



Oracle Database

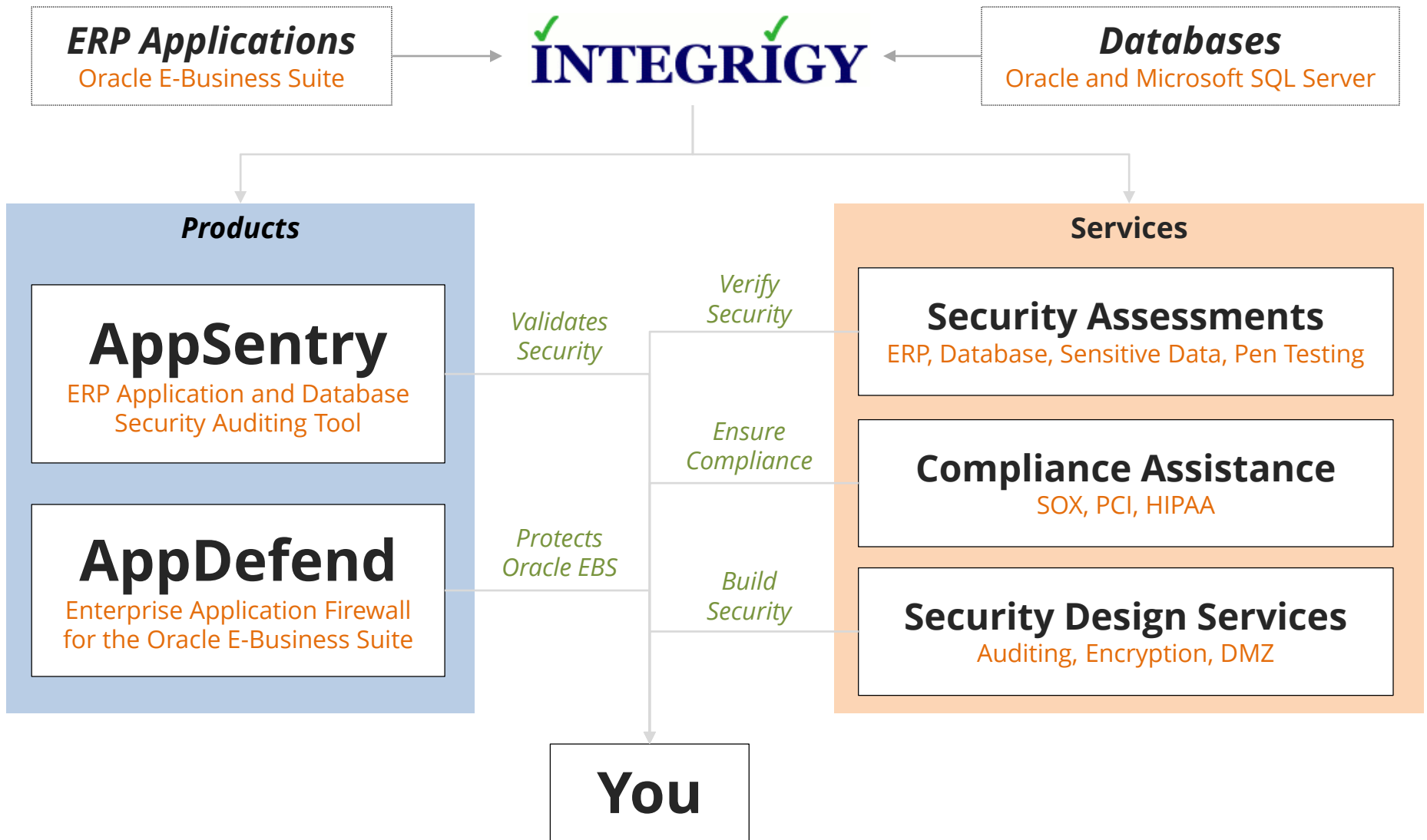
TNS Poisoning Attacks (CVE-2012-1675)

