



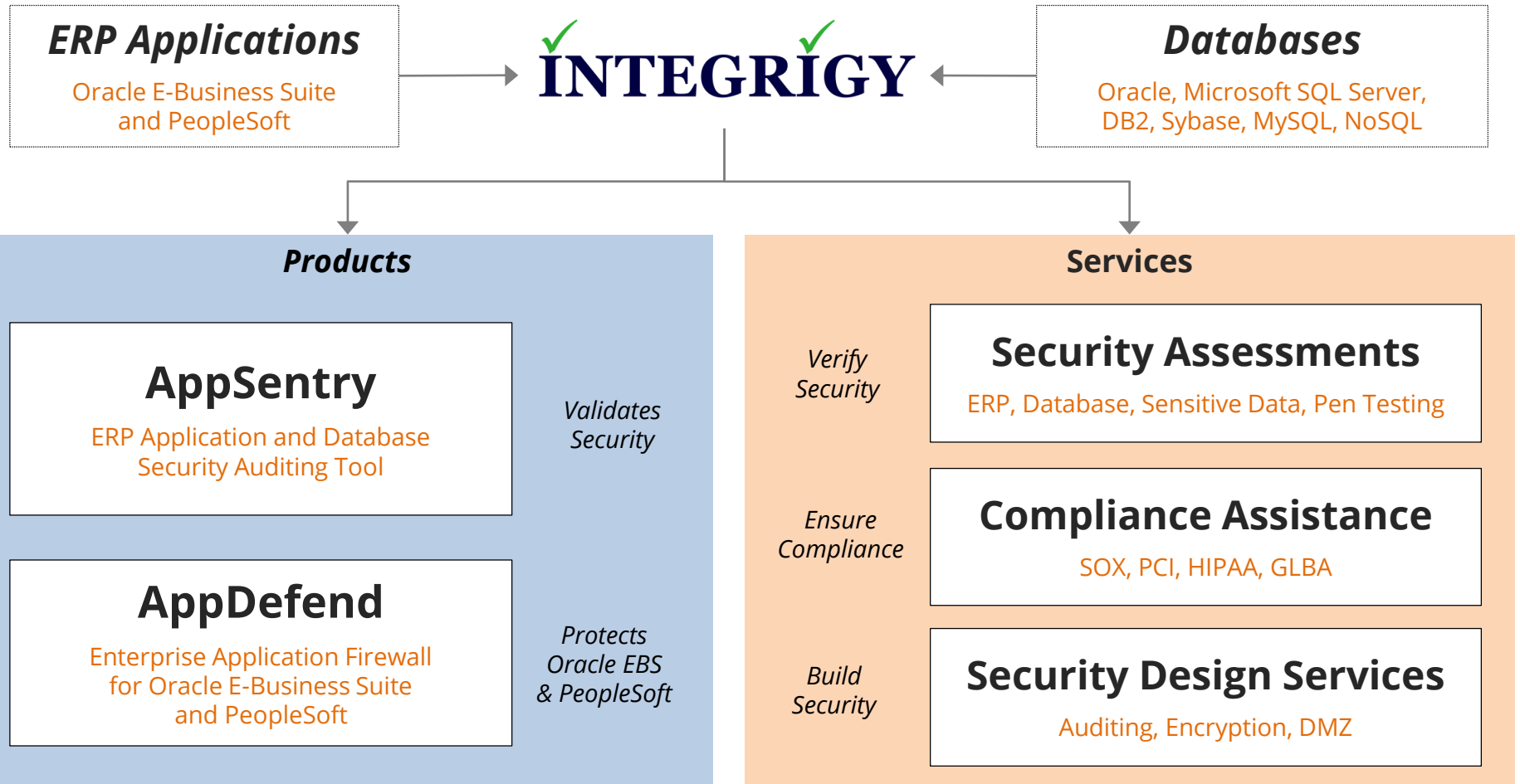
Change Your Thinking About Security with Oracle Database in the Cloud

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Why is the Cloud Inevitable?

