



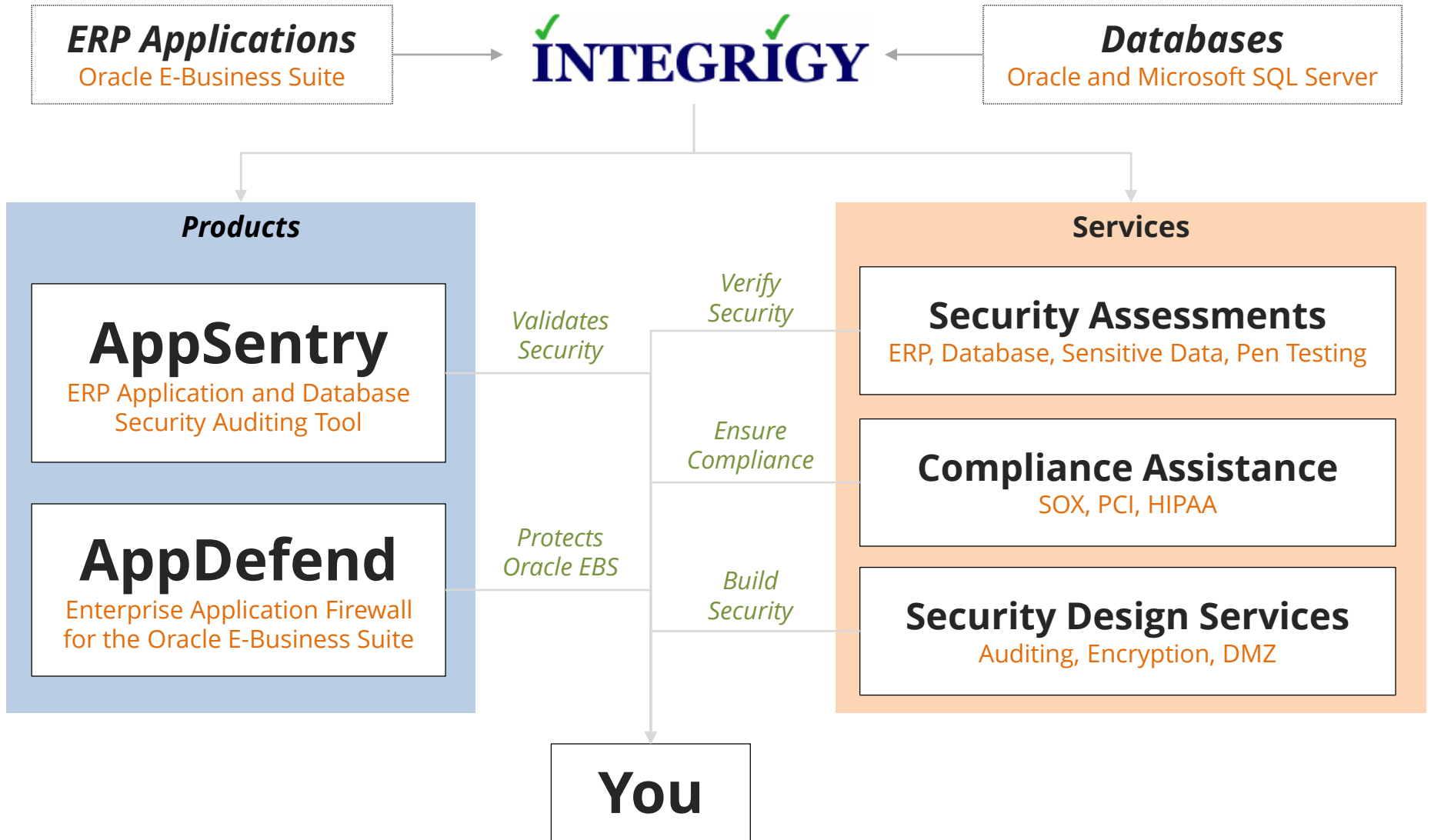
# When You Can't Apply Oracle EBS 11i and R12 CPU Security Patches

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# About Integrigy



# Why are CPU Patches Not Applied?

Oracle Critical Patch Updates (CPU) are not applied to many Oracle E-Business Suite environments due to support, testing, downtime, and application issues.

- ❖ **Lack of IT Management and DBA prioritization of security patches and periodic technical upgrades**
- ❖ **Unsupported application or database versions**
  - Oracle EBS 11.5.10 and 12.0 are de-supported for CPUS
- ❖ **Dropped Oracle Support or using third-party support**
  - Oracle CPU patches require current Oracle Support

# **de·sup·port** [**dee-suh-pawrt**]

## *noun*

1. the state of not being supported.
2. a phenomenon that occurs to Oracle customers.

## *verb*

1. to end or remove support.

