

Oracle Database Security

Identifying Yourself In The Database

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Agenda

- What is “identity theft
- Identity at the database level
- Accountability
- Database Identity spoofing
- Detecting spoofing
- Preventing identity theft in the database

Identity Theft

- 54,100,000 results in Google search for “**Identity Theft**”!
- Identity theft is a crime!
- Someone pretends to be someone else and uses their identity
- First coined in 1964 – So an “old issue”
- Usually to gain access to someone else’s resources or to gain benefits as someone else

Identity Theft In the Database

- Not really the same as in the news? ... **but really it is**
- Someone could pretend to be a DBA
- Someone could pretend to be a business user
- Someone could steal or gain access to someone else's resources or credit
- For example: ***"I could as an employee of a company apply for a loan in someone else's name and then channel the payout check to my house but make sure the original victim makes the payments every month"***
- It is also a "database" level issue not just a "people" level issue, people use databases

Database Accountability

- What sort of accountability is possible in the database?
 - Core Audit
 - Fine Grained Audit (FGA)
 - Trigger based audit for DML
 - System triggers
 - Redo / streams / CDC
 - Listener logging
 - SYSDBA core audit
 - SYSDBA trace
 - Application trace
 - ...
- Lots of possibilities / Correlation also possible

Accountability / Identity?

- As you may have guessed; accountability is not useful without “identity”
- Accountability is making sure each persons actions are accountable to them
- Theft or masquerading is possible if you can be someone else in the database
- In other words let the database think you are someone else
- Knowing the masquerade took place is not possible without accountability or “Audit” or at least very transient session data

Default Situation in the database NOW

- Simple core audit in 10gR2, 11gR1 / R2
- Listener log – turned on by default in 10 and 11g
- Core SYSDBA connection audit is on by default
 - Trace files on Unix
 - Event Log entries on Windows
- Redo Logs always available; not necessarily archived
- But these features are not accountability – to achieve that we need:
 - A log or Audit or trace With
 - Attribution back to real people
 - In other words a complete solution

What is Actually Available?

- On the surface:
 - 9i – No real accountability – not supported anyway!!
 - 10g – incredibly limited
 - 11g Slightly better but only because of Audit vault
- Actual accountability when layered onto audit is not good
 - Limited session values
 - Not all of the session is written to the audit trail anyway
 - Possible to write session values but we must do it manually
- What is possible if we use core audit features?
- The message:- **“Audit and accountability is our job; We must design it like any other feature of our systems”**

Higher Level Summary Of Now

- General lack of accountability in the database
 - Some audit by default – situation is changing
 - Oracle identity products (don't see many using), secerno..
- No standard reports (audit)
- No audit management built in
 - Changing now dbms_audit_mgmt is here but again basic
 - Supports archive/purge/clean
 - Moving in right direction but maybe because of audit vault?
- No Privileged audit by default
- **If audit is enabled then some better options for accountability exists**

Can correlate records –
in this case using time

This is the only place
we have the full client
“program” “path/name”

Example – Listener Log

- A number of possible log entry formats
- 11gR1 has XML log as well
- Very Limited details – database user not always shown

```
C:\>sqlplus system/oracle1@ora11gpe
```

```
...{gives}...
```

```
24-NOV-2012 16:11:49 *
```

```
(CONNECT_DATA=(SERVER=DEDICATED)(SERVICE_NAME=ora11gpe)(CID=(PROGRAM=C:\odc\product\11.1.0\client_1\sqlplus.exe)(HOST=ORACLE-HACK-BOX)(USER=Pete))) *
```

```
(ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=tcp)(HOST=127.0.0.1)(PORT=7240)) * establish * ora11gpe * 0
```

