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Oracle Forensics

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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 providing consultancy and training
- <http://www.petefinnigan.com>
- Author of Oracle security step-by-step
- Published many papers, regular speaker (UK, USA, Slovenia, Norway, more)
- Member of the Oak Table Network



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Agenda

- What is forensics and Oracle forensics?
- In real terms what does it mean?
- What information is out there
- Are there any tools?
- The issues – audit on, audit off and more
- Where to find forensic data
- Finding evidence – correlating data
- Plan for forensic analysis – make it easy

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What is Forensics?

fo-ren-sics

n. (used with a sing. verb)

1. The art or study of formal debate; argumentation.
2. The use of science and technology to investigate and establish facts in criminal or civil courts of law.

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What is Oracle Forensics?

- Oracle forensics is the process by which someone (an auditor?) tries to determine when / how / why (and by who) something happened by gathering correlated and incriminating evidence.
- Oracle forensics often occurs when as an auditor I am called in to help a client discover how a breach occurred and hopefully some clue as to who did it.
- These techniques are often championed through the need to do this with no audit trail, no archive logs or worse – the success rates are dependant on how fast we can look and what is available.
- If this leads to criminal proceedings the evidence must be gathered without distortion or change to the system.

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What Information Is Out There?

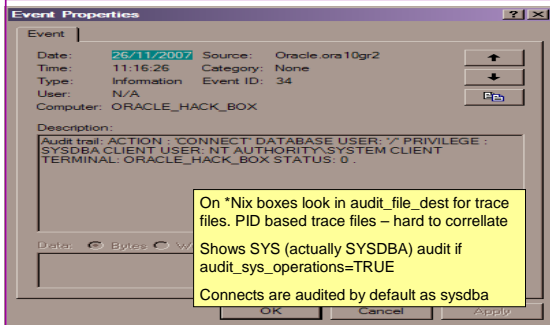
- Pete Finnigan (2003) - Detecting SQL Injection in Oracle - <http://www.securityfocus.com/infocus/1714> some forensics ideas - mining redo, sql extraction, trace, audit
- Pete Finnigan (2004) – Oracle Forensics module – SANS training
- Arup nanda (2005) – Mining for clues - <http://www.oracle.com/technology/oramag/oracle/05-jul/o45dba.html>
- Alex Gorbachev (2006) – Log Miner for forensics - <http://www.pythian.com/blogs/269/oracle-logminer-helps-investigate-security-issues>
- Paul Wright (2006/7) – Number of papers – <http://www.oracleforensics.com> + his SANS GSOC paper http://www.sans.org/reading_room/whitepapers/application/

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Tertiary Data – SYSDBA Audit



On *Nix boxes look in audit_file_dest for trace files. PID based trace files – hard to correlate
Shows SYS (actually SYSDBA) audit if audit_sys_operations=TRUE
Connects are audited by default as sysdba

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Deleted Data

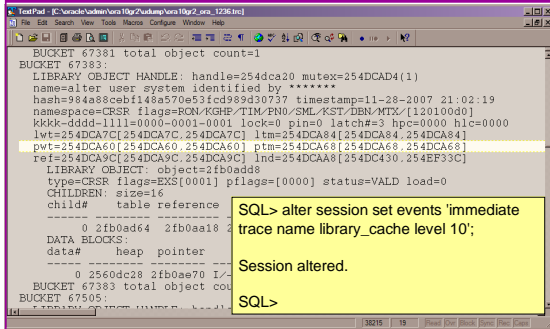
- David introduced the idea of looking for deleted data in data blocks in his 6 part Oracle forensics series.
- This is not new as others more concerned with recovery, block internals, DUL like tools have found this years ago.
- The idea is being built into FEDS ([we believe](#))
- Beware:
 - This is unsupported – in terms of undefined results
 - The deleted data is transient
- Recycle bin and Flashback also good options (if available)
- As are Redo and archive logs (not transient) – again if available
- Tools like BBED could be used or hex editors

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Database Dumps



SQL> alter session set events 'immediate trace name library_cache level 10';
Session altered.
SQL>

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Investigation Without Disturbance

- If a suspected breach has occurred
- Plan ahead – i.e. don't blunder in
- Consider:
 - Can the results of the investigation be trusted
 - Altering the database or shutting down could remove evidence – e.g. shared pool is cleared
 - The investigation should not alter the data or create a large foot print in the database thereby changing the value of the investigation