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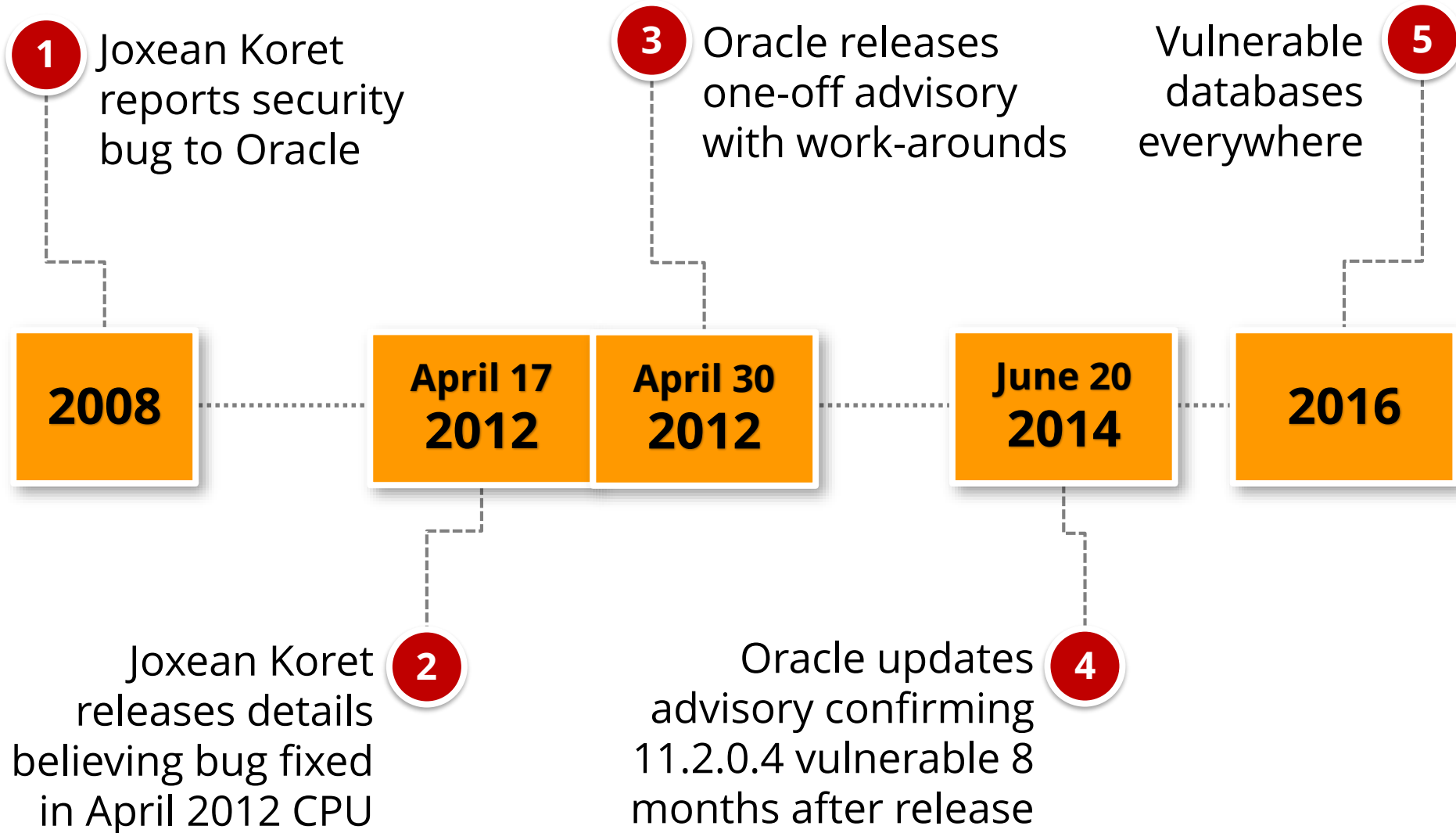
Why are we talking about
an Oracle Database
security vulnerability
reported to Oracle in

2008?

60% of databases assessed
by Integrigy are **vulnerable**

**Not fixed or enabled by default in
11.2.0.4 and prior**

Vulnerability Timeline



Oracle Database Listener Registration

Listener registration allows a database to register dynamically with the TNS listener

- Static service entries not required in listener.ora for ease of management – **Local Registration**
- Controlled by initialization parameters **LOCAL_LISTENER**, **REMOTE_LISTENER**, **DISPATCHERS**

Remote registration used by **RAC** to register databases in a clustered environment

