DBAS 3085 Data Security Audit

Memorandum

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1. EXSITING SYSTEM

This document contains that important analysis to perform a data security audit for the Clearwater Trader. The Clearwater Trader is an e-business company and has three key business processes: advertising, sales, and inventory control. As a DBA, I will perform a comprehensive data security audit in the aspects of the physical system of a database, logical structure of the memory, and application level for users.

For this project, I have been provided the followings:

- The inventory control business process diagram
- Clearwater Entity Relationship Diagram (ERD)
- Clearwater inventory Control jpg file
- Clearwater-Receiving-Process jpg file



To prepare the environment for this project, I have performed the following steps:

- Install Oracle RDBMS 11g Enterprise Edition on a Windows.
- Creation of a new oracle home named itdb home
- Connection to itdb as the sys user
- Create a user named Clearwater and grant a dba role.
- Connect as Clearwater and run the CH4Clearwater.sql.script

After analysis of expected security issues, I will implement applicable testing plan for recommendations. The testing plan will follow:

- Iteration
- Test
- Expected result
- Actual result
- Action required

2. STATEMENT OF REQUIREMENTS

This project will focus on facilitating the inventory control business process in the warehouse business unit and keep database secured by mitigating expected database security issues.

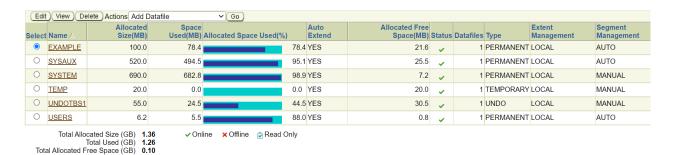
3. ANALYSIS

PHYSICAL SECURITY OF DATA

Issue 1. Tablespace

In Oracle Database, data is stored in tablespaces logically and in datafiles within the corresponding tablespace physically. It means the size of database is the size of the tablespaces associating with the database and the size of a tablespace is the size of the datafiles associating with the tablespace. If the size of database is small, it may need only the SYSTEM tablespace. However, Oracle recommends that at least one additional tablespace for more flexibility in database administration and more security in database.

Multiple tablespaces help to perform control disk space allocation for database data and assign specific space quotas for users. It also provides availability of data by taking each tablespace online or offline and partial database backup or recovery operations.



This screenshot above shows the tablespaces of the Clearwater database. As you see, the total allocated size is 1.36 GB, and the total used size is 1.26 GB. A database administrator can do the following actions for current tablespaces:

- o Create new tablespaces
- o Add datafiles to tablespaces
- o Increase the size of a datafile

Issue 2. Schemas

A schema consists of database objects. Each database user owns a single schema, and a schema has the same name as its user. Each database username contains schema objects as a schema-a-security domain (Oracle, n.d.). Schema objects include structures like tables, views, and indexes. We can create, access, and manipulate schema objects using Oracle Enterprise Manager.

Database Instance: itdb				
Home	<u>Performance</u>	<u>Availability</u>		
Database Objects				
Tables Indexes Views Synonyms Sequences Database Links Directory Objects Reorganize Objects				

As a DBA, we need to establish a control plan to protect confidential schema objects against malicious access. There are several different privileges involved in the database application, we should keep track of privileges granted and used properly.

Issue 3. Control File & Redo Log File

A control file records the physical structure of the database. For example, the database name, locations of related datafiles and redo log files, the timestamp of the database creation, the current sequence number, and checkpoint information are recorded inside the control file. The control file's role is very important. It is difficult to mount and recover the database without the control file. When the database is created, the control file is also created with at least one copy. Even though Oracle recommends storing two or more copies of the control file on a different physical disk.

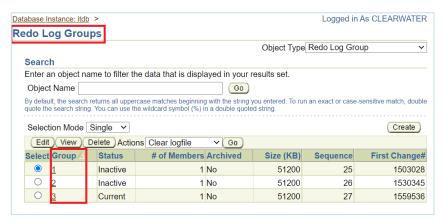
We can see where the control files are located, as shown below:



I will try to back up the control file in the different folder for security in the recommendation section.

Redo Log Files store all changes made to the database and protect the database against an instance failure. Each Oracle database has a set of two or more redo log files as a default. For the better security, log files should be stored on different disks. Even if all copies of the redo log files are on the same disk, some issues could be mitigated from this redundancy.