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Investigation Without Disturbance (2)

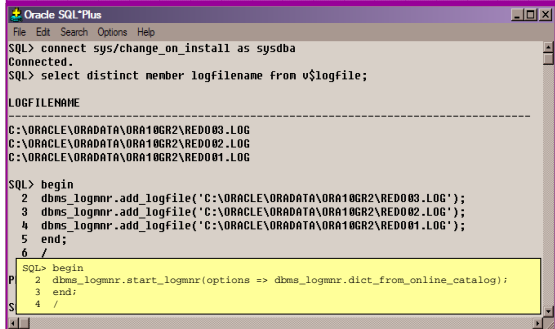
- Establish the server state – users, ports, files, dll's, memory, system time etc
- Collect Oracle files – sysdba trace, archive logs, alert log, listener log, sqlnet logs, trace, copy data files (if possible)
- Grab the SQL from v\$sql (direct SGA access is an option - <http://www.petefinnigan.com/other.htm>)
- Grab SYS.AUD\$ and SYS.FGA_LOG\$
- Grab AWR and statspack if available
- Analyse changes to users and roles and privileges
- Checksum the PL/SQL, Java, triggers, views
- Investigate

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Log Miner



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Log Miner 2

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Oracle SQL*Plus
File Edit Search Options Help

SQL> edit and
SQL> get and
1 select username,to_char(timestamp,'DD-MON-VVYY HH24:MI:SS') timestamp,
2 seg_name,operation,sql_undo
3 from v$logminer_contents
4 where table_name='AUD$'
5 and sql_redo like 'SRRATUABAAABFKAB%'
6 /

-----
USERNAME          TIMESTAMP
-----
SEG_NAME          OPERATION
-----
SQL_UNDO
-----
29-NOV-2007 21:29:38

SYS
update "SYS"."AUD$" set "ACTION" = '100', "RETURNCODE" = '0', "LOGOFF$READ" =
NULL, "LOGOFF$SPREAD" = NULL, "LOGOFF$SUMRITE" = NULL, "LOGOFF$DEAD" = NULL, "LOGO
FF$TIME" = NULL, "SESSIONPU" = NULL where "ACTION" = '101' and "RETURNCODE" =
'0' and "LOGOFF$READ" = '282' and "LOGOFF$SPREAD" = '0' and "LOGOFF$SUMRITE" = '0
' and "LOGOFF$DEAD" = '0' and "LOGOFF$TIME" = TO_DATE('29-NOV-07', 'DD-MON-YY')

-----
USERNAME          TIMESTAMP
-----
SEG_NAME          OPERATION
-----
SQL_UNDO
-----
and "SESSIONCPU" = '0' and ROWID = 'SRRATUABAAABFKAB%';

SQL>
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Log Miner 3

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Oracle SQL*Plus
File Edit Search Options Help

SQL> col username for a8
SQL> col timestamp for a20
SQL> col seg_type_name for a8
SQL> col seg_name for a10
SQL> col sql_redo for a30 wrap
SQL> edit
Wrote file afiedt.buf

1 select username,to_char(timestamp,'DD-MON-VVYY HH24:MI:SS') timestamp,
2 seg_type_name,seg_name,sql_redo
3 from v$logminer_contents
4 where operation='DDL'
5* and sql_redo like 'alter user%'
SQL> /

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USERNAME          TIMESTAMP          SEG_TYPE  SEG_NAME  SQL_REDO
-----
SYSTEM  28-NOV-2007 21:02:20 USER          alter user system identified b
y UALUES 'D4DF7931AB130E37' ;

SQL>
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Build A Toolkit

- What can we build as toolkit?
- Mining blocks not ideal – time biased and not consistent – FEDS look promising BUT
- A Tool kit should / Could be methodology include:
 - A plan of actions
 - OS commands to gather files
 - SQL commands to gather details from the database
 - Dump commands

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Conclusions

- Looked at what are forensics and what are Oracle forensics?
- Looked at what information is out there
- Looked at the issues – audit on, audit off and more
- Looked at where to find forensic data
- Looked at finding evidence – correlating data
- Oracle Forensics is a new and exciting area and very current due to recent data losses

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return utl_file.file_type as
is fptr utl_file.file_type null;
begin
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Any Questions?

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