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# How to Audit the Top Ten E-Business Suite Security Risks

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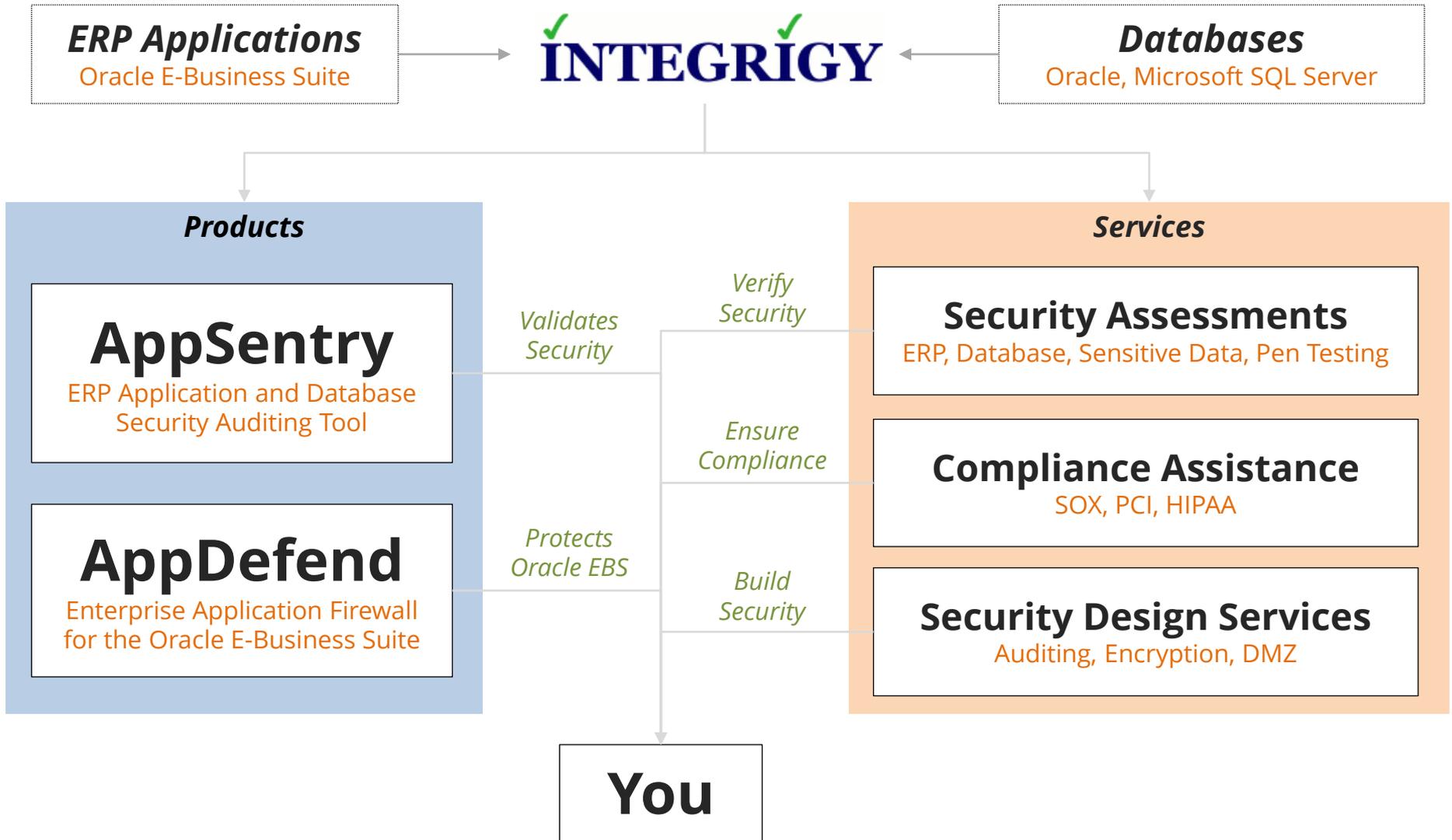
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# About Integrigy



# Agenda

Risks, Threats, and  
Vulnerabilities

Internal and  
External Access

Q&A

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Passwords

Controls, Policies,  
and Procedures

# Top 10 Security Vulnerabilities

- 1** **Default Database Passwords**
- 2** **Default Application Passwords**
- 3** **Direct Database Access**
- 4** **Poor Application Security Design**
- 5** **External Application Access Configuration**
- 6** **Poor Patching Policies and Procedures**
- 7** **Access to SQL Forms in Application**
- 8** **Weak Change Control Procedures**
- 9** **No Database or Application Auditing**
- 10** **Weak Application Password Controls**