A lot of details but not that many useful details for accountability directly

SQL id's may be useful if used in a session

Rows removed to make it fit on one slide

Session Details

```
SQL> exec print_table('select * from v$session where sid = (select distinct
    sid from v$mystat)');
AUDSID                : 1852215
USERNAME              : SYSTEM
SCHEMANAME            : SYSTEM
OSUSER                : Pete
MACHINE               : WORKGROUP\ORACLE-HACK-BOX
TERMINAL              : ORACLE-HACK-BOX
PROGRAM               : sqlplus.exe
TYPE                  : USER
SQL_EXEC_START        : 24-nov-2012 17:01:52
MODULE                : SQL*Plus
ACTION                :
CLIENT_INFO           :
LOGON_TIME            : 24-nov-2012 16:11:49
CLIENT_IDENTIFIER    :
SERVICE_NAME         : orallgpe
```

Session Details Using SYS_CONTEXT

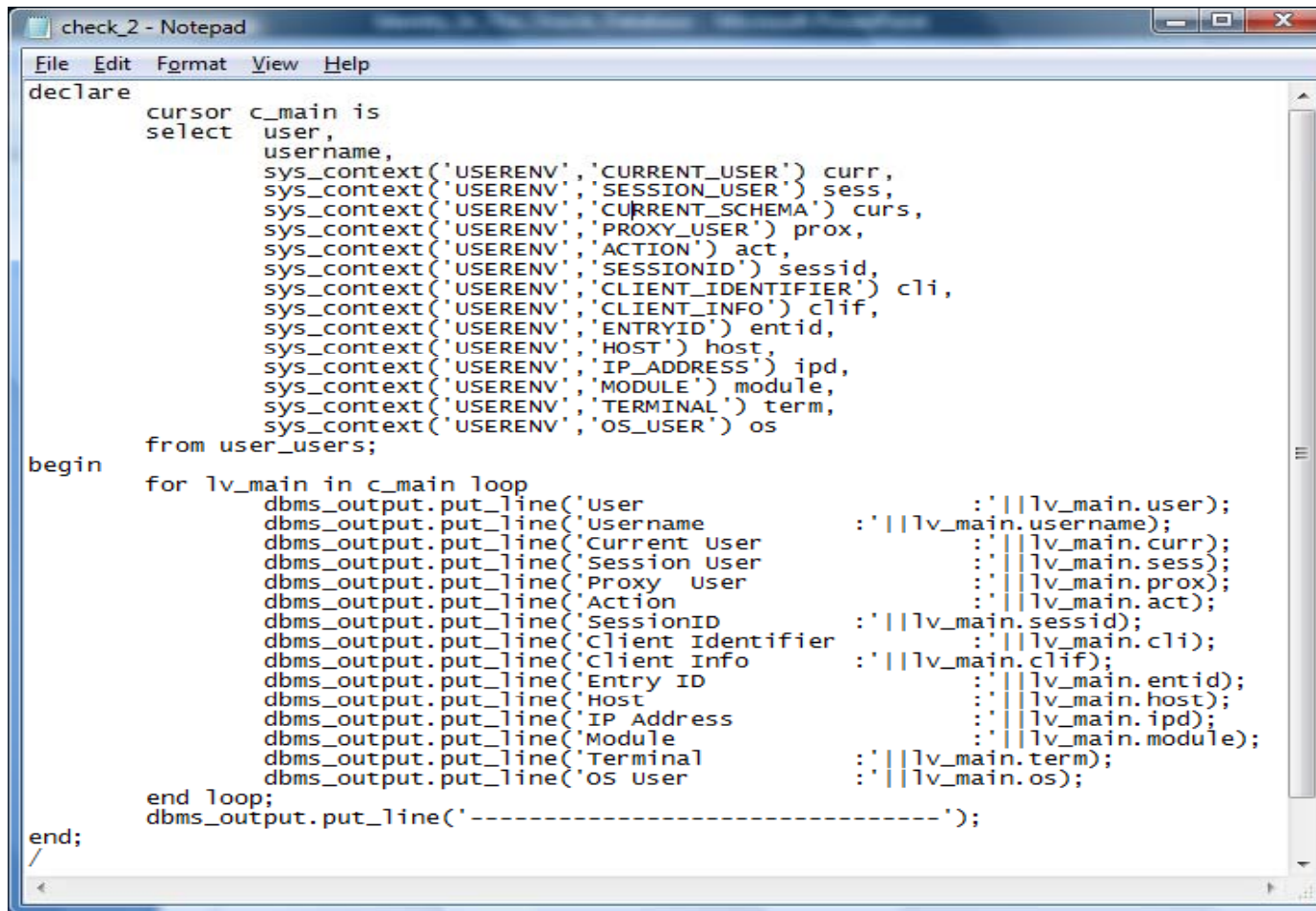
```
SQL> @check_2
User                :SYSTEM
Username            :SYSTEM
Current User        :SYSTEM
Session User        :SYSTEM
Proxy User          :
Action              :
SessionID           :1852215
Client Identifier   :
Client Info         :
Entry ID            :
Host                :WORKGROUP\ORACLE-HACK-BOX
IP Address          :127.0.0.1
Module              :SQL*Plus
Terminal            :ORACLE-HACK-BOX
OS User             :Pete
```

