reduce attack surface

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Secure Listener by Default?

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STATUS of the LISTENER
-----
Alias                LISTENER
Version              TNSLSNR for Linux: Version 11.1.0.6.0 -
Production
Start Date           31-OCT-2007 09:06:14
Uptime               0 days 4 hr. 56 min. 27 sec
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=EXTPROCL521)))
  (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...
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Clean Up

- This is the security killer in most systems I see
- Often file systems include
 - Scripts with passwords
 - Use tools such as
 - Oracle Password Repository
 - DBMS_JOBS, DBMS_SCHEDULER
 - OS authenticated users under certain circumstances
- Clean up all of the
 - ad-hoc scripts
 - Maintenance evidence
 - Trace files
 - Data files, exports..
 - Audit logs....

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Defaults

- Defaults are one of the biggest issues in Oracle
- Most default accounts in 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

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The Public Issue

- Just some examples not everything!
- Public gets bigger – (figures can vary based on install)
 - 9iR2 – 12,132
 - 10gR2 – 21,530 – 77.4% more than 9iR2
 - 11gR1 – 27,461 – 27.5% more than 10gR2
- Apex is installed by default in 11g
 - Good example of attack surface increase – BAD!
 - Unless you are writing an Apex application you don't need it
 - There are other examples as well
- More default users with each version!

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Database Configuration

- Default database installations cause some weak configurations
- Review all
 - configuration parameters
 - File permissions
- Some examples
 - No audit configuration by default (fixed in 10gR2 for new installs)
 - No password management (fixed in 10gR2 new installs)

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Get The Basics Right

- OK, we have covered a lot of information
- Concentrate on
 - Checking users passwords
 - Removing default schemas and software not needed
 - Reduce leakage of critical data (passwords and more) from the database and filesystems

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Get The Basics Right (2)

- Don't leak network data to allow connection attempts
- Use firewalls or valid node checking to protect the database
- Review privileges and access to key data
- Confirm key configuration is set correctly

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Conclusions

- We didn't mention CPU's – Apply them – they are only part of the process
- Think like a hacker
- Get the basics right first – stop connections to the database or cracking
- Sort out the RBAC, configuration, installed software and privileges
- Use audit / IDS / IPS solutions

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create or replace function log_start(rn_path
return db_file_name_type as
in file_id file_id) system_privilege
in module_name varchar2(100) return varchar2
begin
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end;

Any Questions?

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