# Oracle Product Lifetime Support Model

<b>Premier</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Five years from release</li><li>▪ Security patches and Critical Patch Updates</li></ul>
<b>Extended</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Three years additional</li><li>▪ Security patches and Critical Patch Updates</li><li>▪ Additional annual fee</li></ul>
<b>Sustaining (desupport)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>NO security patches</b></li><li>▪ <b>NO Critical Patch Updates</b></li><li>▪ Indefinite as long as pay annual maintenance</li><li>▪ Requires a minimum patch level – usually the terminal patchset or set of patches</li></ul>

# Oracle Software Error Correction Support

<b>Oracle Database Oracle Fusion Middleware Oracle Enterprise Manager</b>	<b>MOS Note ID 209768.1</b>
<b>Oracle E-Business Suite</b>	<b>MOS Note ID 1195034.1</b>
<b>Oracle Lifetime Support</b>	<a href="http://www.oracle.com/us/support/lifetime-support/index.html">http://www.oracle.com/us/support/lifetime-support/index.html</a>

# Oracle Database Version Support

Major Releases	Extended Support End Date	Patchsets	CPU Support End Date
<b>Oracle 12c R1</b>	July 2021	<b>12.1.0.2</b>	<b>July 2021</b>
		<b>12.1.0.1</b>	<b>July 2016</b> (extended from July 2015)
<b>Oracle 11g R2</b>	December 2020	<b>11.2.0.4</b>	<b>October 2020</b> (extended from October 2018)
		11.2.0.3	July 2015
		11.2.0.2	January 2013
		11.2.0.1	July 2011
<b>Oracle 11g R1</b>	August 2015	11.1.0.7	July 2015
<b>Oracle 10g R2</b>	July 2013	10.2.0.5	July 2013
<b>Oracle 10g R1</b>	January 2012	10.1.0.5	January 2012

# Oracle E-Business Suite Version Support

Version	Premier Support End Date	Extended Support End Date (1)	CPU Support End Date
<b>EBS 12.2</b>	September 2021	TBD	<b>TBD</b>
<b>EBS 12.1</b>	December 2016	December 2019	<b>October 2019</b>
<del><b>EBS 12.0</b></del>	<del>January 2012</del>	<del>January 2015</del>	<b>January 2015</b>
<del><b>EBS 11.5.10</b></del>	<del>November 2010</del>	<del>November 2013</del>	<b>January 2016 (2, 3)</b>
<del><b>EBS 11.5.9</b></del>	<del>June 2008</del>	<del>N/A</del>	<del>July 2008</del>
<del><b>EBS 11.5.8</b></del>	<del>November 2007</del>	<del>N/A</del>	<del>October 2007</del>
<del><b>EBS 11.5.7</b></del>	<del>May 2007</del>	<del>N/A</del>	<del>April 2007</del>

1. Extended support requires a minimum baseline patch level – see MOS Note ID 1195034.1.
2. After January 2016, CPUs are available for customers with Advanced Support Contracts.
3. 11.5.10 Sustaining support exception through January 2016 provides CPUs.



# Oracle EBS Extended Support Requirements

<b>12.2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ EBS 12.2.3</li><li>▪ R12.AD.C.DELTA.7</li></ul>
<b>12.1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Basically 12.1.3</li><li>▪ Application Server 10.1.3.5</li></ul>
<b>12.0</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ EBS 12.0.6</li><li>▪ Application Server 10.1.2.3 &amp; 10.1.3.5</li><li>▪ Java 6</li></ul>
<b>11.5.10</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ ATG RUP 6 or ATG RUP 7</li></ul>

# Security Implications of Desupport

- 1 No security patches or Critical Patch Updates**
- 2 No security configuration updates**
- 3 No technology stack updates or upgrades**
- 4 No major security documentation updates**
- 5 No research or validation of submitted security bugs**

# No Security Configuration Updates

- **State of security changes over time**
  - Hacking techniques and tools evolve
  - HTTP cookie security is a prime example
- **Oracle improves security with tweaks to configuration settings through patches and security patches**
  - Mostly minor and behind the scenes changes, but impact security in a meaningful way
  - Oracle Database privilege changes
  - Oracle E-Business Suite web server configuration