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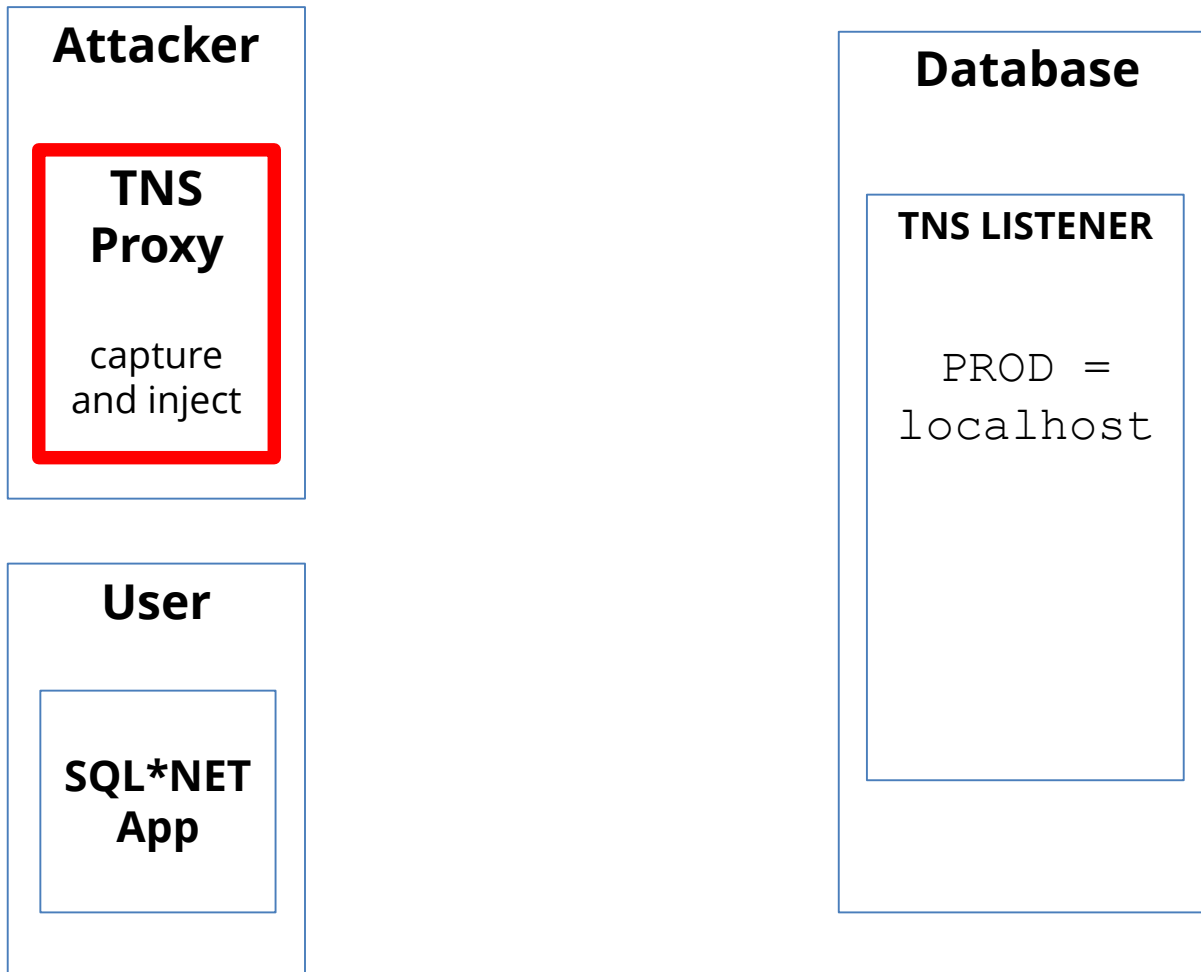
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