- **Increasing feasibility of what is possible**
 - Cloud evolved from outsourcing and hosting
 - Fundamentally outsourcing moving up the stack
 - More multi-tenancy and lawyers, but very concept of what and where a server is changing
 - Is running a data center a competitive advantage for your organization?

- **Commoditization**
 - Paint-power-pipe (data center)
 - Baumol's cost disease - rise of salaries in jobs that have experienced no increase of labor productivity

Does the Cloud Change Database Security?

*Not the what and why,
maybe the how*

Data Ownership Does NOT Change

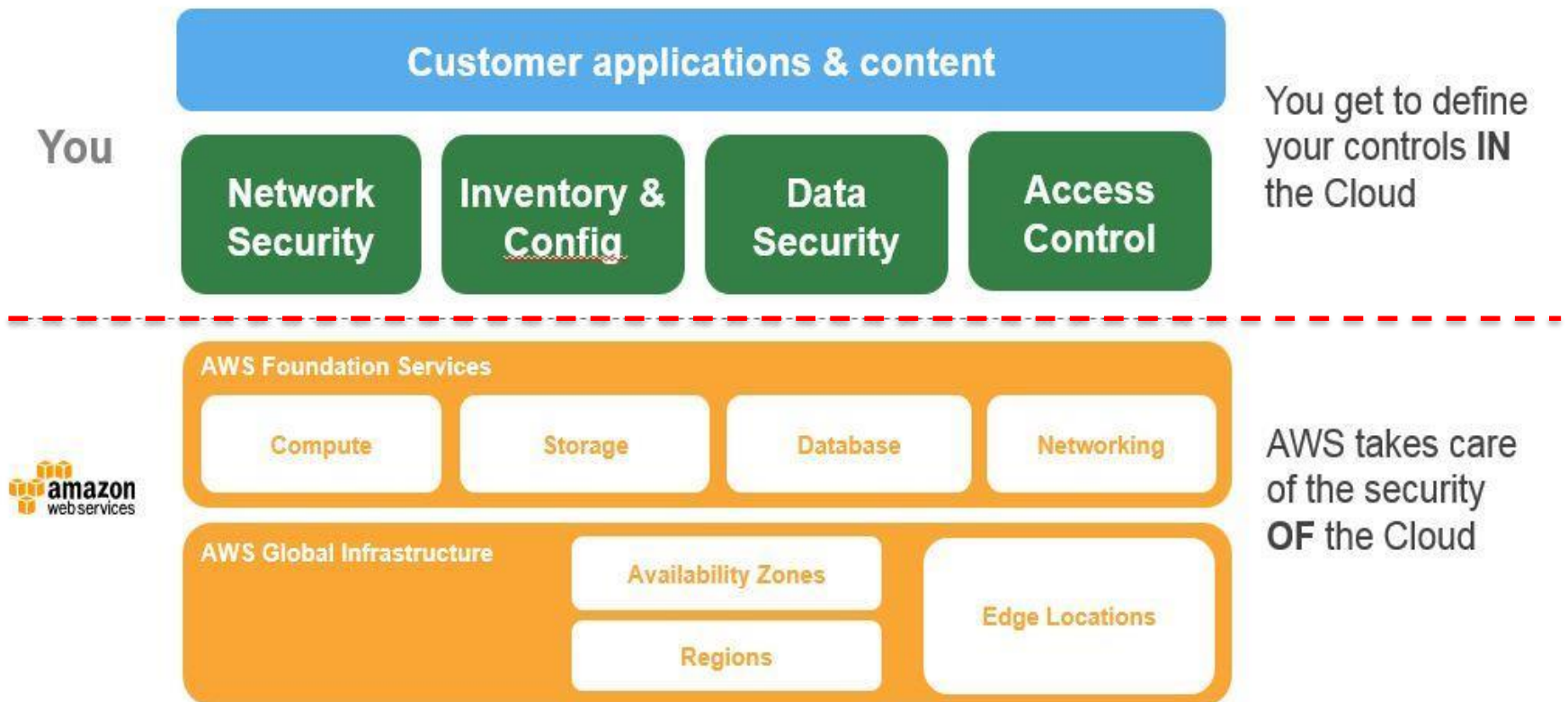
- **You own your data**
 - You are responsible regardless of where it is stored
- **Legal and compliance mandates should flow out and down to your vendor(s)**
 - “Onward transfer” is your responsibility
 - This includes your cloud provider
- **Cloud extends only what should already be in place to protect YOUR data**
 - Security needs to be scaled up
 - Clouds create more insiders