# Significant Security Risks and Threats

<b>Risks and Threats</b> ▪ examples	<b>1</b> DB Pass	<b>2</b> App Pass	<b>3</b> Direct Access	<b>4</b> App Sec Design	<b>5</b> Extern App	<b>6</b> Patch Policy	<b>7</b> SQL Forms	<b>8</b> Change Control	<b>9</b> Audit	<b>10</b> Pass Control
<b>1. Sensitive data loss (data theft)</b> ▪ Bulk download via direct access ▪ Bulk download via indirect access										
<b>2. Direct entering of transactions (fraud)</b> ▪ Update a bank account number ▪ Change an application password										
<b>3. Misuse of application privileges (fraud)</b> ▪ Bypass intended app controls ▪ Access another user's privileges										
<b>4. Impact availability of the application</b> ▪ Wipe out the database ▪ Denial of service (DoS)										

# 1 Default Database Passwords

- Oracle E-Business Suite database is delivered with up to **300 database accounts**
  - Default passwords (GL = GL)
  - Active
  - **Significant privileges**

# Default Oracle Password Statistics

Database Account	Default Password	Exists in Database %	Default Password %
SYS	CHANGE_ON_INSTALL	100%	3%
SYSTEM	MANAGER	100%	4%
<b>DBSNMP</b>	<b>DBSNMP</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>52%</b>
<b>OUTLN</b>	<b>OUTLN</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>43%</b>
MDSYS	MDSYS	77%	18%
ORDPLUGINS	ORDPLUGINS	77%	16%
ORDSYS	ORDSYS	77%	16%
XDB	CHANGE_ON_INSTALL	75%	15%
DIP	DIP	63%	19%
WMSYS	WMSYS	63%	12%
<b>CTXSYS</b>	<b>CTXSYS</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>32%</b>

\* Sample of 120 production databases

# How to Check Database Passwords

1. Use Oracle's **DBA\_USERS\_WITH\_DEFPWD**
  - Limited set of accounts
  - Single password for each account
2. Command line tools (orabf, etc.)
  - Difficult to run – command line only
3. AppSentry
  - Checks all database accounts
  - Uses passwords lists - > 1 million passwords
  - Allows custom passwords

## 2 Seeded Application Accounts

- Oracle EBS delivered with up to **40 seeded application accounts**
- Most seeded applications have default passwords
- Some accounts are active
- Some accounts have significant privileges

# Seeded Application Account Responsibilities

Active Application Account	Default Password	Active Responsibilities
<b>ASGADM</b>	WELCOME	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ SYSTEM_ADMINISTRATOR</li><li>▪ ADG_MOBILE_DEVELOPER</li></ul>
<b>IBE_ADMIN</b>	WELCOME	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ IBE_ADMINISTRATOR</li></ul>
<b>MOBADM</b>	MOBADM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ MOBILE_ADMIN</li><li>▪ SYSTEM_ADMINISTRATOR</li></ul>
<b>MOBILEADM</b>	WELCOME	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ ASG_MOBILE_ADMINISTRATOR</li><li>▪ SYSTEM_ADMINISTRATOR</li></ul>
<b>OP_CUST_CARE_ADMIN</b>	OP_CUST_CARE_ADMIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ OP_CUST_CARE_ADMIN</li></ul>
<b>OP_SYSADMIN</b>	OP_SYSADMIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ OP_SYSADMIN</li></ul>
<b>WIZARD</b>	WELCOME	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ AZ_ISETUP</li><li>▪ APPLICATIONS FINANCIALS</li><li>▪ APPLICATION IMPLEMENTATION</li></ul>

# How to Check Applications Passwords

1. Decrypt all passwords
  - Google: oracle applications password decryption
2. Login to each account
  - Need to manually test 25 – 40 accounts
3. AppSentry
  - Checks all seeded application account passwords for default or weak passwords
  - Checks all seeded application accounts are locked