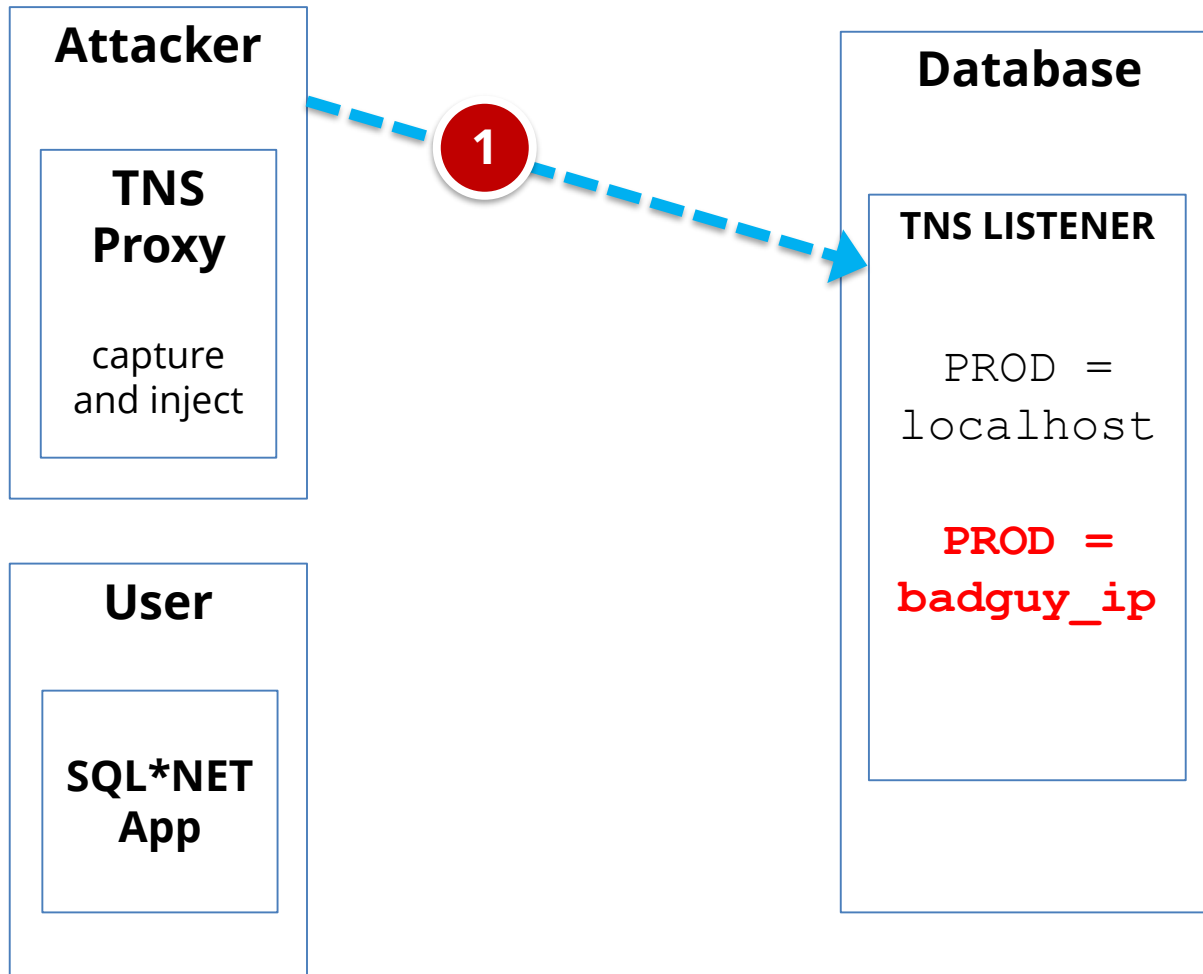
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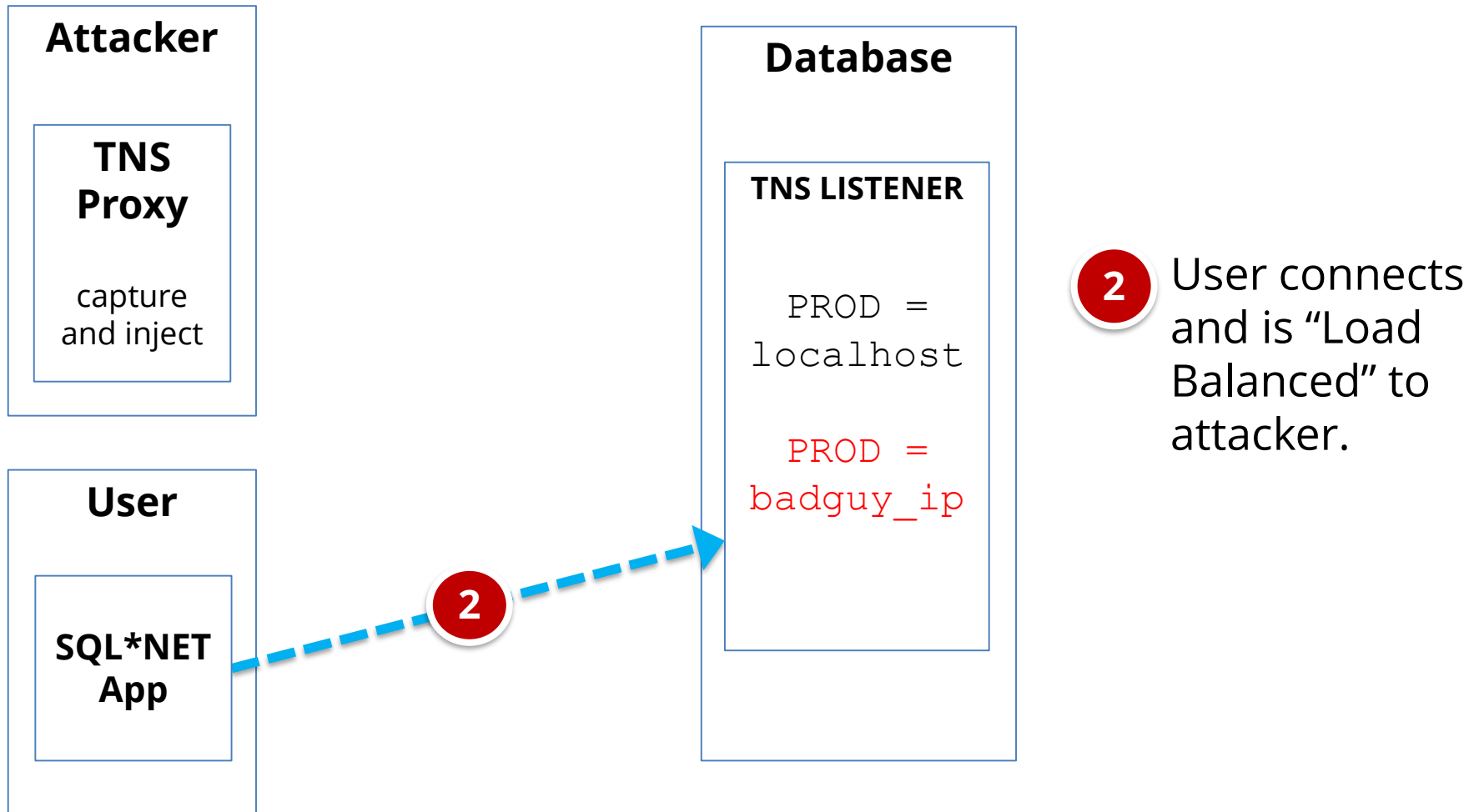