Security Responsibility by Cloud Type

Security/Type	IaaS	PaaS/DBaaS	SaaS
GRC	Green	Green	Green
Data	Green	Green	Green
Application	Green	Green	Red
Platform	Green	Red	Blue
Infrastructure	Red	Blue	Blue
Physical	Blue	Blue	Blue

Organization = Green Shared = Red Cloud Provider = Blue

Amazon AWS Shared Security



“Customers are responsible for the Confidentiality, Integrity and Availability of their data”

Cloud Security Alliance (CSA)

- **Mission statement**

- “To promote the use of best practices for providing security assurance within Cloud Computing, and provide education on the uses of Cloud Computing to help secure all other forms of computing”
- Cloud Controls Matrix (CCM)
- Security Trust and Assurance Registry (STAR)
- Consensus Assessments Initiative Questionnaire (CAIQ)
- <https://cloudsecurityalliance.org>

- **Recommendations**

- Use CSA certified Provider – Security Trust and Assurance Registry (STAR)
- Map your Provider’s controls to CCM

#1 Recommendation – Its All In The Contract

- Risk can be mitigated accepted, avoided, or transferred
 - Do so wisely
- **Before signing contract**
 - Require SOC 1 annually
 - Push for SOC 2 & CSA CCM controls
 - Read SOC carefully BEFORE signing and assuming nothing
 - Vet provider's supply chain for insiders (additional SOC reports)
- **After signing contract**
 - Hold Provider fully accountable

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Oracle Database Cloud Offerings – User-managed

Database Cloud Service (Virtual Machine)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ SSH and SQL*Net access▪ Security features based on product
Database Cloud Service (Bare Metal)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ SSH and SQL*Net access▪ Security features based on product
Exadata Express Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ SQL*Net, REST, and SODA access▪ Pluggable database▪ Enterprise edition plus options
Database Exadata Cloud Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ SSH, SQL*Net, REST, and SODA access▪ Enterprise edition plus all options
Database Schema Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ APEX and REST access only

Oracle Database Service – Security Options

	Standard	Enterprise	High/Extreme Performance
Standard Edition 2	✓		
Enterprise Edition		✓	✓
Transparent Data Encryption	✓	✓	✓
Data Masking and Subsetting		✓	✓
Oracle Database Vault			✓
Oracle Advanced Security – Data Redaction			✓
Oracle Label Security			✓

Database Enterprise Edition includes Real Application Security, Virtual Private Database (VPD), and Fine-Grained Auditing (FGA)

Amazon Terminology

AWS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Amazon Web Services
EC2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ IaaS▪ Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud▪ Virtualized hardware
RDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ DBaaS▪ Relational Database Service▪ Supports Amazon Aurora, PostgreSQL, MySQL, MariaDB, Oracle, and Microsoft SQL Server

Amazon Oracle Database Cloud Offerings

EC2 (IaaS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Pure virtualized hardware▪ Almost the same as running Oracle on-premise
RDS (DBaaS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ SQL*Net access – no SYSDBA▪ SYS and SYSTEM locked and cannot be used