# 3

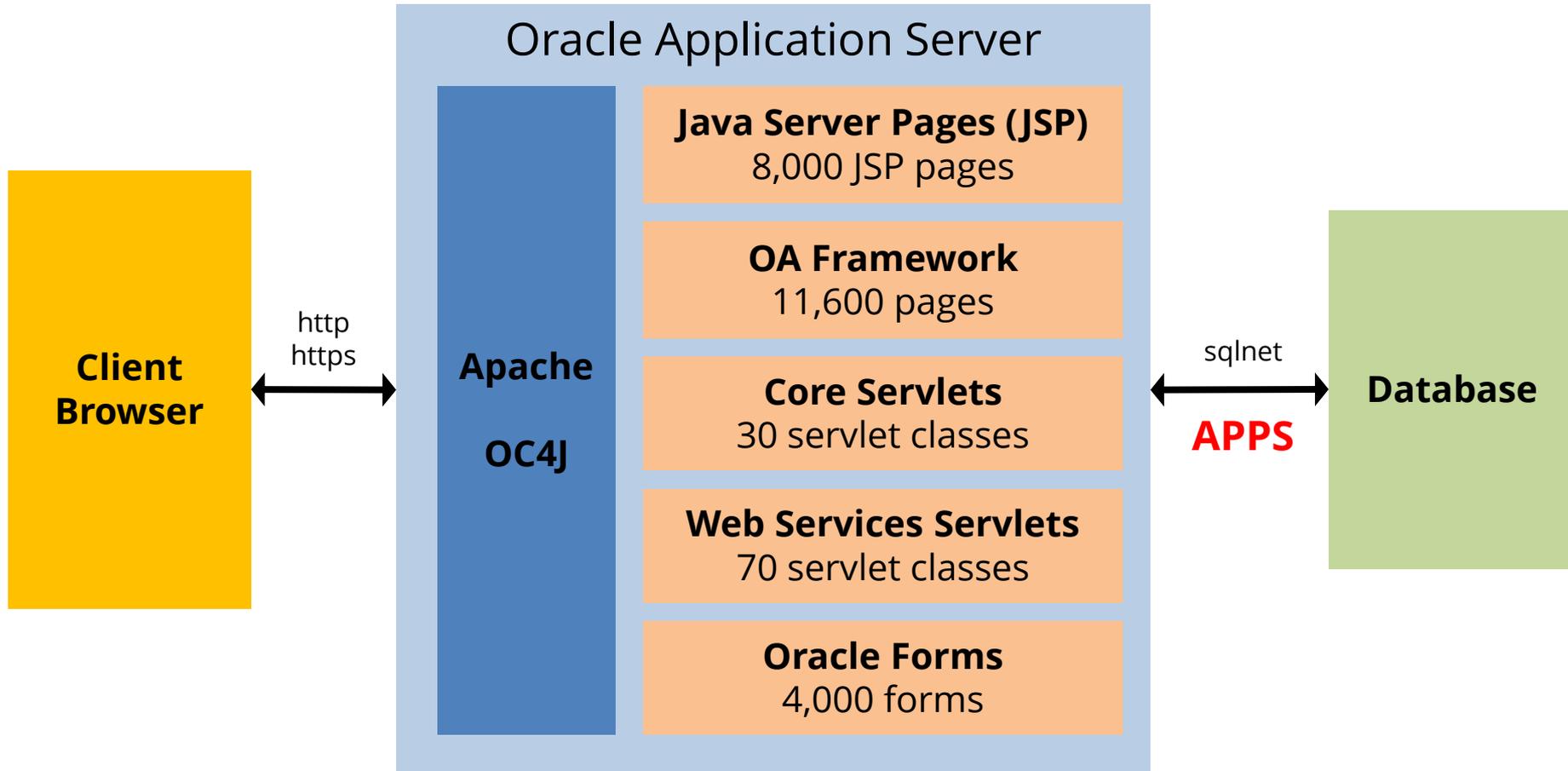
## Direct Database Access

- Database access is a key problem
  - APPS\_READ
  - Read only accounts often created with read to all data
- Access to sensitive data by generic accounts
  - Granularity of database privileges, complexity of data model, and number of tables/views make it difficult to create limited privilege database accounts
  - Must use individual database accounts with roles limiting access to data along with other security

# How to Review Direct Database Access

1. Need to review who is accessing the database
  - Must have auditing enabled to determine generic database access
2. No standard method to review database privileges
  - Must manually review database privileges
  - Need to understand data model to know what can be accessed with granted privileges

# 5 External Access Configuration



- Oracle EBS installs all modules (250+) and **all web pages** for every application server
- All web pages access the database using the **APPS** database account

# Oracle EBS DMZ Certified Modules (R12)

Oracle only certifies a limited set of modules for use in a DMZ

- Meets DMZ architectural requirements (i.e., no forms)
- URL Firewall rules provided for the module

iSupplier Portal (POS)  
Oracle Sourcing (PON)  
Oracle Receivables (OIR)  
iRecruitment (IRC)  
Oracle Time and Labor (OTL)  
Oracle Learning Management (OTA)  
Self Service Benefits (BEN)  
Self Service Human Resources (SSHR)  
Oracle iSupport (IBU)  
Oracle iStore (IBE)  
Oracle Marketing (AMS)  
Oracle Partner Relationship Mgmt (PRM)  
Oracle Survey (IES)