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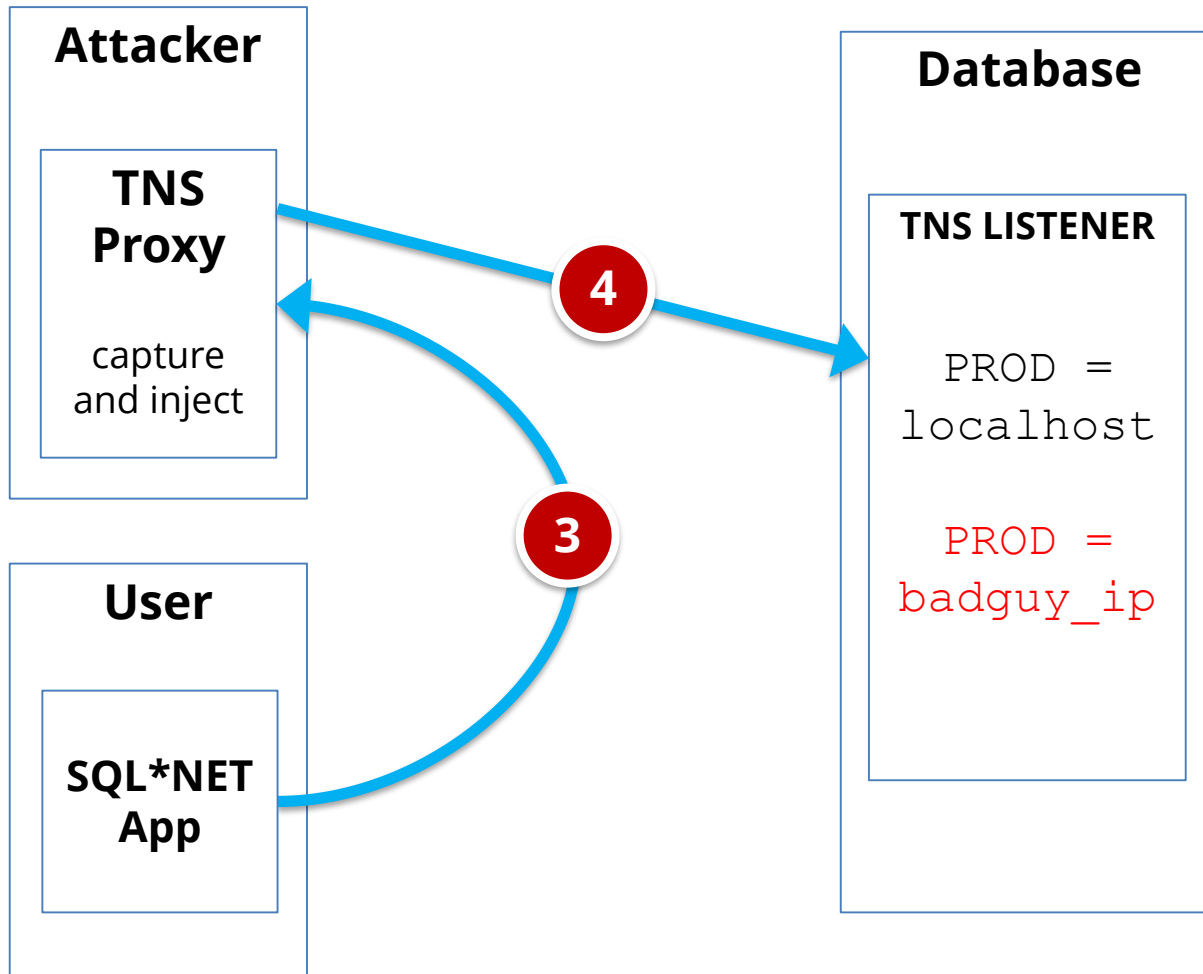