RDS Supported

- Transparent Data Encryption (Add-on)
- Data Redaction (Add-on)
- SQL*Net Encryption
- Virtual Private Database (EE)
- Fine-Grained Auditing (EE)
- Unified Auditing Mixed Mode (12.2+)

RDS NOT Supported

- Database Vault
- Unified Auditing (12.1)
- Unified Auditing Pure Mode

Amazon Relational Database Service (RDS)

- Master DBA account used rather than *SYS/SYSTEM*
- DBA account does not have the following privileges
 - alter database
 - alter system
 - create any directory
 - drop any directory
 - grant any privilege
 - grant any role

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Database Security in the Cloud – Issues

- **Complete database control equals complete responsibility, same as before**
 - Oracle Database Cloud Service
 - Oracle Autonomous Cloud Service = shared database control
 - AWS EC2
 - AWS RDS = shared database control
- **Marginal to material security impacts**
 - Insecurities about the Cloud
 - Excessive concerns by auditors (and others)
 - Insufficient auditor capacity and expertise
 - Increased number of insiders
 - Indeterminate technical complexities and expertise
 - Ineptitude due to junior DBAs or no DBAs

Professional Management Still Needed

- **Infrastructure, architecture, and databases still need professional management**
 - Databases are critical assets that need to be under your change control
 - Provisioning processes and gatekeepers needed
 - Technical decisions still need to be made
 - Security patches NOT automatically applied quarterly
 - Use Oracle OEM if possible

High-level/Architect DBA expertise required for Cloud oversight

Restrict Access to Database

- **Secure Provider's management console**
 - Separate admin accounts for production and test/development
 - AWS – Multi-factor authentication (Key Fob or Display Card)
 - AWS – Don't use root (Console account) for day-to-day, create super admins using Identity Access Management (IAS)
- **Network**
 - Oracle – Security IP lists & Rules
 - AWS – security Groups (IP ACLs) & subnets
 - Bastion host/jump box for admins and DBAs

Restrict Access to Database

- **Cloud ACLs and services**
 - Can be fully managed within the cloud tools
- **Oracle Database Valid Node Checking**
 - Simple lists of IP addresses
- **Oracle Connection Manager**
 - Can be deployed on same sever
 - Most flexible rules to restrict access
- **Oracle Database Vault**
 - Connection rules
 - Database add-on – included with Oracle High/Extreme Performance
- **Database Firewall**

Database Security Patches (Critical Patch Updates)

Oracle	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ CPU patches available quickly▪ Approved patches can be applied through the Service Console or dbaascli-dbpatchm
AWS RDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Patch Set Updates (PSU) available for currently supported versions (11.2.0.4 and 12.1.0.2) with other AWS determined patches▪ RU and RUR available for currently supported versions (19c, 18c, 12.2) with other AWS determined patches▪ No one-off patches – only PSUs▪ Delay from release to RDS availability

Prove Governance by Using Baselines

- **Use security best practice baseline configurations specific to Oracle RDBMS**
 - CIS Oracle 11.2, 12c
<https://benchmarks.cisecurity.org/downloads/show-single/?file=oracle12c.100>
 - US DoD DISA STIG <http://iase.disa.mil/stigs/app-security/database/Pages/index.aspx>
- **Sanity check provider's baseline and guard against configuration drift**
 - Hundreds of thoroughly researched controls
 - Must customize CIS or DISA STIG as default will break applications
 - Must prove on-going adherence, not just one-time project
 - Use to calm and objectively communicate with auditors

Automate Baseline Reporting

- **Manual auditing does not work**
 - Very time consuming to check everything – hundreds of items to check and analyze, inclusive of passwords
 - Auditor's knowledge must be extensive and broad
 - Technical and functional auditing skills required
 - Difficult and expensive to conduct a 2 week annual audit per database
 - New exploits and vulnerabilities are discovered frequently
- **Few tools exist to automate audit process**
 - Multiple tools required to automate entire process
 - Tools are usually a conglomeration of SQL and shell scripts
 - Difficult to keep accurate inventory of new security issues
- **Examples**
 - Oracle Enterprise Manager (with add-on Lifecycle Management Pack)
 - Integrigy AppSentry