# No Technology Stack Updates or Upgrades

- **Oracle Database**

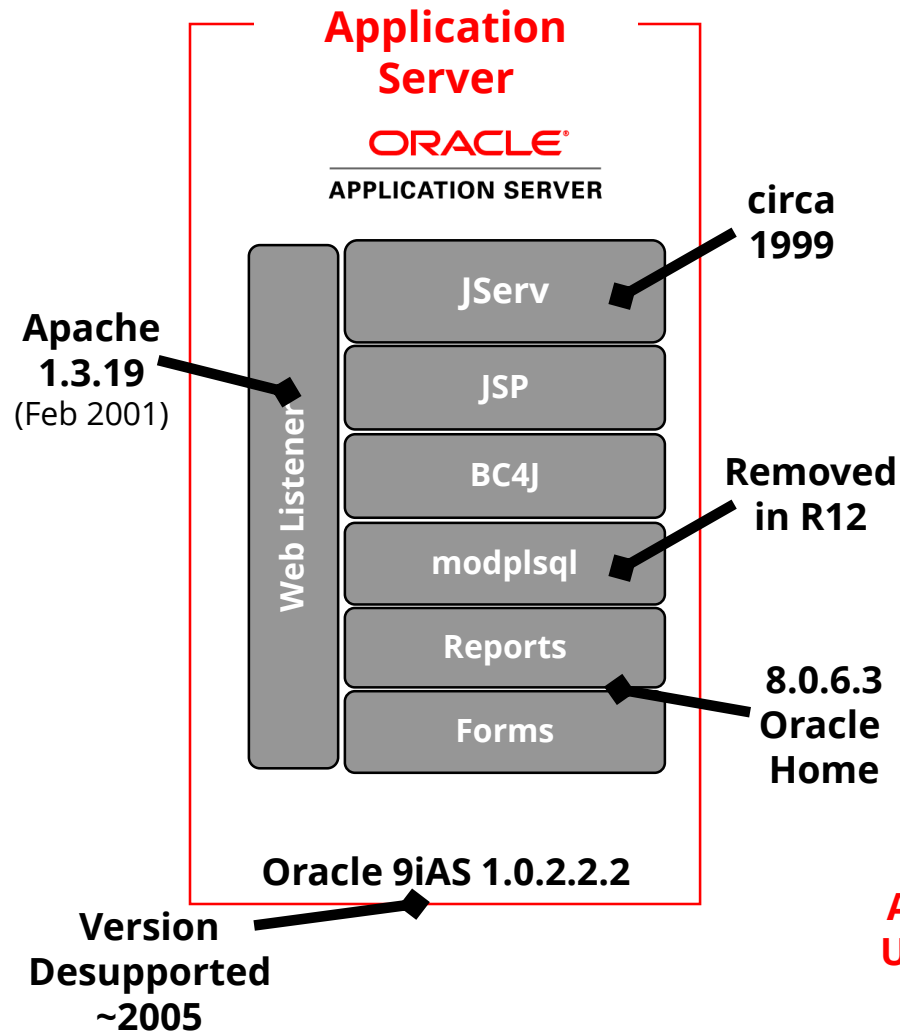
- APEX versions not certified

- **Oracle E-Business Suite**

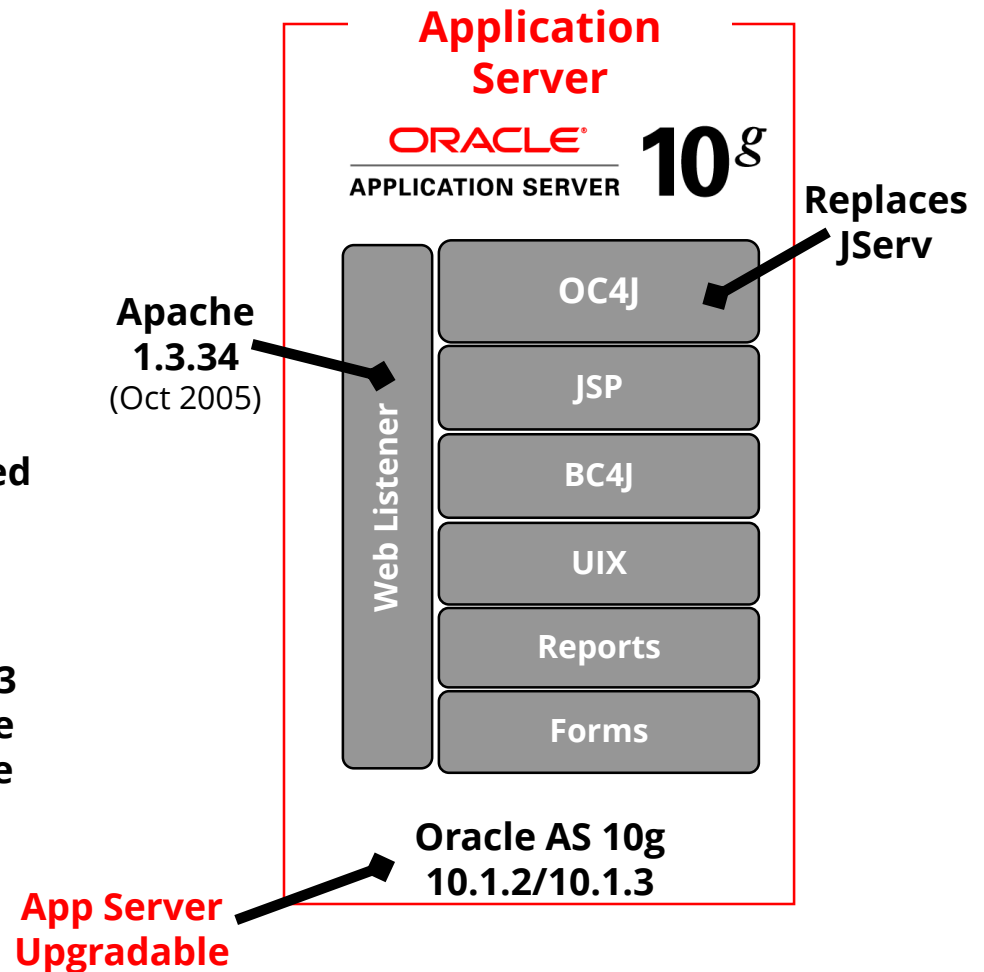
- New database versions not certified – no security patches for the database
- Application server security patches not available
- Apache, Forms, Reports, JServ, and SSL versions for 11.5.10 are ancient – security improvements as well as patches