We can see Redo Log groups inside the Clearwater database as shown below:

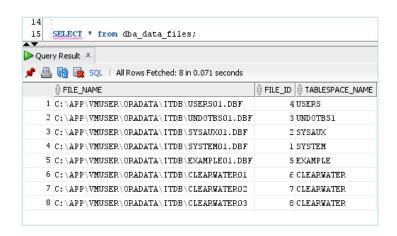


I used SQL query to check the group numbers and the locations of the Log files.



There are 3 groups of log files, and each group has only one log file inside. I will be creating multiplexed copies of redo log in the recommendation section.

Lastly, we can see all Clearwater database files are stored on the same folder. We need a proper back-up plan for our database.



DATA APPLICATION SECURITY

Issue 4. Users

There are several ways to authenticate users in the Oracle database: username and password, PKI certificate, Kerberos, and RADIUS. Among them, username and password authentication are the simplest and basic mechanism for security. It is essential to ensure that the users are under the good password discipline. If there is no discipline, a DBA needs to establish standard organizational policies, including password length, lifetime, and complexity. I will be performing to enhance the security using password control using SQL queries as a DBA in the recommend section.

DATA APPLICATION SECURITY & LOGICAL SECURITY OF DATA

Issue 5. System Grants

A system privilege is the right to allow users to deal with managing the database and the server. To grant a system of privilege, the grantor should grant the ADMIN OPTION or GRANT ANY ROLE for users. Here are some examples of Oracle system privileges.

- Create a user: The granted user can create a new user using CREATE USER permission.
- Create a table: The user who has the CREATE TABLE permission can create a table in her schema.
- Create a session: This CREATE SESSION permission allows a user can connect to the database.

This privilege should be granted to a user who absolutely needs the system privilege for a necessary work. If we grant the privilege to users excessively and unnecessarily, it may cause compromised security. The end users usually do not require the server and database related capabilities, so this privilege should be granted to DBA and application developers. I will be performing to create a user Clearwater and grant DBA to Clearwater in recommendation section.

Issue 6. Object Grants

A DBA needs to decide the types of users and the level of access associated with their designated tasks to design the application. Then, the DBA should categorize each user to each role group and grant the privilege. End users are typically granted object privileges and perform database object related actions on a specific table, view, sequence, procedure, function, or package. Assigning the proper roles to each user is an important job for database security. In the recommendation section, I will be creating roles for staff of Clearwater warehouse and implementing the test using scenarios for each role. Through test and fine-grained authorizations, I will coordinate that proper user can access to the database.

4. RECOMMENDATION

Issue 1. Tablespace - Allocate More Space for a Database

I will try the following actions to allocate more space for current tablespaces:

- Add datafiles to tablespaces for the USERS tablespace
- o Increase the size of a datafile for the SYSTEM tablespace
- Create new tablespaces

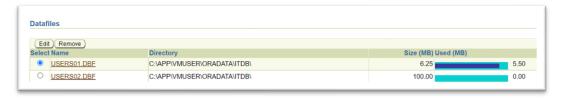
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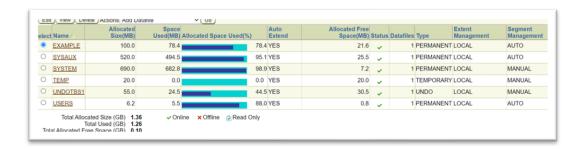
The USERS tablespace has only one datafile named USERSO1.DBF and over 88% of space is already used. I will add one more datafile for this tablespace and increase the disk space for a better flexibility. I will use the pseudo-code below.

ALTER TABLESPACE "USERS" ADD DATAFILE 'C:\APP\VMUSER\ORADA TA\ITDB\USERS02.DBF' SIZE 100M

You can see that USERS tablespace has two datafiles now.



Increase the size of a datafile for the SYSTEM tablespace



The SYSTEM tablespace has only one datafile named SYSTEM01.DBF. The allocated size is 690 MB, and 682.8 MB is used currently. I will resize the size of datafile for more space and change to extend automatically when datafile is full. I will use the pseudo-code below.

ALTER DATABASE DATAFILE 'C:\APP\VMUSER\ORADATA\ITDB\SYSTEM
01.DBF' RESIZE 800M
ALTER DATABASE DATAFILE 'C:\APP\VMUSER\ORADATA\ITDB\SYSTEM
01.DBF' AUTOEXTEND ON NEXT 10M

You can see the SYSTEM tablespace has extended to 800MB now.



Moreover, I added one more datafile named SYSTEM02.DBF inside SYSTEM tablespace.