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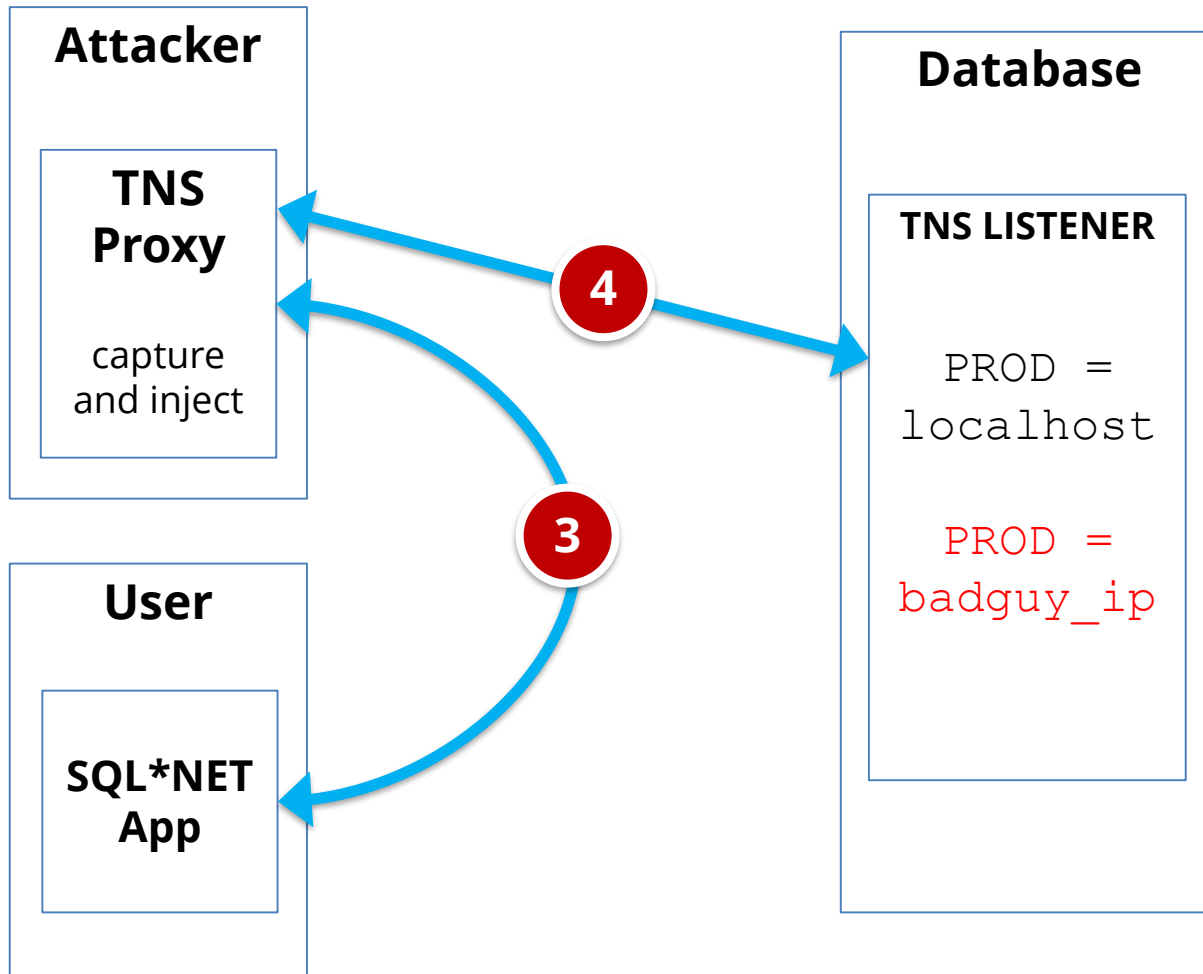
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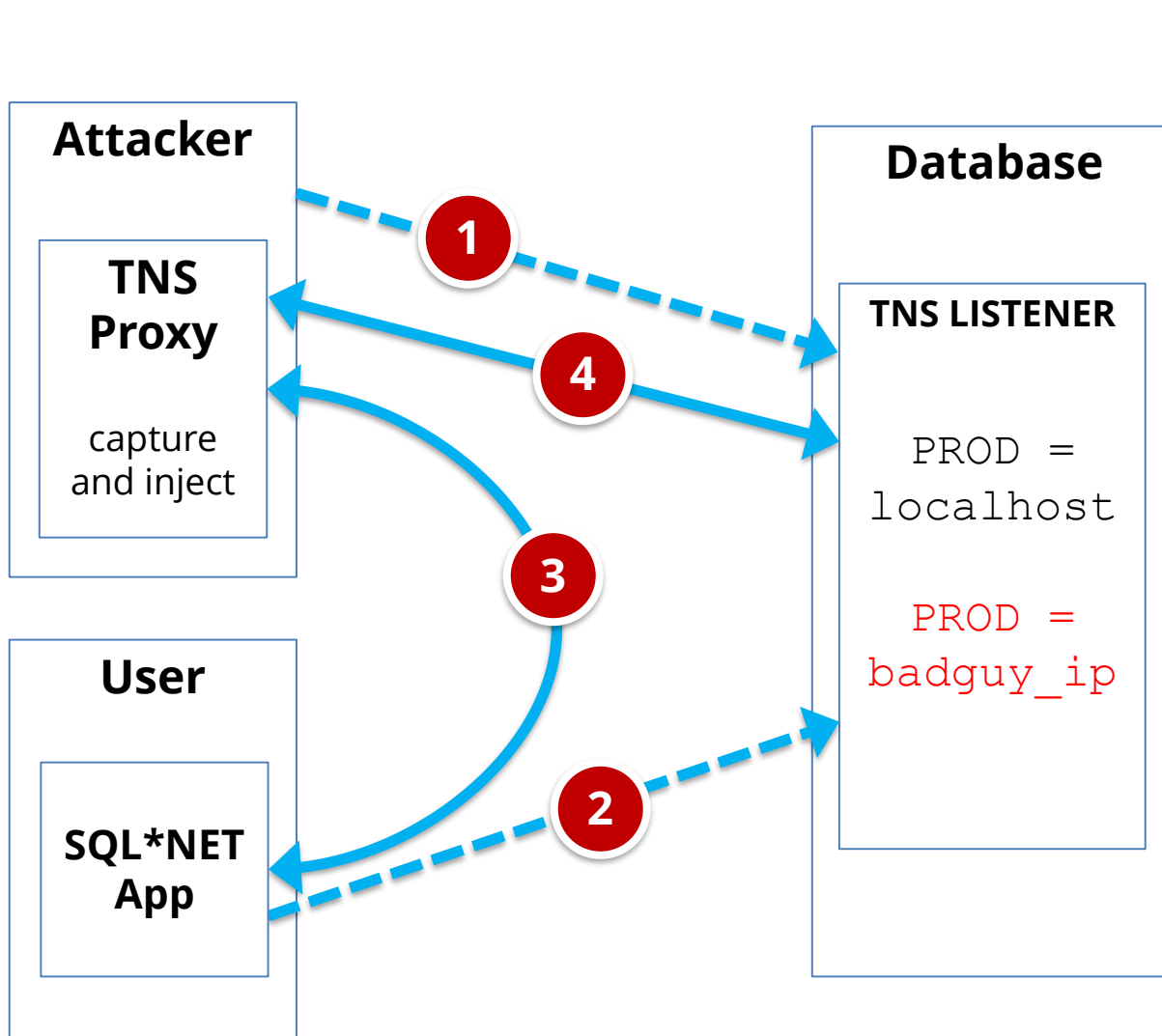
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- 1 Attacker dynamically registers Service with database.
- 2 User connects and is "Load Balanced" to attacker.
- 3 User connects to attacker rather than database.
- 4 Attacker forwards to database.