Oracle Transportation (FTE)  
Oracle Contracts Core (OKC)  
Oracle Service Contracts (OKS)  
Oracle Collaborative Planning (SCE)  
Oracle User Management (UMX)  
Order Information Portal (ONT)  
Oracle Sales for Handhelds (ASP)  
Oracle Internet Expenses (OIE)  
Oracle Performance Management (OPM)  
Compensation Workbench (CWB)  
Oracle Payroll (PAY)  
Oracle Quoting (QOT)  
Oracle Field Service 3rd Party Portal (FSE)

# Oracle EBS DMZ Oracle Support Notes

Deploying Oracle E-Business Suite in a DMZ requires a specific and detailed configuration of the application and application server. All steps in the Oracle provided My Oracle Support (MOS) Note must be followed.

**380490.1** *Oracle E-Business Suite  
R12 Configuration in a DMZ*

**287176.1** *DMZ Configuration with  
Oracle E-Business Suite 11i*

# How to Check the External Configuration

1. Review DMZ web architecture
  - SSL
  - Network firewall
  - Reverse proxy
  - Web application firewall (Integrigy's AppDefend)
  - Load balancing and caching
2. Perform a penetration test?
3. Review URL firewall configuration
4. Configuration Review - Manual
  - Review 8 major configuration steps
5. Configuration Review - AppSentry
  - Automates checking 6 of 8 major configuration steps

## 7 Forms that Allow SQL Statements

- Allow ad-hoc SQL statements to be executed within them (over 30 forms)
- Could be used to update high risk data such as supplier addresses and bank accounts
- May not have any audit trail (before/after values) created to know who made the update
- Examples include:
  - Alerts
  - Collection Plans

# Forms that Allow SQL Statements

- Applications
- Attribute Mapping
- Attribute Mapping Details
- Audit Statements
- Business Rule Workbench
- Create QuickPaint Inquiry
- Custom Stream Advanced Setup
- Defaulting Rules
- Define Assignment Set
- Define Data Group
- Define Data Stream
- Define Descriptive Flexfield Segments
- Define Dynamic Resource Groups
- Define Function
- Define Pricing Formulas
- Define Pricing Formulas
- Define Security Profile
- Define Validation Templates
- Define Value Set
- Define WMS Rules
- Dynamic Trigger Maintenance
- Foundation Objects
- PL/SQL tester
- QA - Collection Plan Workbench
- Register Oracle IDs
- SpreadTable Diagnostics Form
- Spreadtable Metadata Administration
- Workflow Activity Approval Configuration Framework
- Workflow Process Configuration Framework
- Write Formula

... and others as released by Oracle

# How to Check SQL Forms Access

- Sensitive function review
  - Difficult to do without an “SoD” tool – all of which can analyze access to high-risk single functions such as SQL forms
  - Look for high risk seeded responsibility usage such as:
    - Application Developer
    - Alert Manager
    - Quality

1. Password Profile Options
  - **Length, reuse, case, and failure limit** are System Profile Options
  - Password expiration time set for individual accounts
2. Password operational procedures
  - Initial passwords and password resets
  - Default methods in 11i and R12 weak
  - Improved in R12 with User Management (UMX)
3. Secure Password Storage
  - Allows decryption of account passwords
  - Not enabled by default

# Application Password Settings

<b><i>System Profile Options</i></b>	<b><i>11i Default</i></b>	<b><i>R12 Default</i></b>
Signon Password Failure Limit	(null)	10
Signon Password Hard To Guess (1 letter, 1 number, no repeating characters, not username)	No	No
Signon Password Length	5	6
Signon Password No Reuse	(null)	(null)
Signon Password Case	insensitive	insensitive

Signon Password settings must be changed to meet organization's password policy

# Oracle EBS Password Decryption

- Oracle EBS end-user application passwords stored **encrypted**, not **hashed**
  - Account passwords stored in **FND\_USER** table
  - Procedure to decrypt passwords well documented and published on the Internet
  - Google: oracle applications password decryption
- Secure hashing of passwords is **optional** and must be enabled by DBA
  - **Not enabled by default even in R12**
  - See Integrity whitepaper for recommendations

# How to Check Password Controls

## 1. Manual Review

- Validate signon System Profile Options
- Query all users by querying FND\_USER table where PASSWORD\_LIFESPAN\_DAYS <> xx days
- Check password encryption patch by querying FND\_USER table
- Review application account creation and password reset workflows with administrator

