

When You Can't Apply Oracle Security Patches

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Oracle Database

Why are CPU Patches Not Applied?

Oracle Database Critical Patch Updates (CPU) are not applied to many production databases due to testing, support, downtime, and application issues.

- Lack of IT Management and DBA prioritization of security patches and periodic database upgrades
 - Significant effort to apply and test security patches
 - Security patches may require a database upgrade

Limitations on applying database security patches

- Application may not support a database upgrade
- No downtime window available

Quiz – Database CPU

ACTION_TIME	ACTION	VERSION	COMMENTS
18-JUN-08 03.13.45.093449 PM	UPGRADE	10.2.0.3.0	Upgraded from 9.2.0.8.0
18-JAN-09 06.51.32.425375 AM	APPLY	10.2.0.4	CPUJan2009
09-APR-09 04.48.14.903718 PM	UPGRADE	10.2.0.4.0	Upgraded from 10.2.0.3.0
18-AUG-09 08.50.30.021401 AM	APPLY	10.2.0.4	CPUJul2009
16-OCT-11 07.18.57.042620 AM	APPLY	10.2.0.4	CPUJul2011
27-FEB-13 06.42.55.108783 AM	UPGRADE	11.2.0.2.0	Upgraded from 10.2.0.4.0

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Critical Patch Updates Database Baselines

Database Version Upgrade Patch	Included CPU
10.2.0.4	April 2008
10.2.0.5	October 2010
11.1.0.6	October 2007
11.1.0.7	January 2009
11.2.0.1	January 2010
11.2.0.2	January 2011
11.2.0.3	July 2011

At time of release, the latest <u>available</u> CPU is included.

CPU Baselines and Terminal Patches

Database Version Upgrade Patch	Included CPU	Terminal CPU
10.2.0.4	April 2008	July 2011
10.2.0.5	October 2010	July 2013 (ES)
11.1.0.6	October 2007	July 2009
11.1.0.7	January 2009	July 2015
11.2.0.1	January 2010	July 2011
11.2.0.2	January 2011	October 2013
11.2.0.3	July 2011	TBD

Oracle 11.2.0.2 Scenario

Oracle 11.2.0.2 database installed with no CPU applied, so missing April 2011 through April 2013. Client unable to apply CPUs due to limited IT resources and outsourcer.

- Application vendor has not yet certified 11.2.0.3 for use with primary database application.
 - CPU support will end with October 2013 CPU
- * CPU was not applied when database was upgraded.
 - Database CPU level reset to January 2011 during upgrade in February 2013 – January 2012 CPU had been applied previously

No CPUs applied due to limited IT resources

Missing 9 CPUs – 29 unpatched security vulnerabilities

Oracle Database CPU Risks and Threats

The risk of Oracle database security vulnerabilities depends if an attacker has a database account or can obtain a database account.

Type of User	Database Account	Description
Unauthenticated user	No	Can connect to database listener if IP address, port, SID is known
Low privileged user	Yes	Only PUBLIC privileges
Moderate privileged user	Yes	Some privileges
High privileged user	Yes	DBA like privileges

11.2.0.2 CPU Risk Mapping

Type of User	Number of Security Bugs	Notes
Unauthenticated user No database account	9	1 – O5LOGON Authentication 7 – Denial of service
Low privileged user Create session system privilege only	7	 Averages one per CPU Requires only PUBLIC privileges
Moderate privileged user Create table, procedure, index, etc.	6	 Usually requires CREATE PROCEDURE system privilege
High privileged user DBA, SYSDBA, local OS access, etc.	7	2 – SYSDBA privileges 3 – Advanced privileges 2 – Local OS access

<u>ALWAYS</u> install latest CPU with database installation or upgrades

- Database Install + latest CPU
- Database Upgrade + latest CPU

PSU = For production, use PSU from last test DB**SPU** = For production, use latest SPU – low risk

Oracle Database Patch Set Update

- April 2013 for 11.2.0.2 – Bug Fixes

- SPU = 29 only security fixes
- PSU = 409 security fixes + priority fixes

PSU is a patching path

- Once applied, must always apply PSUs rather than CPUs until next database upgrade
- CPUs apply to base version only no PSU