Demo

TNS Poisoning Attack

<http://joxeankoret.com/research.html>

“Oracle TNS Poison un-auth proof on concept (Oracle 9i, 10g and 11g)”

Exploit Information

- **Joxean Koret**
 - <http://joxeankoret.com/research.html>
 - Oracle TNS Poison proof on concept
 - Oracle 9i, 10g and 11g
- **tnspoisonv1.py**
 - Used to poison the remote database listener
- **proxy.py**
 - Proxy on attacker machine to accept client connections and forward to database server

Identifying Vulnerable Databases

- Check listener.ora for mitigation steps
- Use nmap (nmap.org)
 - oracle-tns-poison script from <https://gist.github.com/JukArkadiy/3d6cff222d1b87e963e7>

```
nmap -Pn -sT --script=+oracle-tns-poison  
-p 1521 192.168.2.18
```

TNS Poisoning Mitigation

Database Version	SSL Encrypt with Cert	COST <i>class of secure transport</i>	VNCR <i>valid node checking registration</i>
References	See ASO	1453883.1 1340831.1 (RAC)	1600630.1
8.1.7.x – 10.2.0.3	✓		
10.2.0.3 – 10.2.0.5	✓	✓	
11.1.0.x	✓	✓	
11.2.0.1 – 11.2.0.3	✓	✓	
11.2.0.4	✓	✓	✓
12.1.0.x*	✓	✓	✓ (Enabled by default)

* 12c does not allow remote registration by default.

VNCR – Valid Node Checking Registration

Valid Node Checking For Registration (VNCR) (Doc ID 1600630.1)

VALID_NODE_CHECKING_REGISTRATION_<listener_name>

<i>Setting</i>	<i>Description</i>
OFF 0	Disable VNCR 11.2.0.4 default value
ON LOCAL 1	Enable VNCR 12.1.0.x default value
SUBNET 2	All machines in the subnet are allowed registration

VNCR – Problems

- Many examples on Oracle and other web sites use `VALID_NODE_CHECKING_REGISTRATION_LISTENER` – if the listener name is not `LISTENER` it does not work. The listener name must be used.
- `VALID_NODE_CHECKING_REGISTRATION` without the listener name does not work.
- 12c is secure by default, however, some My Oracle Support (MOS) notes recommended disabling.

VNCR – Valid Node Check Registration

`REGISTRATION_INVITED_NODES_<listener-name>`

Values are valid IPs, valid hosts, a subnet using CIDR notation (for ip4/6), or wildcard (*) for ipv4.

```
REGISTRATION_INVITED_NODES_Listener=  
(net-vm1, 127.98.45.209, 127.42.5.*)
```

COST – Class of Secure Transport

- Using Class of Secure Transport (COST) to Restrict Instance Registration (Doc ID 1453883.1)
- Using Class of Secure Transport (COST) to Restrict Instance Registration in **Oracle RAC** (Doc ID 1340831.1)
- Required for 10.2.0.3 through 11.2.0.3

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