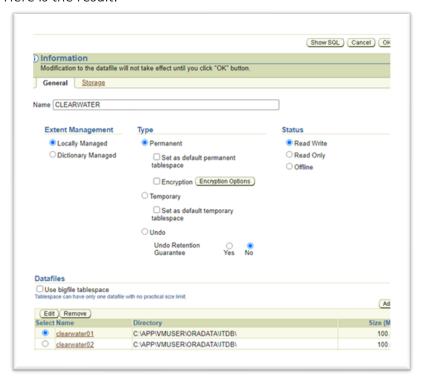


<u>Create new tablespaces</u>

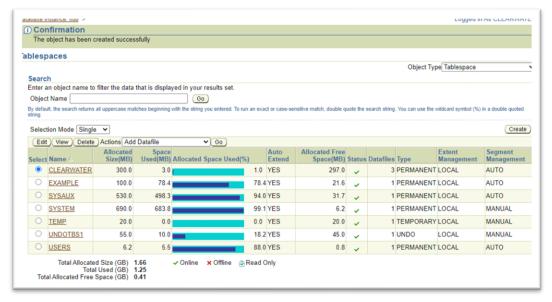
I will create a new tablespace named CLEARWATER with three datafiles inside to increase the size of a database. Each datafiles will have 200MB and be automatically increase 10 KB when it is full. I will use the pseudo-code below.

CREATE SMALLFILE TABLESPACE "CLEARWATER" DATAFILE 'C:\APP\
VMUSER\ORADATA\ITDB\clearwater01' SIZE 100M AUTOEXTEND ON
NEXT 10K MAXSIZE UNLIMITED , 'C:\APP\VMUSER\ORADATA\ITDB\c
learwater02' SIZE 100M AUTOEXTEND ON NEXT 10K MAXSIZE UNLI
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M AUTOEXTEND ON NEXT 10K MAXSIZE UNLIMITED LOGGING EXTENT
MANAGEMENT LOCAL SEGMENT SPACE MANAGEMENT AUTO

Here is the result.



You can see the CLEARWATER tablespace has been created now.



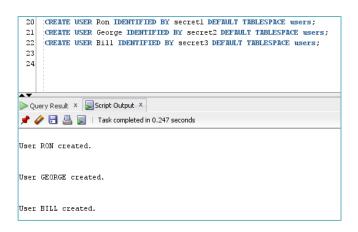
It is an important role to plan the tablespaces efficiently as a DBA. The DBA needs to figure out the exact needs for the database's security and create enough tablespaces and can assign tablespace quotas to proper users. I also recommend adding one or two large datafiles or using auto extension enabled instead of creating several small datafiles.

Issue 2. Schemas

A DBA can grant schema object privileges using an ADMIN OPTION:

- o Grant the system privilege or role
- o Grant system privilege or role
- o Alter or drop the role.

Clearwater, the DBA of the database, created three users: Ron, George, Bill.







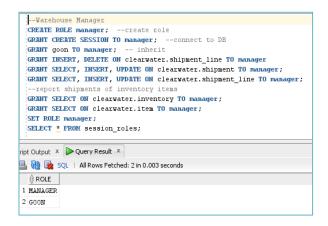
I created three roles by referring to the table that analyzed each role.

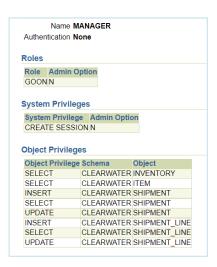
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We can see the details of each role using Oracle Enterprise Manager.