# 11i/R12 Architecture Differences

## Oracle EBS 11.5.10.2



## Oracle EBS 12.1.3



# No Security Documentation Updates

- **Oracle Database**

- Oracle Security Guide not updated

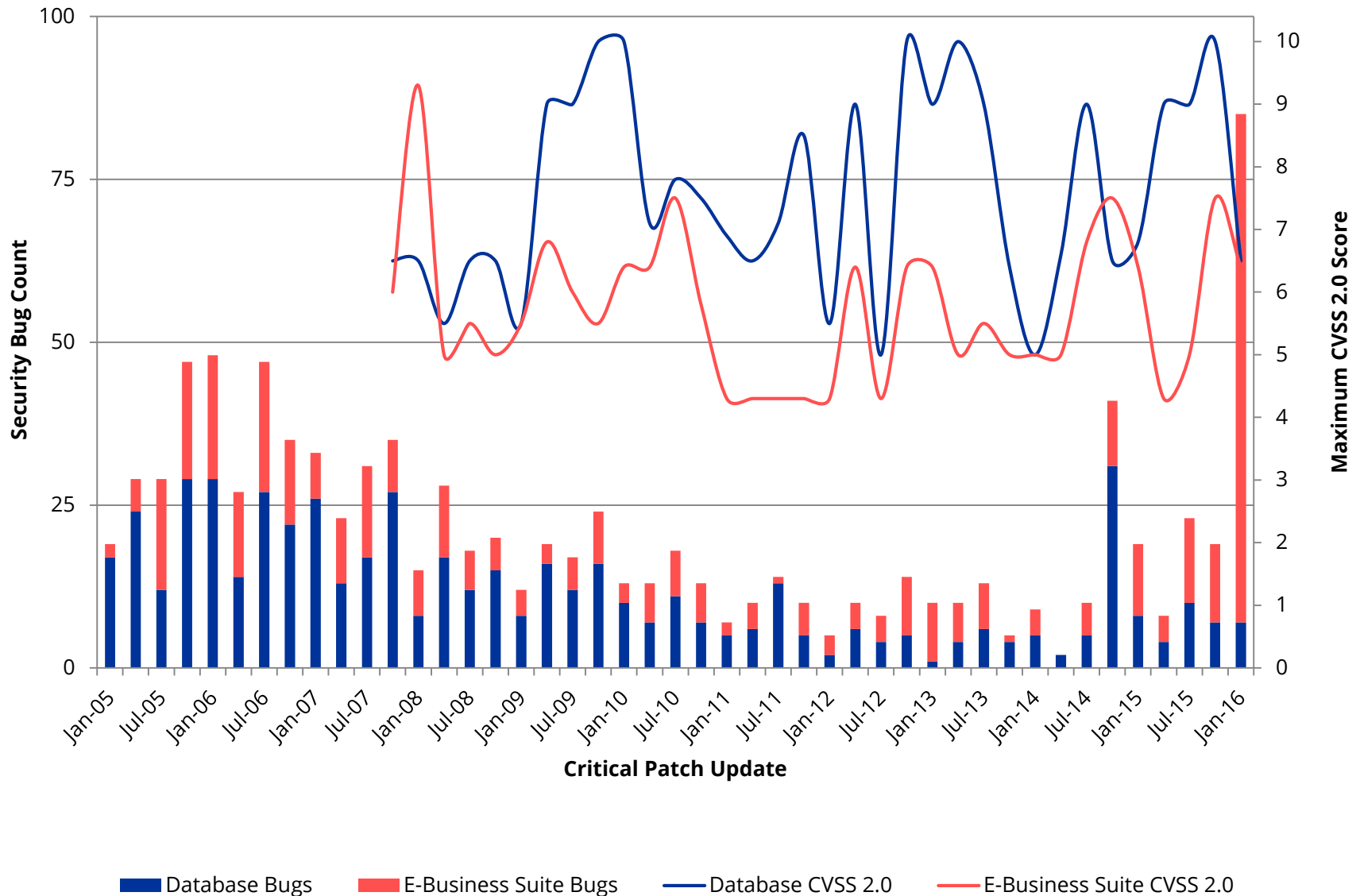
- **Oracle E-Business Suite**

- Oracle EBS Security Configuration Guide not updated
  - 11i = MOS Note ID 189367.1
  - Last Update September 2011
- Oracle EBS DMZ Configuration not updated
  - 11i = MOS Note ID 287176.1
  - Last Update October 2011