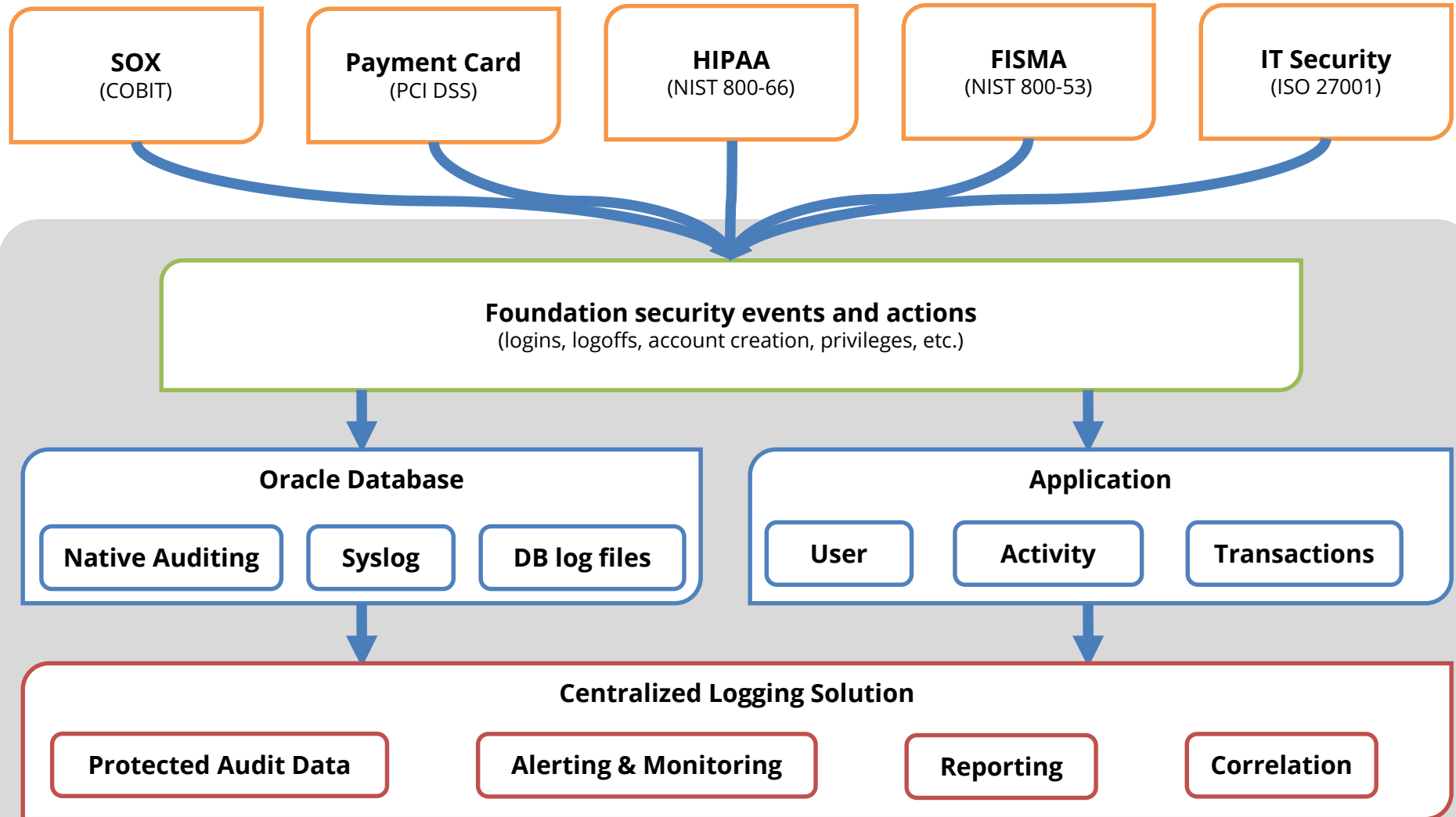
Continuously Audit to Verify Trust

- **Risks to databases in the Cloud**
 - How do guard against authorized changes and access
 - How to identify poor or risky behaviors
 - How to meet compliance requirements (SOX, HIPAA, PCI)
- **All research says to use policy of Trust-but-Verify for continuous auditing**
 - Implement log and audit framework for whole tech stack
 - Regular assessments (e.g., Integriqy to professionally review)
- **Integriqy Framework for Oracle Database logging and auditing**
 - <http://www.integriqy.com/security-resources/guide-auditing-oracle-applications>

Log and Audit File Retention

Oracle	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Alert log, database audit files, listener log files retained by default for 14 days▪ Edit <code>/var/opt/oracle/cleandb/cleandblogs.cfg</code> to change retention periods
AWS RDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Alert log, database audit files, listener log files retained by default for at least 7 days and may be removed▪ Must download files to long-term retention▪ No access to <code>SYS.FGA_LOG\$</code>

Integrigy Framework for Auditing and Logging



Foundation Security Events Mapping

Security Events and Actions	PCI DSS 10.2	SOX (COBIT)	HIPAA (NIST 800-66)	IT Security (ISO 27001)	FISMA (NIST 800-53)
E1 - Login	10.2.5	A12.3	164.312(c)(2)	A 10.10.1	AU-2
E2 - Logoff	10.2.5	DS5.5	164.312(c)(2)	A 10.10.1	AU-2
E3 - Unsuccessful login	10.2.4	DS5.5	164.312(c)(2)	A 10.10.1 A.11.5.1	AC-7