Role manager





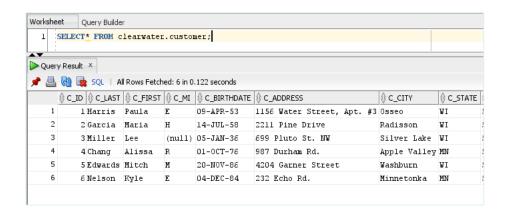
o Role leadership

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--Company Leadership
 CREATE ROLE leadership; --create role
 GRANT CREATE SESSION TO leadership: --connect to DB
 GRANT manager TO leadership; --inherit
   - manage the daily operation
 GRANT SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE ON clearwater.inventory TO leadership:
 GRANT SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE ON clearwater.item TO leadership;
 GRANT SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE ON clearwater, shipment TO leadership:
 GRANT SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE ON clearwater.shipment_line TO leadership;
   - report of sales and inventory control
 GRANT SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE ON clearwater.inventory TO leadership;
 GRANT SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE ON clearwater.item TO leadership;
 GRANT SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE ON clearwater.category TO leadership;
 GRANT SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE ON clearwater.color TO leadership;
  -- reports of advertising and sales
 GRANT SELECT ON clearwater.Customer TO leadership;
 GRANT SELECT ON clearwater.order_line TO leadership;
 GRANT SELECT ON clearwater.orders TO leadership:
 GRANT SELECT ON clearwater.order_source TO leadership;
 SET ROLE leadership;
 SELECT * FROM session_roles;
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1 LEADERSHIP
2 MANAGER
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I granted leadership role to user Bill.

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GRANT leadership TO Bill;
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Now, Bill can access and see the customer table to generate reports on the effectiveness of advertising and sales.

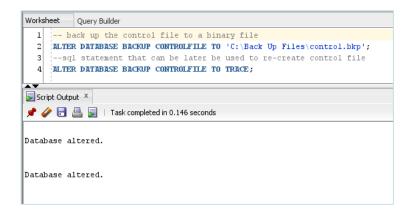


Sensitive data, such as customer information, requires more careful authorization.

Issue 3. Control File & Redo Log File

Backing up the Control Files

First, I made a new folder named 'Back Up Files' for back up important files. Let's assume this folder was a new physical storage.



I backed up the control files using the syntax above and was able to see the backup files were located inside a new folder.



Multiplexing redo log files

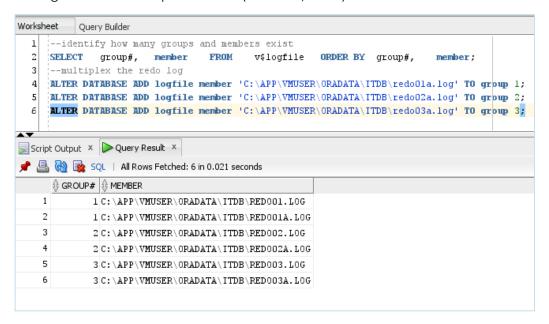
At first, we can identify how many groups and members exist using the query below.

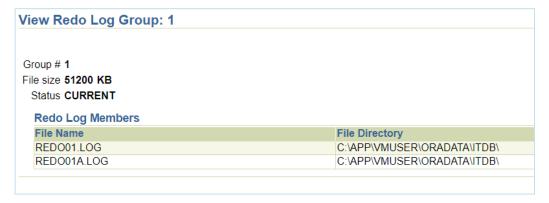
select group#, member from v\$logfile order by group#, member;



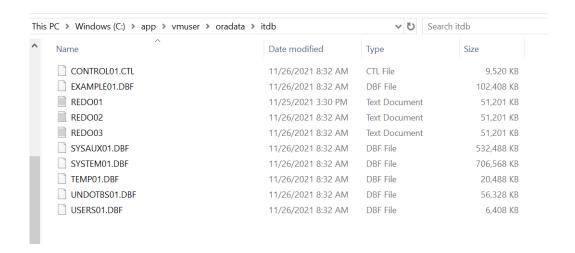
I created 'redo01a.log', 'redo02a.log', and 'redo03a.log' files in the same folder.

This way can mitigate the issue against a drive failure, but the best plan is storing members on separate disks (Savaram, 2021).





Here is another problem. All Clearwater database files were stored in the same folder. Even though this is a default installation, it may cause serious security problems when a system failure or attack happens on C drive or this computer. We need to prepare a different physical storage or cloud computer service for backing up the database.

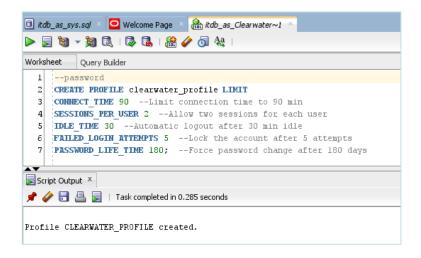


Not only password or lock for data but also a key or authorization for a facility could be the first line of defense to protect data against malicious intrusions and attacks. We should perform the security evaluation of facilities and staffs regularly. If we improve controlling physical access to data center, it can enhance data security.

Issue 4. Users

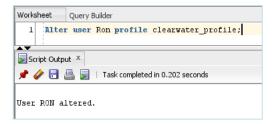
If users use weak and short passwords, somebody may guess the passwords and break-in. I recommend creating a common policy of password using user profiles and it will be used as authorization parameters for user security. We can set up each user account associating with a selected user profile, and it will help to manage of company's policies simply.