SYS_CONTEXT is a convenience for selecting session values.

Most values can be selected from v\$session anyway.

BUT SOME like IP Address are not directly available

Check_2.sql – For Information

A screenshot of a Notepad window titled 'check_2 - Notepad'. The window contains a SQL script. The script starts with a 'declare' section defining a cursor 'c_main' that selects various system context values for the current user. The 'begin' section contains a loop 'lv_main' that iterates over the cursor and prints each value to the console using 'dbms_output.put_line'. The script ends with 'end;' and a slash '/'.

```
declare
  cursor c_main is
  select
    user,
    username,
    sys_context('USERENV','CURRENT_USER') curr,
    sys_context('USERENV','SESSION_USER') sess,
    sys_context('USERENV','CURRENT_SCHEMA') curs,
    sys_context('USERENV','PROXY_USER') prox,
    sys_context('USERENV','ACTION') act,
    sys_context('USERENV','SESSIONID') sessid,
    sys_context('USERENV','CLIENT_IDENTIFIER') cli,
    sys_context('USERENV','CLIENT_INFO') clif,
    sys_context('USERENV','ENTRYID') entid,
    sys_context('USERENV','HOST') host,
    sys_context('USERENV','IP_ADDRESS') ipd,
    sys_context('USERENV','MODULE') module,
    sys_context('USERENV','TERMINAL') term,
    sys_context('USERENV','OS_USER') os
  from user_users;
begin
  for lv_main in c_main loop
    dbms_output.put_line('User                : '||lv_main.user);
    dbms_output.put_line('Username           : '||lv_main.username);
    dbms_output.put_line('Current User       : '||lv_main.curr);
    dbms_output.put_line('Session User       : '||lv_main.sess);
    dbms_output.put_line('Proxy User         : '||lv_main.prox);
    dbms_output.put_line('Action             : '||lv_main.act);
    dbms_output.put_line('SessionID          : '||lv_main.sessid);
    dbms_output.put_line('Client Identifier   : '||lv_main.cli);
    dbms_output.put_line('Client Info        : '||lv_main.clif);
    dbms_output.put_line('Entry ID           : '||lv_main.entid);
    dbms_output.put_line('Host               : '||lv_main.host);
    dbms_output.put_line('IP Address         : '||lv_main.ipd);
    dbms_output.put_line('Module             : '||lv_main.module);
    dbms_output.put_line('Terminal           : '||lv_main.term);
    dbms_output.put_line('OS User            : '||lv_main.os);
  end loop;
  dbms_output.put_line('-----');
end;
/
```