# No Security Vulnerability Research

- **Oracle Software Security Assurance stated policy is not to fix security bugs in desupported products**
  - Researched for supported products
  - Fixed in main code-line first
  - Backported to support products
- **Security bugs may be found in desupported version and never validated by Oracle**
  - Unclear what Oracle's reaction would be to a major vulnerability in a desupported product

# Oracle Security Vulnerabilities per Quarter





# **Oracle E-Business Suite Critical Patch Updates**

# Oracle EBS CPU Risks and Threats

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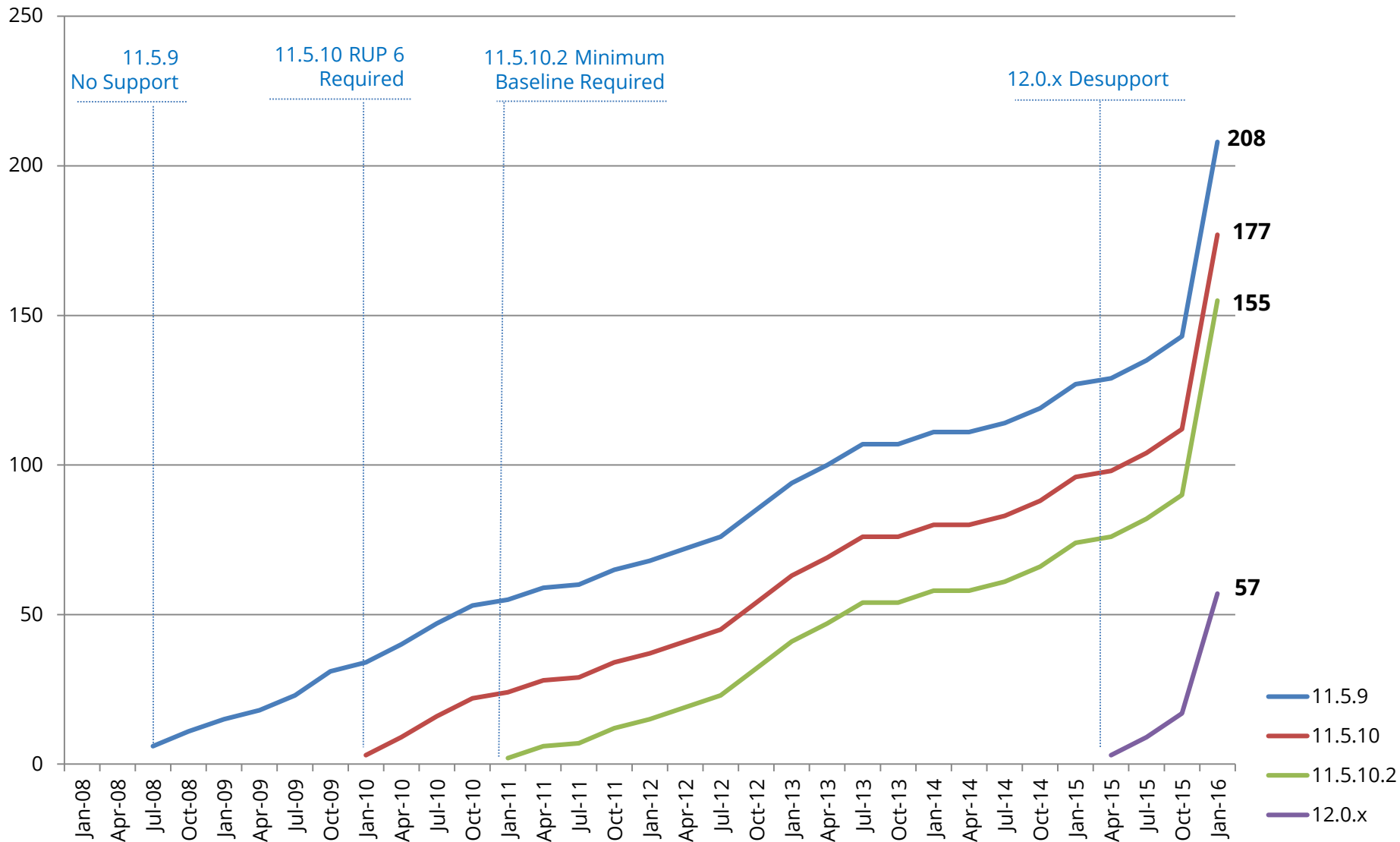
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<b>External/DMZ unauthenticated user</b>	No	Access external URL
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# EBS Cumulative Vulnerabilities per Version



# 11.5.10.2 CPU Risk Mapping Example

Type of User	Number of Security Bugs	Notes
<b>External unauthenticated user</b>	21 <sup>(1)</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>17 of 21 are high risk</b></li></ul>
<b>External authenticated user</b>	6 <sup>(1)</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ 3 of 6 are exploited with only a valid application session</li></ul>
<b>Internal unauthenticated user</b>	17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Many are high risk</b></li></ul>
<b>Internal authenticated user</b>	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Most require access to specific module in order to exploit</li></ul>