I created a new user profile called **clearwater_profile**:





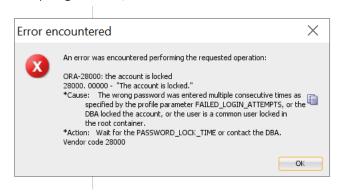
When I create a new user without specific profile, the **Default** profile will be assigned to the user. I assigned **clearwater_profile** to user Ron.



I tried to log in by wrong password.



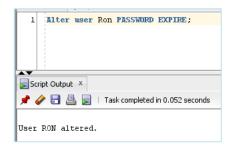
After attempting 5 times, I was able to see the account is locked.



To unlock the user Ron, I used the following statement.

ALTER USER Ron ACCOUNT UNLOCK;

I tested using the following statement in case Ron's password expired.



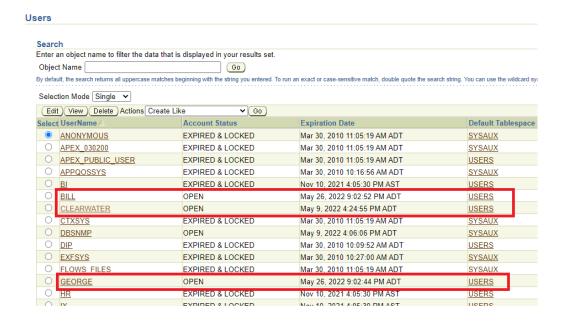


I could see a message indicating that the user Ron's password expired. As a DBA, I changed his password.

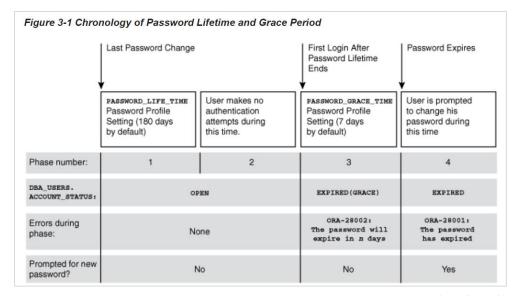
ALTER USER Ron IDENTIFIED BY Secret123;

(Result: User Ron altered.)

I can check and control users' account using Oracle Enterprise Manager as shown below.



We can reference 'password change life cycle' for managing user account after a password is created.



(Oracle, n.d.)

Data labels for users

I also recommend controlling data access using labels, such as level, compartment, and group. I made a leadership Bill's data label referencing from the Oracle example.

- User Bill has a level of Highly sensitive (The user's level should be the same or higher level than the level of data).
- Bill's compartment in the data label is an inventory.
- Bill's group is Warehouse 1.



(Oracle, 2021)

Issue 5. System Grants

I created Clearwater as a DBA for Clearwater database.

We can know which user has been granted the DBA role using the following query:

SELECT * from dba_role_privs WHERE granted_role = 'DBA'; --find the users having DBA privileges

desc dba_role_privs --describes the roles granted to all users and
roles in the DB

No! ANY TABLE

Select **ANY** table privilege is a system privilege and allows users to access the sensitive data. If we use this system privileges frequently for convenience, it causes malicious SQL injection attacks to access data into the database.

<u>Issue 6. Object Grants</u>

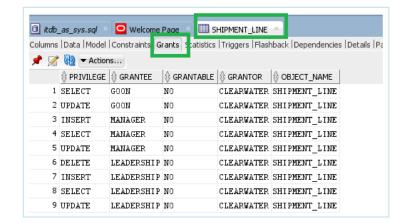
Roles and authorities may be predicted through scenarios. Before assigning roles and authorities to users, it is necessary to subdivide and organize the necessary roles as shown in the table below.

Role	Duties	Authorities
Warehouse Goons	 Receive shipments of inventory and record them in the database. 	ConnectSelect, update on clearwater.shipment_line,
Warehouse Manager	 Manage Warehouse Goons Create new Shipment, Shipment_lines Generate reports on shipments of inventory items 	 Grant role Goons to Manager Select, insert, update on clearwater. Shipment & clearwater. Shipment_line Select clearwater. inventory & item & color & category for reports on shipments of inventory items
Company Leadership	 Manage the daily operation of Clearwater Traders Generate reports on the effectiveness of advertising and sales Generate reports on the effectiveness of sales and inventory control 	 Grant Goons, Manager's role to Leadership Select, insert, update, delete on shipment and clearwater. shipment_line Select, insert, update, delete on clearwater. Inventory & item & category & color Select on clearwater. Customer & order_line & orders &

order_source to generate reports on the effectiveness of advertising and sales.