Audit is set to the "DB" as default; OS user is in spare1,

Privilege used and action# can be converted or DBA_AUDIT_TRAIL used instead

Core Audit in AUD\$

The stark lack of accountability is striking!!!

```
C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe - sqlplus system/oracle1@ora11gpe
SQL> exec print_table('select * from sys.aud
SESSIONID          : 1852215
ENTRYID            : 1
STATEMENT          : 1
TIMESTAMP#        :
USERID             : SYSTEM
USERHOST           : WORKGROUP\ORACLE-HACK-BOX
TERMINAL           : ORACLE-HACK-BOX
ACTION#            : 100
RETURNCODE         : 0
OBJ$CREATOR        :
OBJ$NAME           :
AUTH$PRIVILEGES    :
AUTH$GRANTEE       :
NEW$OWNER          :
NEW$NAME           :
SES$ACTIONS        :
SES$TID            :
LOGOFF$LREAD       :
LOGOFF$PREAD       :
LOGOFF$LWRITE      :
LOGOFF$DEAD        :
LOGOFF$TIME        :
COMMENT$TEXT       : Authenticated by: DATABASE; Client address:
                    : (ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=tcp)(HOST=127.0.0.1)(PORT=9019))
CLIENTID           :
SPARE1             : Pete
SPARE2             :
OBJ$LABEL          :
SES$LABEL          :
PRIV$USED          : 5
SESSIONCPU         :
NTIMESTAMP#       : 24-NOV-10 17.16.23.248000
PROXY$SID          :
USER$GUID          :
INSTANCE#         : 0
PROCESS#           : 6012:6356
XID                : 0000000000000000
AUDITID            :
SCN                :
DBID               : 408324179
SQLBIND            :
SQLTEXT            :
OBJ$EDITION        :
-----
```

SYSDBA Trace

- Fixed format trace files
- Core trace cannot be turned off
- Records user, os user, terminal etc
- Not many people in my experience look at them
- Files cycle based on PID (on Unix) – performance bugs on some platforms
- SYSDBA trace – audit_sys_operations – can be written here also

These trace files are written to the OS because audit cannot be written for database startup and shutdown to the database

Also helps with separation

Other Sources of Data

- The Alert Log contains information at the system level
- Trace files can include:
 - Action
 - Module
 - Client_ID
 - Session ID
- And of course data in the form of binds or in static SQL
- Structure in the form of table and code

Other Sources Of Data (2)

```
SQL> alter session set events '10046 trace name cont
Session altered.

...

SQL> alter session set events '10046 trace name cont
Session altered.
```

```
*** 2012-11-24 19:50:53.116
*** SESSION ID:(142.347) 2012-11-24 19:50:53.116
*** CLIENT ID:() 2012-11-24 19:50:53.116
*** SERVICE NAME:(ora11gpe) 2012-11-24 19:50:53.116
*** MODULE NAME:(SQL*Plus) 2012-11-24 19:50:53.116
*** ACTION NAME:() 2012-11-24 19:50:53.116
```

```
SQL> exec print_table('select * from v$session where sid=(select distinct sid from v$mystat)');
SADDR                : 2F0E3D30
SID                   : 142
SERIAL#               : 347
AUDSID                : 1852215
```

The SID and SERIAL are not preserved in the audit trail

We could save them with a logon trigger

Time based correlation can be used.

Issues And Discrepancies

- Obvious things are missing in the Core Audit
 - Action, Module
 - Program
 - Sid, Serial
- Some things are there though
 - Session value can be used to correlate to other audit
 - SESSIONID, AUDSID
- **There is a lack of depth to identity; very little to go on**
- What is obvious is that we need to use alternate audit to get more details
- Some detail is only available in the comment text of the audit trail

Customising Identity

- We can customise identity
- Interestingly after logon and during logon (depending on the API used)
 - Client Info can be set
 - Client identifier can be set
 - Module can be set
 - Action can be set
 - Custom contexts can be created
 - We can use data values
 - Indeed we can use anything selectable from the database
- Customising before logon seems better... BUT....