E4 - Modify authentication mechanisms	10.2.5	DS5.5	164.312(c)(2)	A 10.10.1	AU-2
E5 - Create user account	10.2.5	DS5.5	164.312(c)(2)	A 10.10.1	AU-2
E6 - Modify user account	10.2.5	DS5.5	164.312(c)(2)	A 10.10.1	AU-2
E7 - Create role	10.2.5	DS5.5	164.312(c)(2)	A 10.10.1	AU-2
E8 - Modify role	10.2.5	DS5.5	164.312(c)(2)	A 10.10.1	AU-2
E9 - Grant/revoke user privileges	10.2.5	DS5.5	164.312(c)(2)	A 10.10.1	AU-2
E10 - Grant/revoke role privileges	10.2.5	DS5.5	164.312(c)(2)	A 10.10.1	AU-2
E11 - Privileged commands	10.2.2	DS5.5	164.312(c)(2)	A 10.10.1	AU-2
E12 - Modify audit and logging	10.2.6	DS5.5	164.312(c)(2)	A 10.10.1	AU-2 AU-9
E13 - Objects Create/Modify/Delete	10.2.7	DS5.5	164.312(c)(2)	A 10.10.1	AU-2 AU-14
E14 - Modify configuration settings	10.2.2	DS5.5	164.312(c)(2)	A 10.10.1	AU-2

Benefits of the Log and Audit Framework

- **Based on database security research**
 - Designed as part of a holistic database security program
 - Enforces configuration and access management best practices
 - Compliance matrix mapping – SOX, PCI etc.
 - Specific high-risk events, sensitive packages, alerts, error codes and usage patterns
 - Machine learning should only augment basic auditing
- **Designed for use with a SIEM for decision making**
 - Integrate database events with infrastructure and applications
 - Correlate with AWS CloudWatch, CloudTrail and Config
- **Roadmap for future**
 - Will help get started or improve existing DAM implementation
 - Three levels of maturity