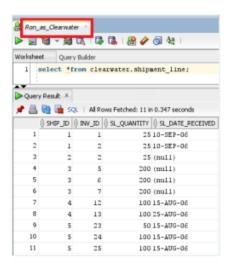
We can see which object privileges are granted to users or roles in each table.

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Columns | Data | Model | Constraints | Grants | Statistics | Triggers | Flashback | Dependencies | Details | Partitions | Indexes | SQL
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      CREATE TABLE "CLEARWATER". "SHIPMENT_LINE"
           "SHIP_ID" NUMBER(10,0),
        "INV_ID" NUMBER(10,0),
       "SL_QUANTITY" NUMBER (4,0),
       "SL DATE RECEIVED" DATE,
        CONSTRAINT "SHIPMENT LINE SHIPID INVID PK" PRIMARY KEY ("SHIP ID", "INV ID")
     USING INDEX PCTFREE 10 INITRANS 2 MAXTRANS 255 COMPUTE STATISTICS
     STORAGE (INITIAL 65536 NEXT 1048576 MINEXTENTS 1 MAXEXTENTS 2147483645
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     TABLESPACE "USERS" ENABLE,
       CONSTRAINT "SHIPMENT_LINE_SHIP_ID_FK" FOREIGN KEY ("SHIP_ID")
          REFERENCES "CLEARWATER". "SHIPMENT" ("SHIP_ID") ENABLE,
       CONSTRAINT "SHIPMENT_LINE_INV_ID_FK" FOREIGN KEY ("INV_ID")
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         REFERENCES "CLEARWATER"."INVENTORY" ("INV_ID") ENABLE
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      TABLESPACE "USERS" :
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      GRANT SELECT, UPDATE ON "CLEARWATER". "SHIPMENT_LINE" TO "GOON";
      GRANT INSERT, SELECT, UPDATE ON "CLEARWATER". "SHIPMENT_LINE" TO "MANAGER";
      GRANT DELETE, INSERT, SELECT, UPDATE ON "CLEARWATER". "SHIPMENT_LINE" TO "LEADERSHIP";
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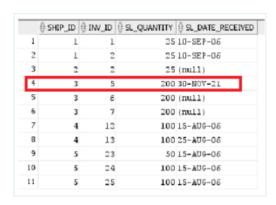


I am going to test if object privileges are granted properly.

 Warehouse Goons 'Ron' can insert a new shipment of inventory in the database.

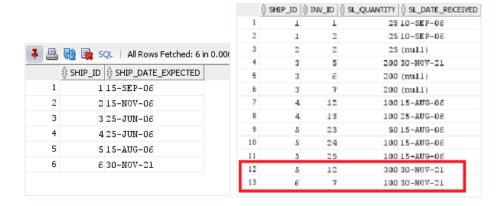


UPDATE clearwater.shipment_line
SET sl_date_received = TO_DATE('11/30/2021', 'MM/DD/YYYY')
WHERE ship_id = '3' AND inv_id = '5';



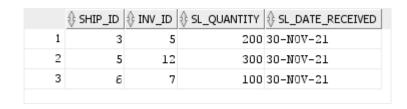
• Warehouse Manager 'George' can create a new shipment in the database.

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INSERT INTO clearwater.shipment_line
VALUES (6, 7, 100, TO_DATE ('11/30/2021', 'MM/DD/YYYY'));
INSERT INTO clearwater.shipment VALUES
(6, TO_DATE('11/30/2021', 'MM/DD/YYYY'));
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• Company leadership 'Bill' can check today's shipment records in the database.

SELECT * FROM clearwater.shipment_line
WHERE sl_date_received=TO_DATE('11/30/2021','MM/DD/YYYY');



Through the test, I checked all object privileges are granted properly. I recommend a DBA should perform regular monitoring and ensure all privileges and roles are working correctly.

5. CONCLUSION

I think transparent identification of the Oracle DBA is also a necessary factor to keep data security because the DBA can access to all datafiles within the database. That is also why we learn 'Ethics and Law in Data Analytics' in our program. Before hiring DBAs, not only criminal and credit check but also a moral frame should be figured out. Moreover, I highly recommend a regular monitoring and scheduled security testing for security.

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