Customising Identity Example

```
SQL> select client_identifier from v$session  
2  where sid=(select distinct sid from v$mystat);
```

```
CLIENT_IDENTIFIER  
-----
```

```
SQL> exec dbms_session.set_identifier('Hack the planet!');
```

```
PL/SQL procedure successfully completed.
```

```
SQL> select client_identifier from v$session  
2  where sid=(select distinct sid from v$mystat);
```

```
CLIENT_IDENTIFIER  
-----
```

```
Hack the planet!
```

Customising Identity Example (2)

```
SQL> select sys_context('USERENV','SESSIONID') from dual;
```

```
SYS_CONTEXT('USERENV','SESSIONID')
```

```
-----  
1854567
```

```
SQL> alter user orascan identified by orascan;
```

```
User altered.
```

```
SQL> select client_id from dba_audit_trail  
2 where sessionid=1854567;
```

```
CLIENT_ID  
-----
```

```
Hack the planet!
```

Customising Identity

- The other main session values that can be customised easily through the SQL Interface are
- Action –
DBMS_APPLICATION_INFO.SET_ACTION('Action Name')
- Module –
DBMS_APPLICATION_INFO.SET_MODULE('Module Name', 'Action Name')
- Client Info –
DBMS_APPLICATION_INFO.SET_CLIENT_INFO('Client Info Text');
- **BUT; these do not permeate to the Core Audit trail**

Core Audit

- Core audit from an identity point of view doesn't provide enough – **recurring message !!!**
- We need to provide the additional information ourselves
- Like lots of data security implementation tasks it is the customers job to design and implement the security
 - This includes technical security controls
 - Audit trail design and reports
 - Identity requirements
 - We have limited options though with just core audit
- Just like designing screens, tables, views we have to design security as well

Application Contexts/ Secure App Roles

- Often used for controlling access and for controlling policies in VPD, FGA, LBAC, Audit
- The context or the role often provides additional security **BUT** often uses core values to control its enablement

```
Create role my_role using orablog.role_admin;
```

```
...
```

```
If(sys_context('USERENV','IP_ADDRESS') = 192.168.254.2) then  
    dbms_session.set_role('MY_ROLE');
```

```
....
```

```
Create context my_con using orablog.init_con;
```

```
...
```

```
If(sys_context('USERENV','PROGRAM')='sqlplus') then  
    dbms_session.set_context('MY_CON','app_role','Manager');
```

```
...
```

The Bad News!

- Almost all context/session values can be spoofed either in
 - The session
 - Sys_context
 - AUD\$
 - Trace files
 - Listener logs
 - ...
- Some things are easy to spoof
 - Identifier – DBMS_SESSION
 - Module, Action, Info – DBMS_APPLICATION_INFO

Spoofting

- Some a little harder, but not much

```
SQL> alter session set current_schema = scott;  
Session altered.
```

```
SQL> select schemaname from v$session  
2  where sid=(select distinct sid from v$mystat);
```

```
SCHEMANAME
```

```
-----
```

```
SCOTT
```

```
SQL> select sys_context('USERENV','CURRENT_SCHEMA') from dual;
```

```
SYS_CONTEXT('USERENV','CURRENT_SCHEMA')
```

```
-----
```

```
SCOTT
```

Spoofting (2)

- Some even harder (needs privileges) – works on un-patched 11.1.0.6 (and other un-patched versions) – as a user with `IMP_FULL_DATABASE`

```
SQL> connect importer/importer@orallgpe
```

```
Connected.
```

```
SQL> @check
```

USER	USERNAME	CURR	SESS	SCHEM
IMPORTER	IMPORTER	IMPORTER	IMPORTER	IMPORTER

```
SQL> exec sys.kupp$proc.change_user('SYS');
```

```
BEGIN sys.kupp$proc.change_user('SYS'); END;
```

```
SQL> @check
```

USER	USERNAME	CURR	SESS	SCHEM
SYS	SYS	SYS	SYS	SYS

Spoofting (3)