Solutions by Risk for No CPUs

Type of User	Solutions if CPUs not applied
Unauthenticated user No database account	#2 – Limit direct access to the database
Low privileged user Create session system privilege only	#3 – Use only named accounts #4 – No generic read-only accounts
Moderate privileged user Create table, procedure, index, etc.	#5 – Limit privileges in production
High privileged user DBA, SYSDBA, local OS access, etc.	#6 – Use database vault #7 – External database auditing solution #8 – Limit OS access for prod to DBAs

#2 – Limit Database Access

1. Enterprise firewall and VPN solutions

 Block all direct database access outside of the data center

2. SQL*Net Valid Node Checking

- Included with database
- Block access by IP address

3. Oracle Connection Manager

- SQL*Net proxy server, included with database
- Block access by IP address or range

4. Oracle Database Vault

• Add-on database security product

Oracle E-Business Suite

Oracle EBS CPU Risks and Threats

The risk of Oracle E-Business Suite security vulnerabilities depends if the application is externally accessible and if the attacker has a valid application session.

Type of User	Application Session	Description
External unauthenticated user	No	Access external URL
External authenticated user	Yes	Any responsibility
Internal unauthenticated user	No	Access internal URL
Internal authenticated user	Yes	Any responsibility

Critical Patch Updates EBS Baselines

EBS Version	Included CPU
12.0.6	October 2008
12.1.1	April 2009
12.1.2	October 2009
12.1.3	July 2010

At time of release, the latest <u>available</u> CPU is included.

Critical Patch Update EBS Upgrade Impact

Type of Upgrade	Impact	Description
11.5 to 11.5 (11.5.9 → 11.5.10.2) 12.0 to 12.0 (12.0.4 → 12.0.6) 12.1 to 12.1 (12.1.1 → 12.1.3)	Low	 All files are versioned A few fixes may be reversed
11i to 12.x (11.5.10.2 → 12.1.3)	High	 11i and R12 version numbers are different ALL fixes will be reversed
12.0 to 12.1 (12.0.6 → 12.1.3)	Moderate	 12.0 and 12.1 version numbers can be different Most fixes will be reversed

<u>ALWAYS</u> install latest CPU with application installation or upgrades

- EBS Install + latest CPU
- EBS Upgrade + latest CPU

12.1.3 CPU Risk Mapping

Type of User	Number of Security Bugs	Notes
External unauthenticated user	18 ⁽¹⁾	 16 of 18 are high risk
External authenticated user	5 (1)	 3 of 5 are exploited with only a valid application session
Internal unauthenticated user	34	 Most are high risk
Internal authenticated user	12	 Most require access to specific module in order to exploit

(1) Assumes URL firewall is enabled and count is for all external "i" modules (iSupplier, iStore, etc.).

Solutions by Risk for No CPUs

Type of User	Solutions if CPUs not applied
External unauthenticated user	#2 – Enable Oracle EBS URL firewall #3 – Implement Integrigy's AppDefend
External	
authenticated user	#4 – Enable Oracle EBS external responsibilities
Internal unauthenticated	
user	#5 – Implement Integrigy's AppDefend
Internal	
authenticated user	#6 – Limit access to privileged responsibilities

Oracle EBS DMZ MOS 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 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* **11***i*

Oracle EBS DMZ Configuration



 Proper DMZ configuration reduces accessible pages and responsibilities to only those required for external access. Reducing the application surface area eliminates possible exploiting of vulnerabilities in non-external modules.

Integrigy AppDefend for R12

AppDefend is an **enterprise application firewall** designed and optimized for the Oracle E-Business Suite R12.

Prevents Web Attacks
 Detects and reacts to SQL
 Injection, XSS, and known
 Oracle EBS vulnerabilities

Application Logging

Enhanced application logging for compliance requirements like PCI-DSS 10.2

Limits EBS Modules

More flexibility and capabilities than URL firewall to identify EBS modules

***** Protects Web Services

Detects and reacts to attacks against native Oracle EBS web services (SOA, SOAP, REST)

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