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Cloud Encryption Options

- **Network (Data in motion)**
 - Encryption of data when transferred between two systems
 - SQL*Net encryption (database)
- **Storage (Data at rest)**
 - Disk, storage, media level encryption
 - Encryption of data at rest such as when stored in files or on media
 - Oracle TDE (database)
- **Access (Data in use)**
 - Application or database level encryption
 - Encryption of data with access permitted only to a subset of users in order to enforce segregation of duties
 - Not provided by cloud providers

SQL*Net Encryption

Oracle

- SQL*Net encryption enabled by default

```
SQLNET.ENCRYPTION_SERVER = required  
SQLNET.CRYPTO_CHECKSUM_SERVER = required
```

AWS RDS

- SQL*Net encryption is not required by default

```
SQLNET.ENCRYPTION_SERVER = requested  
SQLNET.CRYPTO_CHECKSUM_SERVER = requested
```

- Referred to as Oracle Native Network Encryption (NNE)
- Set to “required” by creating a new or modifying an existing Option Group

Misconceptions about Database Encryption

- **Not an access control tool**
 - Encryption does not solve access control problems
 - Data is encrypted the same regardless of user
 - Coarse-grained file access control only
- **No malicious employee protection**
 - Encryption does not protect against malicious privileged employees and contractors
 - DBAs have full access
- **Key management determines success**
 - To encrypt for security, you hold the keys
 - To encrypt for compliance the Provider holds the keys

What does Oracle TDE do and not do?

- **TDE only encrypts “data at rest”**
- **TDE protects data if following is stolen or lost -**
 - disk drive
 - database file
 - backup tape of the database files
- **An authenticated database user sees no change**
 - Query results will be decrypted and shown in clear text
- **Does TDE meet legal requirements for encryption?**
 - Access to Oracle wallets (TDE) controls everything
 - California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA), Payment Card Industry Data Security (PCI-DSS)
 - Ask your legal department

Oracle Transparent Data Encryption

<p>Oracle</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Oracle TDE included with all cloud databases▪ Oracle TDE enabled by default▪ Oracle Wallet set to auto-open▪ Allows access and control of the Oracle Wallet▪ Customer responsible for rotating TDE master key▪ TDE master keys may be stored in Oracle Key Vault (\$)▪ Migrated databases are NOT encrypted during migration – must be encrypted after migration
<p>AWS RDS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Oracle TDE is an option and must be enabled▪ Requires an Oracle TDE license▪ AWS manages the Oracle wallet and TDE master key▪ No capability to rotate the TDE master key

Consider Using Oracle Database Vault

- **Enhanced data protection**
 - Prevent ad-hoc access to sensitive data by privileged users
 - Define and enforce trusted paths & operational controls
 - Segregation of duties between DBA and security administrator
- **Layer on top of existing database**
 - No effect on direct object privileges or PUBLIC object privileges
- **Rule driven**
 - Control individual SQL commands, privileges
 - Control by IP address, time, etc.
- **Includes audit reporting**
 - Privilege analysis and success & failure
- **Included with Oracle High/Extreme Performance**
- **Not available with AWS Oracle RDS**

Use Command Rules to limit Direct Access

	IP Address	Program¹	OS User¹
o1 - SYS	database server	unlimited	oracle
o2 - SYSTEM	EBS server	unlimited	oracle/applmgr
o3 - Management	OEM server	unlimited	oracle
o4 - Backup	backup server	unlimited	oracle
a1 - Interactive	EBS server	unlimited	oracle/applmgr
a2 - Data Owner	EBS server	unlimited	oracle/applmgr
a3 - Interface	per interface	per interface	per interface
u1 - DBA	EBS server & jump	unlimited	unlimited
u2 - Client/Server	none	none	none
u3 - Ad-hoc	unlimited	approved list	unlimited

¹Program and OS user may be spoofed by the client and are not fully reliable.

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