- Most of the rest of the fields need programming skills to spoof or use of a network proxy where relevant
- It has been written that the only values in session, AUD\$ and FGA_LOG\$ that are completely reliable are the database USERNAME – [http://www.integrigy.com/security-resources/analysis/Integrigy Spoofting Oracle Session Information.pdf](http://www.integrigy.com/security-resources/analysis/Integrigy_Spoofting_Oracle_Session_Information.pdf)
- As we saw this is not true because BECOME USER can be used on non-patched systems BUT can be audited
- IP address is harder to spoof but not impossible
- JDBC is the easiest to use to spoof values
- OCI is harder and has less flexibility

Spoofting (4)

- Most of the core values such as
 - OS User
 - Process ID
 - Terminal
 - Program
 - Machine
- Can be spoofed easily using a thin Java client
- **Therefore they are not reliable to specify identity**

Spoofting (5)

```
C:\>java DBC jdbc:oracle:thin:@127.0.0.1:1521:orallgpe orascan orascan 1 0
```

```
SQL*Client : Version 0.1 Very Alpha
```

```
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```

```
SQL> set program "My Client" ;
```

```
SQL> set osuser "Oracle" ;
```

```
SQL> connect ;
```

```
...
```

```
SQL> exec print_table('select osuser,module,program from v$session where  
    audsid=1856376');
```

```
OSUSER           : Oracle  
MODULE           : My Client  
PROGRAM          : My Client
```

```
-----
```

Spoofting (6)

```
SQL> select spare1 from sys.aud$ where sessionid=1856376;
```

```
SPARE1
```

```
-----
```

```
Oracle
```

```
SQL>
```

- The only values making it through to the audit trail is OS USER – set here to “Oracle” and held in Spare 1
- With the 11.2 JDBC driver it can be started with a property –Doracle.jdbc.v\$session.osuser=...

Spoofting (7)

- Even dates can be spoofed by setting the initialisation parameter `fixed_date`
- This can be set with `ALTER SYSTEM`
- The session would show the same date/time always
- The Audit trail will show the same date/time
- The logon would also show the same date time
- If audit were enabled on `ALTER SYSTEM` this would be caught
- **Or the hacker can change dates when he wishes**

Spoofting Summary

- A small set of values can be spoofed easily via Java
- Other customisable values are easier to spoof with any client
- Security (Logon Triggers, FGA policies, VPD, OLS, Secure Contexts, Secure Application roles...) often rely on session values
- Session values are often central to security
- These values cannot be trusted, therefore security is compromised as are audit trails (potentially)

Solutions?

- Each client needs to set a unique value(s) to specify identity
- Don't control via spoofable values or at least not a set of spoofable values
- Use application level data? – issues?
- **Proxy users currently cannot be spoofed – so use them**
- Maybe use a handshake approach
 - Ask the database for a unique value
 - Process it – encrypt / hash / PKI – (no simple PKI in PL/SQL available, can be done in Java or C)
 - Send it to the database as client_id
 - Database can “know” the real value
 - Issues – predictable?, interceptable?
 - **It's a hard issue to solve**

Can We Detect Spoofing?

- The “Pinnacle” – detect spoofing?
- It is not easy BUT “no one” in real terms is probably spoofing your database.....OR are they? – would you know
- If anyone did spoof you well; they would take whatever they needed from your databases
- Detecting:
 - Check all records in a session for changed values in that session
 - some values will be set after logon – CLIENT ID
 - Some actions will be detected if audited – BECOME USER
 - Time analysis
 - Usage analysis – resource effort profile – anomalies?

Conclusions

- Spoofing of session values is easy even without extra access
- Spoofing of application or unique values is only easy if access is available via other users
- Layered design seems sensible
 - Layered controls
 - Layered Audit
 - Don't rely on core session values
 - Correlate different sources
- Correct the basics first
 - Reduce access to the database and data

Questions?

Any Final Questions?

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