## 2. AppSentry

- Checks signon System Profile Options against organization's password security policy
- Checks password encryption patch is enabled

# AppSentry

AppSentry 6.1 by Integriby

File Edit Tools Help

## Results

Configuration Name	Last Scan
PROD12-1	2011/02/01 23:59:16
<b>Sample Oracle 11i</b>	<b>2011/08/15 22:51:09</b>
Sample Oracle 11i Complex	none
Test	none
VIS121	2011/05/24 20:06:32
VIS121-SSL	2011/02/01 23:36:05
VIS121-SSL-2	2011/02/07 12:26:57
VIS121-SSL3	2011/05/11 19:55:59

Name	Date (y/m/d)	Policy
2011-Aug-15 22-47-50	2011/08/15	Oracle Applications 11i Clier
2011-Mar-30 11-07-44	2011/03/30	Oracle Applications 11i Stan
2011-Jan-27 10-01-13	2011/01/27	Oracle Applications 11i Clier
2011-Jan-27 09-55-44	2011/01/27	Oracle Applications 11i Clier
2011-Jan-27 09-43-31	2011/01/27	Oracle Applications 11i Clier
2011-Jan-27 09-41-05	2011/01/27	Test Policy
2011-Jan-27 09-01-08	2011/01/27	Test Policy
2011-Jan-27 09-00-11	2011/01/27	Test Policy

Summary Results Browser Reports Manager Data Browser

### Findings by Risk

Risk Level	Count
High	338
Medium	1
Low	16
Information	1

### Findings by Component

Component	Count
Oracle Database	300
Oracle Applications	208
oa.integriby.com	12
none	16

AppSentry WebUpdate Available

# AppSentry

The screenshot displays the AppSentry 6.1 by Integrigy application window. The interface includes a menu bar (File, Edit, Tools, Help), a sidebar with navigation icons (Start, Policy, Config, Scanner, Results, Compliance, Reports), and a main content area. The 'Results' section is active, showing a table of configurations and a detailed view of a specific finding.

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**Summary:** Medium (1)

- Low (16)
- Information (1)
- Audit (34)
- OK (126)
- Excluded (16)
- Error (1)
- Unknown (3)

**Oracle Applications Password Failure Limit**

**Summary**

'Signon Password Failure Limit' is against policy

**Details**

'Signon Password Failure Limit' profile option is not set (default is disabled) compared to a policy of 4. Change this profile option under System Administrator > Profile > System.

**Target:** Oracle Applications

**Description**

Number of unsuccessful login attempts before the account is locked. This feature is enabled by the system profile option "Signon Password Failure Limit" (SIGNON\_PASSWORD\_FAILURE\_LIMIT). The default is to disable this feature.

This profile option is introduced by Oracle Patch 2061872, also available in Mini Pack 11i.FND.E.

**Solution**

Change the profile option "Signon Password Failure Limit" to the appropriate value using the System Administrator Responsibility. The recommended value is at least 3.

AppSentry WebUpdate Available

# Jeff's Conclusions

- Most of the vulnerabilities and risks are on-going whereas most audit processes are 'point in time'
- Auditors need to recommend continuous controls monitoring related to these risks and audit the CCM, rather than point in time.
- Solutions such as AppSentry are preferable to manual solutions because they integrate all tests into a single User Interface and are updated as changes are made to the applications and technology stack.

# Steve's Conclusions

- Oracle E-Business Suite security and compliance requires a team effort
  - DBAs, IT Security and Internal Audit must work together to ensure a secure and compliant environment
- Security is constantly changing due to application changes and new risks
  - Periodic reviews and assessments are required
- No “silver bullet” exists for protecting the Oracle EBS
  - A combination of policies, procedures, reviews, and tools must be put in place to address this complex environment
- Adhere to the Oracle Best Practices for Oracle EBS security
  - See My Oracle Support Notes 189367.1 and 403537.1
  - Written by Integrigy
  - Oracle has not updated since 2007

# References and Resources

- Integriqy's Website
  - [www.integriqy.com](http://www.integriqy.com)
  - Oracle E-Business Suite Security Whitepapers
- ERP Risk Advisors Oracle Internal Controls and Security List Server
  - <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/OracleSox>
- ERP Risk Advisors Internal Controls Repository
  - <http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/oracleappsinternalcontrols>
- Jeff's Book
  - *Oracle E-Business Suite Controls: Application Security Best Practices*
- Oracle Best Practices for Securing Oracle EBS
  - Metalink Note IDs 189367.1 and 403537.1 ("Best Practices")
  - Metalink Note IDs 380490.1 and 287176.1 (DMZ config)

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