(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
<b>External unauthenticated user</b>	#1 – Enable Oracle EBS URL firewall #2 – Implement Integrigy's AppDefend
<b>External authenticated user</b>	#3 – Enable Oracle EBS external responsibilities
<b>Internal unauthenticated user</b>	#4 – Implement Integrigy's AppDefend
<b>Internal authenticated user</b>	#5 – Limit access to privileged responsibilities

# Integrigy AppDefend for Oracle EBS

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

- ❖ **Prevents Web Attacks**

Detects and reacts to SQL Injection, XSS, and Oracle EBS security risks

- ❖ **Virtual Patching**

Detects and blocks known Oracle EBS security vulnerabilities

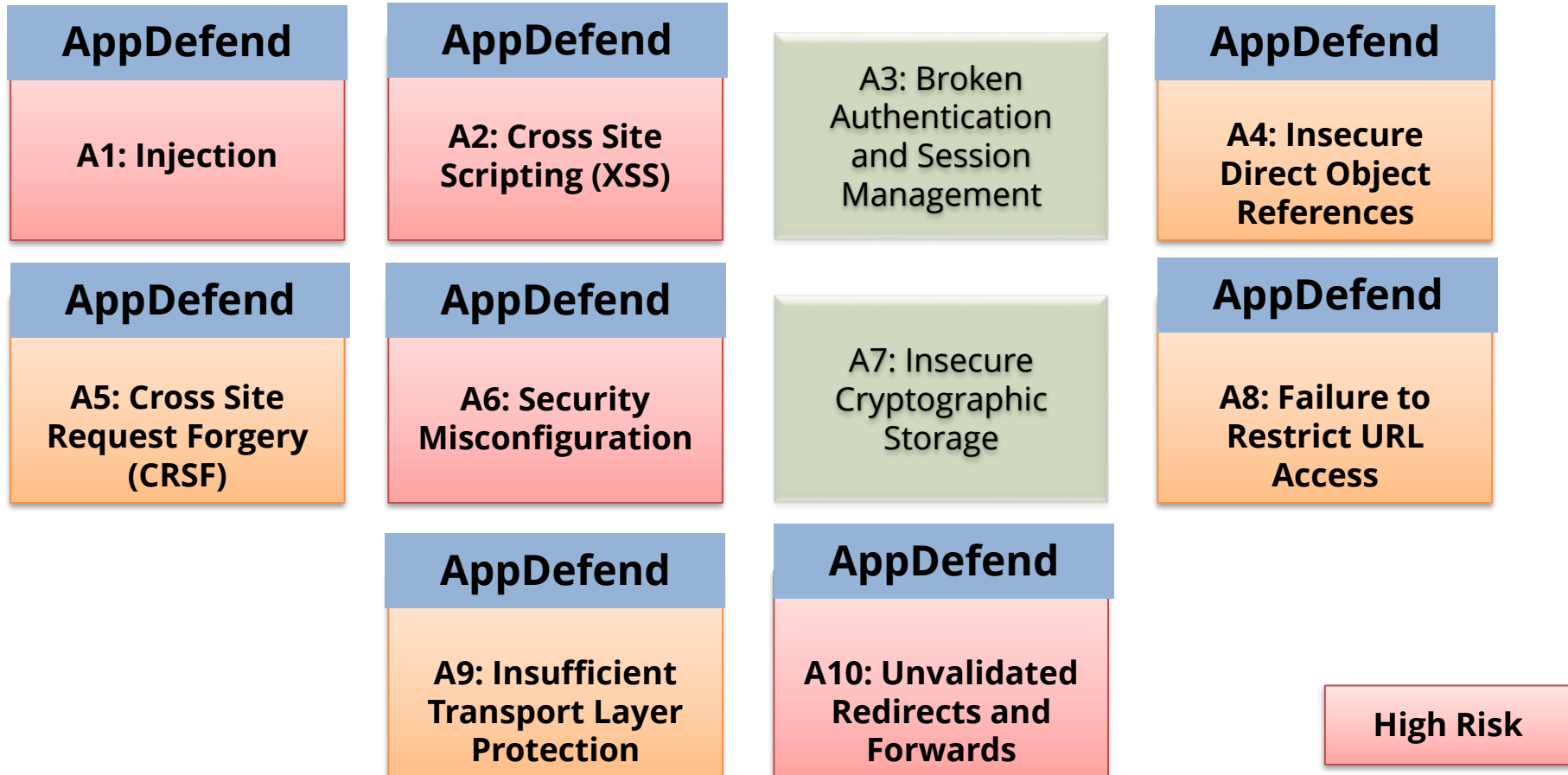
- ❖ **Limits EBS Modules**

More flexibility and capabilities than URL firewall to identify EBS modules

- ❖ **Application Logging**

Enhanced application logging for compliance requirements like PCI-DSS 10.2

# OWASP Top 10 – AppDefend



High Risk

Medium Risk

Low Risk



**OWASP**

The Open Web Application Security Project  
<http://www.owasp.org>



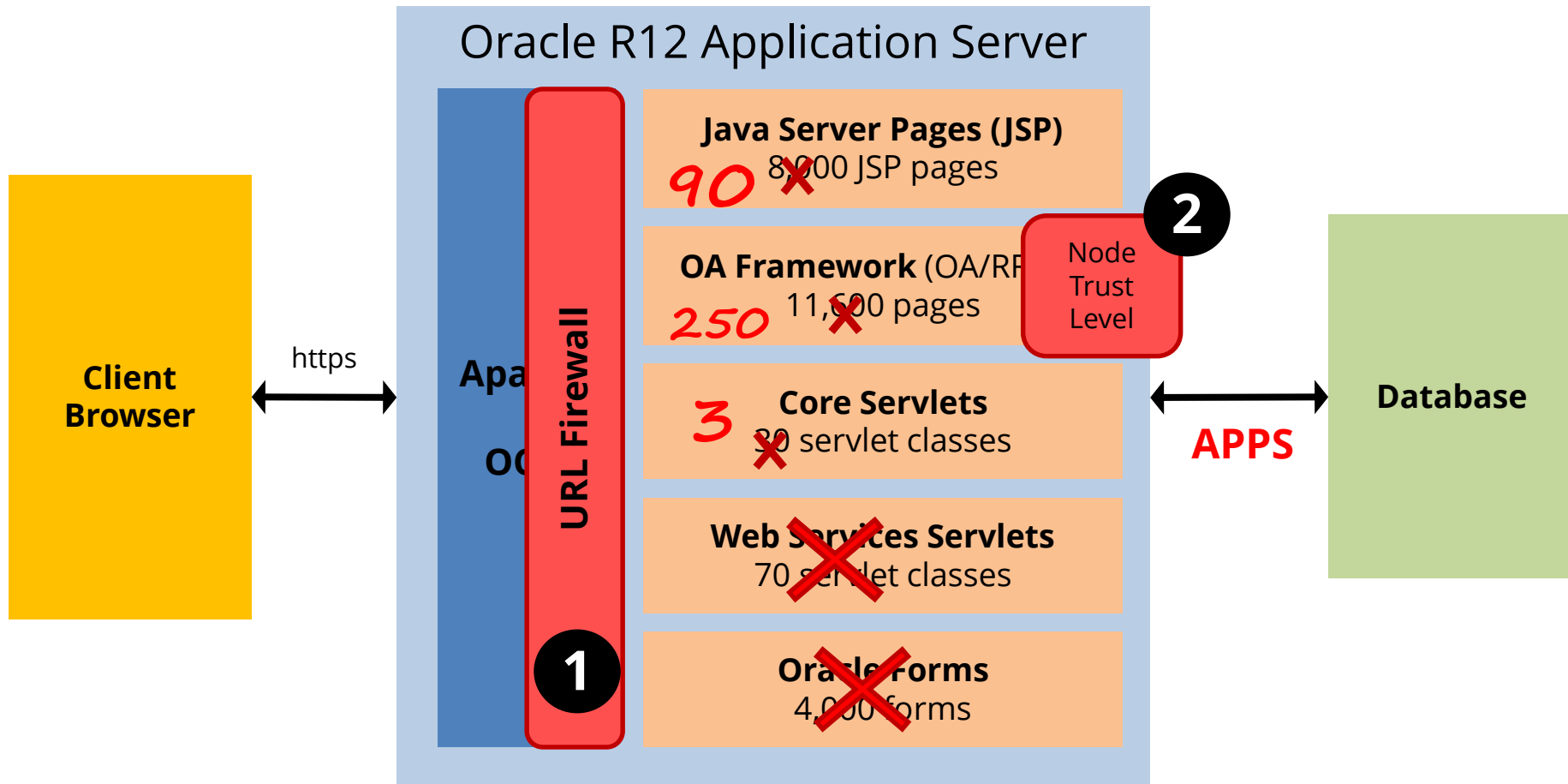
# Oracle EBS DMZ MOS Notes

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 11i*

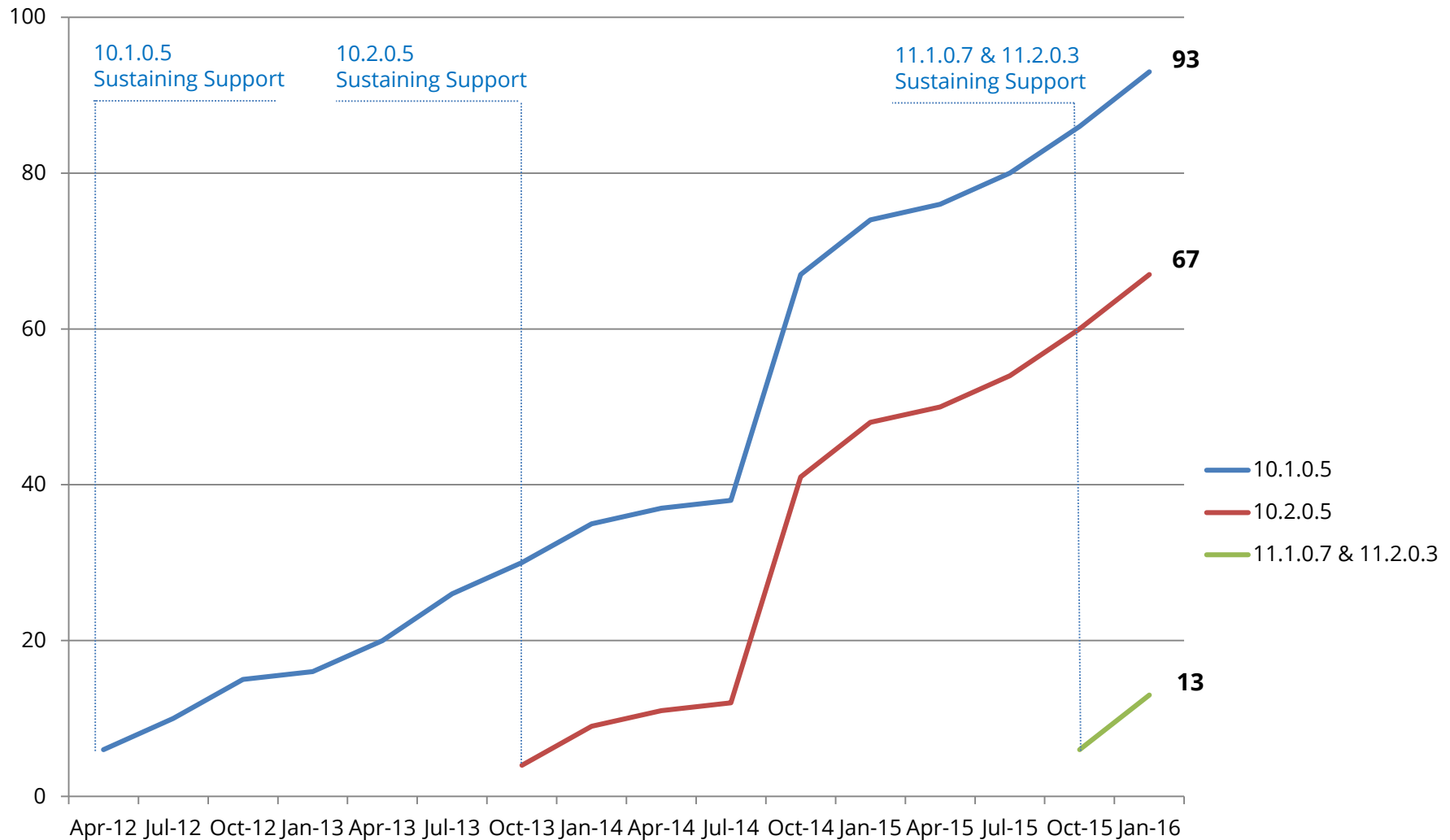
# Oracle EBS DMZ Configuration



- 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.

# **Oracle Database Critical Patch Updates**

# Cumulative Vulnerabilities per DB Version



*Cumulative maximum count of open security vulnerabilities assuming no security patches have been applied since the start of Extended Support*

# 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
<b>Unauthenticated user</b>	No	Can connect to database listener if IP address, port, SID is known
<b>Low privileged user</b>	Yes	Only PUBLIC privileges
<b>Moderate privileged user</b>	Yes	Some privileges
<b>High privileged user</b>	Yes	DBA like privileges

# 11.2.0.2 CPU Risk Mapping Example

Type of User	Number of Security Bugs	Notes
<b>Unauthenticated user</b> No database account	9	<b>1 – O5LOGON Authentication</b> 7 – Denial of service
<b>Low privileged user</b> Create session system privilege only	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Averages one per CPU</b></li><li>▪ <b>Requires only PUBLIC privileges</b></li></ul>
<b>Moderate privileged user</b> Create table, procedure, index, etc.	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Usually requires CREATE PROCEDURE system privilege</li></ul>
<b>High privileged user</b> DBA, SYSDBA, local OS access, etc.	7	2 – SYSDBA privileges 3 – Advanced privileges 2 – Local OS access

# Solutions by Risk for No CPUs

Type of User	Solutions if CPUs not applied
<b>Unauthenticated user</b> No database account	<b>#1 – Limit direct access to the database</b>
<b>Low privileged user</b> Create session system privilege only	#2 – Check for default passwords #3 – Use only named accounts #4 – No generic read-only accounts
<b>Moderate privileged user</b> Create table, procedure, index, etc.	#5 – Limit privileges in production
<b>High privileged user</b> DBA, SYSDBA, local OS access, etc.	#6 – External database auditing solution #7 – Limit OS access for prod to DBAs #8 – Use Oracle Database Vault

# 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 Firewall

- Add-on database security product



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